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**Second Sunday of Advent**



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## **Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023**

**Processional Hymn: CP 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

**Welcome**

*Land Acknowledgement*

### ***Sentence:***

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God *Luke 3.4, 6*

### ***The Grace***

Celebrant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*Advent Wreath—screen Share “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

*Advent 2—Prayer for Lighting the Candle*

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.

Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love.

**Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
Confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Celebrant**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God,

**All:**

**To you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your Holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Collect of the Day:*

**Celebrant:**

Almighty God,  
who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,  
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,  
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,  
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,

we may stand with confidence before his glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

**First Reading**      [Isaiah 40: 1-11](#)      *Bill Ritchie*

**Psalm**              **Psalm 85 1-2, 8-13 pg. 818**

**Second Reading**   [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)      *Bill Ritchie*

**Gospel Acclamation:**   Screen Share

**Gospel**              [Mark 1:1-8](#)

Celebrant: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia**

### **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Peace**

**The peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn: CP #35 Hope Is a Star**

Celebrant: Thanks be to you,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given us,  
and all that you have borne for us.  
In our sharing in this Eucharist,  
in Church or at home,  
we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.  
O most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,  
day by day.**

**Amen.**

*St. John The Divine Anglican Church, Victoria B.C.,  
Alastair Singh- McCollum*

Let us pray.

### ***Prayer over the Gifts***

God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

### **Advent**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.  
Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,  
may rejoice to behold his appearing.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:  
and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.



In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom

**All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: thanks be to God**

**Lamb of God:** Screen Share—Advent Sentence

**Distribution Hymns :**

**SNC #56 I am the Bread, the Bread of Life**

**SNC #73 One Bread, One, Body, One Lord of All**

**Prayer after Communion:**

God for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

**Glory to God**

**All: Whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn: CP #102 Prepare the Way, O Zion**

**Dismissal**

**LA:** Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Parish Happenings**

- **Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-1
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom.
- **Prayer Chain** meeting Is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30. The next meeting is January 3, 2024

- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:  
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30  
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **ACW Gathering** Every Friday 10 am in the library
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday *in the library at 3:30.*

### **Announcements**

- If you have an announcement for the bulletin, email or phone the church office. Alternately a written note can be left in the pocket on the office door. Email: [admin@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:admin@stpeterscampbellriver.com). Or, you can address the congregation after the service .
- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request [prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com). There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message. Prayers will be offered for one month, if you wish longer, please contact the Prayer Chain.
- **Blue Christmas/ Healing Service** December 10, 4 pm.
- **December 24 Christmas Eve Services** 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- **December 25 Christmas Day Service** 10 a.m.
- **December 25 Christmas Dinner in the Hall at 5 p.m.**

# **WELCOME!**

## **Parish Staff and Leaders**

Rector's Warden: Lois Tirebuck  
People's Warden: Pauline Woods  
Deputy Wardens: Frank Maga and Tony Smith  
Treasurer: Holly Finn  
Church Administrator:  
Musicians: Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, and Lori Gooldrup  
Custodian: Janice Kozak  
Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery  
Communications Director: Trina Soltys  
Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga  
Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery  
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PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall  
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ACW: Bev Lawrence  
Sidesperson: Pam Hedderson  
Zoom master : Tony Smith

*The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*