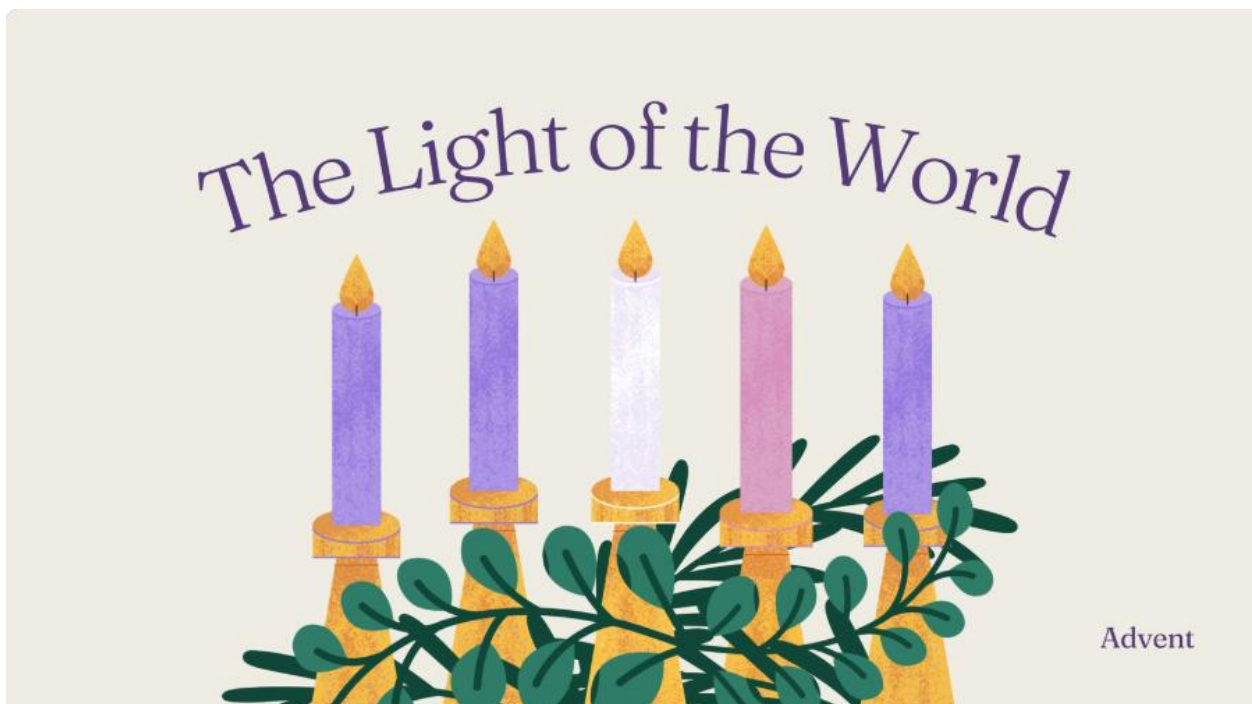


St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

# Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

**Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM**



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## Today Bob Doyle leads us in Morning Prayer.

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide. Hymns today are in the blue “Common Praise” hymnals.*

### Words of Welcome

#### 🎵 Opening Hymn – “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

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Officiant In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem) Nations.

**All From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Officiant In this time and place, we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

**All O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Officiant In this time and place, we await God’s transformation of the world.

**All O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Officiant In this time and place, we await the coming of the Commonwealth of peace.

**All O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Officiant In this time and place we commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

**All In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>i</sup>**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### 🎵 Hymn - “Hope is a Star”

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*The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.*

### The Proclamation of the Word

**First reading<sup>ii</sup> - Isaiah 11:1-10** Our reader is Josie

Isaiah gives hope of an ideal king who will come one day. In his time, perfect justice will lead to perfect peace. He continues the metaphor of a tree from the previous chapter.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike

the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.


Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not

hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**All Thanks be to God!**

 **Psalm<sup>iii</sup>** – *Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19* Our cantor is Andy

*The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.*



**Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. **[Refrain]**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **[Refrain]**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
Blessed be God, the Holy One of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!  
And blessed be that glorious name for ever!  
and may all the earth be filled with God's glory. Amen. Amen. **[Refrain]**

**Second reading** - *Romans 15:4-13* Our reader is Theresa

Paul has told his readers that "We who are strong" are to help the "weak" to come to terms with their consciences; we are to endure, pleasantly, their "failings" – thus building up the Christian community.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**All Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** – *Matthew 3:1-12*

Reader The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from King David, his birth and infancy, and the coming of the wise men. Now he leaps forward to about 26 AD. John the Baptist invites people to return to keeping God's pact with them.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him

in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** – via video

The Ven Ruth Monette

*Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude*

Natan Bádue

**Responsory**

Officiant Now it is time to awake out of sleep,

**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Officiant Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,

**All for the night is far spent.**

Officiant Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,

**All for the day is at hand.**

Officiant Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,

**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

**Canticle: A Song of the Wilderness** (*Isaiah 35:1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10*)

Officiant The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

**All They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.**

Officiant Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
**All Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement, coming with judgement to save you.'**

Officiant Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
**All then shall the lame leap like a hart, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.**

Officiant For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
**All the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Officiant Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
**All Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**



### **Affirmation of Faith - "I Believe in God Almighty"**

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### **Prayers of the People**

Led by Val

Leader In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour and Redeemer.  
 O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Leader O Head of the house of Israel, you appeared in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Leader O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations, all rulers will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Leader O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Leader O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Leader O Emmanuel, hope of the nations: come and save us, O Anointed One.  
**All Lord Jesus, come soon.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.*

Leader God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins.  
You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

Officiant      God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
                     Let us turn to one another and say, 'The peace of the Lord be always with you.'

**All                      And also with you.**

*During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at [www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate](http://www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate). St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.*

 **Offertory Hymn – “Lo, How a Rose”**

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**All                      Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,  
                                 and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
                                 All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Officiant      Let us pray.

**All                      God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of  
                                 joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await  
                                 the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,  
                                 one God, now and for ever. Amen.<sup>iv</sup>**

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

Officiant      Awaiting his coming in glory and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let  
                     us pray as our Saviour taught us.

 **Hymn – “The Lord's Prayer”**

CP-744

## **The Sending Forth of the Community**

### **Doxology**

Officiant      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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

 **Sending Hymn - “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

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### **Dismissal**

Officiant      Let us Bless the Lord.  
**All                      Thanks be to God**

Officiant      May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.  
**All                      Amen.**

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*C Unison*

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
 2 Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
 3 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.  
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.  
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.  
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

*Refrain*

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.



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### Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

*Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the "Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word and Night Prayer" (2001)*

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### Endnotes

<sup>i</sup> The Opening Sentences are modified from a resource provided by Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver.

<sup>ii</sup> The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the [montreal.anglican.org](http://montreal.anglican.org) site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

<sup>iii</sup> The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

<sup>iv</sup> The Collect is from FWM Proposed Collects (2004) alt.