



The Third Sunday of Advent

A Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

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The Gathering of the Community

Welcome to St. Helen's Surrey

No matter where you are from, you are welcome here. No matter who you choose to love, you are welcome here. No matter how old or young you are, you are welcome here. No matter, what education you have received, you are welcome here. No matter what your immigration status is, you are welcome here. No matter how stable your housing is, you are welcome here. No matter what, there is room, plenty of room, in our Inn for you.

Welcome to St. Helen's.

The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.

Processional Hymn Once in Royal David's City

Solo Once in royal David 's city
stood lowly cattle shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ the little child.

**All He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly**

lived on earth our Savior holy.

**And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient good as he.**

**For he is our childhood pattern
day by day like us he grew
he was little, weak, and helpless
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness
and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable
with the oxen standing by
we shall see him; but in heaven
set as God's right hand on high
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

The Service of Nine Lessons with Carols was first drawn up by Edward Benson when Bishop of Truro for use in his cathedral. It was simplified and adapted for use in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, in 1918 by the Dean, Eric Milner-White, who wrote the Bidding Prayer that follows.

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city of Surrey and diocese of New Westminster.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no person can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words which Christ himself has taught us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Reading Micah 5: 2-4

Jayden Shaw
Read in English

A reading from the prophet Micah,
But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Psalm: 89. 1-4

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, with my mouth
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
**I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations**

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Hymn: CP 96 Creator of the Stars of Night

Reading: Isaiah 35

Luke Moo
Read in Karen

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah,

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up there on, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm: 126

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

**He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves
with him.**

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Hymn: CP 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Reading: Haggai 2: 5b-9

Angelita Sotana
Read in Ilonggo

A Reading from the prophet Haggai,
My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts:
Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the
sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of
all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD
of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts.
The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the
LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of
hosts.”

Psalm: 96. 7-12

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations,
“The Lord reigns.”

**The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

**Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Dickson Daniel
Read in Hindi

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah,
A shoot shall come out from the stock 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 the poor and decide with equity for the meek 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 and the fatling 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 all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Psalm: 132. 10-16

For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.
The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.
This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Hymn: CP 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Janette Bulkan
Read in English

A reading from the prophet Isaiah,
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that published peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that published salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigned! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted

his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm: 85. 8-13

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Hymn: CP 151 All Poor Folk and Humble

Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Abdul Rahim Sillah
Read in Krio

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians,
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in

the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Canticle: 18a

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

Alejandro Sotres

Read in Spanish

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke,

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Hymn: SNC 42 What shall we Give to the Child

What shall we give to the child in the manger?

What shall we give him that he will enjoy?

Milk and wild honey for this little stranger

Food to give strength to a new little boy.

**What shall we give to the first born of Mary?
Things that will nourish a new life begun
Fruits from the forest and figs from the fig tree
Nurtured in soil and ripened by sun.**

**This child must grow to inherit a kingdom
Blossom and ripen like fields of good corn
Bearing a seed that will fall and lie buried
Springing up new in the bright Easter morn.**

**What shall we give to the child in the manger?
What shall we give him that he will enjoy?
Give of the best to the one who will save us
Food to give strength to this man still a boy.**

Reading: Matthew 2: 1-11

Roshan Mathew
Read in Malayalam

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew,
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people, Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and

when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Hymn: CP 118 O Come All You Faithful

Reading: John 1: 1-14

The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder-Celiz
Read in English

A reading from the Gospel according to John,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Acclamation

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

And we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit be with you,
And those for whom you care.
This night and always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn: CP 139 The First Nowell

Postlude

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