St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church
with St Timothy Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, November 29th, 2026 - 10 AM

The First Sunday of Advent



"Knowledge" by Robert Reid, 1869, US

Holy Eucharist

with Zoom Option

The Zoom link for worship is available in our weekly email and by contacting the Parish Office.

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.***

Words of Welcome and a Territorial Acknowledgement
The Rev. Neil Jongbloed

Opening Hymn
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" CP-349

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

The Collect of the Day[i]

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.
The candle is lit.

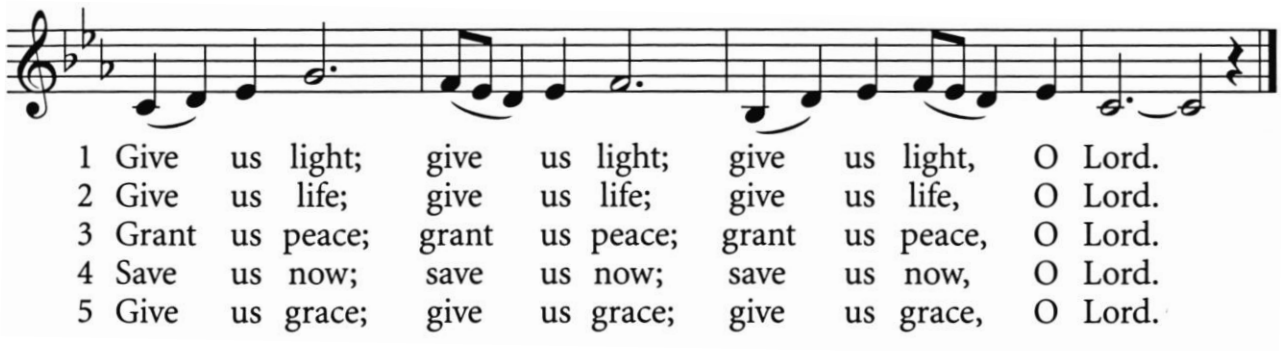
We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Advent Hymn

"Give Us Light" SNC-37



The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9 *Read by Vern*

Our reading is from a psalm written shortly after return from Exile – to a desolate parcel of land. Long ago, during the Exodus, God cared for his people, but now they feel deserted by him.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

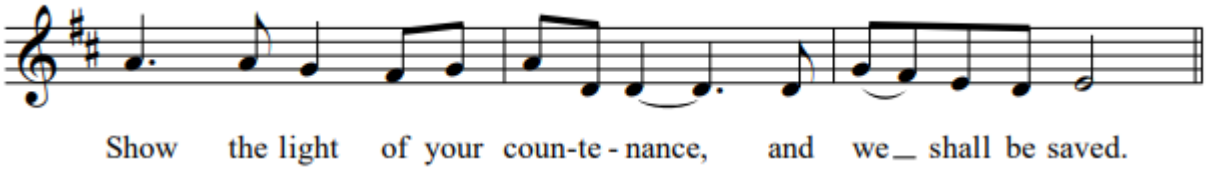
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Psalm[ii]

Psalm 80: 1-7,16-18 *Our cantor today is Andy*

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



Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon your chosen people,
those you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
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The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *Read by Josie*

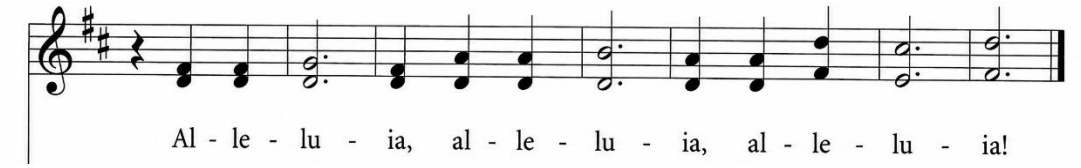
Paul has just begun his letter to the Christians at Corinth. He writes to those "called to be saints", reminding them of the grace that has been given to them as they await the return of Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

"*Alleluia*" *CP-709*



The Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After predicting the destruction of the Temple, Jesus is asked by Peter, James, John and Andrew when the end of the era will come and what will show that the end of the era is near. Our reading is the concluding part of his answer.

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

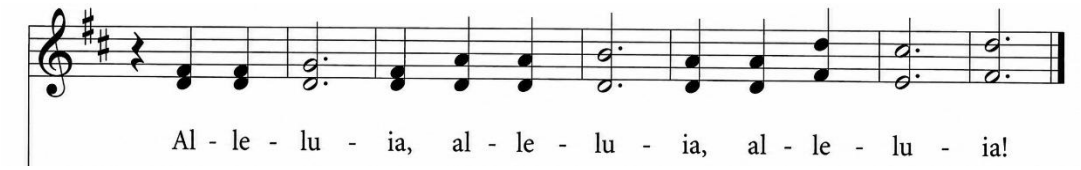
"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

“Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
“Alleluia” CP-709



Sermon
The Ven. Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude
Catherine Ho

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Geok

The leader of the Prayers of the People will invite your petitions and thanksgivings, include a time of silence, and end with this prayer.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
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.

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.
Amen.

The Peace[iii]

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of Christ be always be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another.

Offertory Hymn

"Abba, Father" SB-67

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. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

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.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus

"*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" CP-735*

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the

power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer
SGP-12

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Agnus Dei
"Jesus, Lamb of God" CP-747

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

This is the table, not merely of the church, but of Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him,
and for those who want to love him more.
So come, whether you have much faith or little;
have tried to follow, or are afraid you've failed.
Come, because it is His will that those
who want to meet him might meet him here.

Communion Hymns

"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"	*CP-110*
"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"	*CP-85*
"Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near"	*CP-94*

To Receive Communion:
Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Prayer after Communion

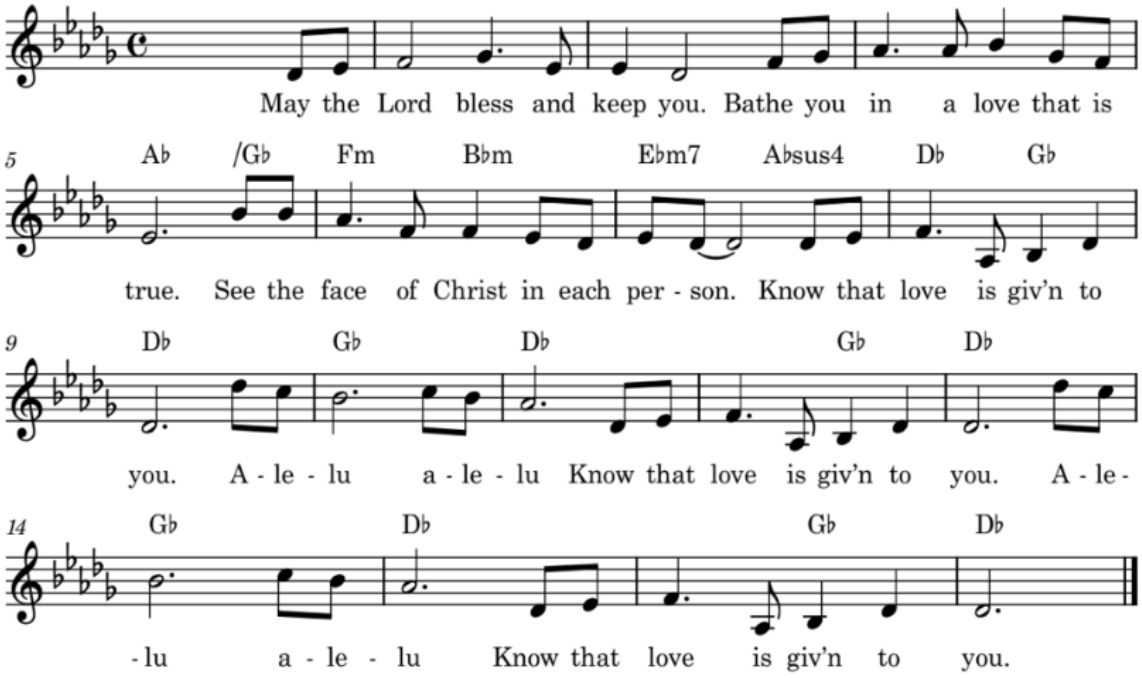
God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord
Amen.

Glory to God,
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

Val

Birthday Song



Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

"People Look East! The Time Is Near" *CP-91*

Dismissal[iv]

Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for tea and coffee in the Parish Hall.

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Notes on Our Worship:

The structure of text of our liturgy comes from the *Book of Alternative Services* (BAS), Anglican Church of Canada. Additional material comes from resources authorized by the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster and includes *Pray Without Ceasing* (Anglican Church of Canada), *Common Worship* (Church of England) and *Worship* (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada).
This season's Eucharistic Prayer is Prayer A, Holy Communion Order One from *Common Worship.* The Advent Wreath Lighting was found in Advent resources at BuildFaith.org. The invitation to Communion is borrowed from st benedict's table in Winnipeg, MB.
The Scripture summaries are from *Comments,* a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. Hymns, unless noted otherwise, are from the *Common Praise* hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. All hymns are licenced via: OneLicence Church Music copyright permission.

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East (the descendants of Jacob, renamed Israel which means "wrestles with God). In some liturgical uses, Israel can also refer to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as we understand that faith to be rooted in the promises God made to the ancient Hebrews.

Endnotes

[i] The Collect is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)
[ii] The Psalm is from the George Black Psalter https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/
[iii] The Peace is from Times & Seasons, Church of England
[iv] The Dismissal is from Pray Without Ceasing