November 28, 2021 10am

First Sunday of Advent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Patrick McManus

Preaching: The Reverend Brian Suggs

Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Assisting: Julia Lee

Good Morning! We always provide a leaflet to assist people in finding their way through the worship service. This morning, we are narrating the first Advent service. These few moments before our formal worship are times to prepare ourselves through meditation or prayer.

We call our service the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek, meaning "thanksgiving". It is the family meal of the church. It is sort of like a family meal in our own homes. The table is set. There will be conversation and food, and we will gather together to receive our Lord's gift of himself. Then we go out to celebrate and make His presence and power known in the world.

Hymns are prayers and praise set to music. During the first hymn, the choir, priests and deacon take their place. As they approach the altar, they acknowledge the cross by bowing.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Prelude: In Faith I Quiet Wait J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Peter Mayers, organ

Please stand as you are able.

Welcome:

Kyrie Eleison: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



Choir: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.

People: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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Choir: You come now in word and sacrament

to strengthen us to serve you.

People: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

(repeat)

The Greeting:

Presider: Blessed be God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom,

now and forever. Amen.

Advent Reflection:

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come and dispel the darkness of our

world with the light of your love. Nurture in us expectant hearts. Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you, until that day when you burst through the heavens, and flood our horizons with your

glorious splendour.

Reader 1: Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This

Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and

focus on what's really important.

Reader 2: We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to

celebrate your birth on Christmas.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Light the 1st candle.

All: As we reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light

to the world, help us leave behind the darkness of sin,

walk in the light that shines on our

path, and renew within us the hope of glory to

We come to the Eucharist in the name of the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The celebrant greets us. We answer.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for celebrating the birth of Iesus and for anticipating his coming again. Each week is dedicated to remembering and pondering a key biblical theme that was fulfilled in the arrival of Jesus: hope, peace, joy, and love.

which you beckon us. Amen.

Before we read from the Word of God, we begin with the Prayer of the Day, which is also called the Collect of the Day, in which the concerns of the church are "collected up" in a short prayer.

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.

Hymn 91: **People Look East**

(Verse 1) Tune: Besancon

As we sing this song the children & youth will proceed to their faith formation programmes.

People, look east! The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

~Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 25:1-9

Seek First the Kingdom of God

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Do you enjoy picking up your favourite book and reading over your favourite stories? At the Eucharist we read from the Bible. It tells the story of God's love. We know the stories well, but we always enjoy hearing them again.



Choir: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph ov-er me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed **in** their schemes.

People: Seek first the kingdom of God ...

Choir: Show me your ways, O Lord, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your **truth** and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all **the** day long

People: Seek first the kingdom of God ...

Choir: Remember, O Lord, your com-pas-sion and love,*

for they are from ev-er-lasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my

transgressions; *

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your good-**ness**, O Lord.

People: Seek first the kingdom of God ...

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the

Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: The Lord Is Coming South African Chant (Verses 1 & 2)

Please stand as you are able

We sit for a reading from the Bible. This morning, it is a reading from one of the letters written to the early Christians.



The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The highpoint of the Proclamation of the Word is the Gospel reading. The four gospels in the Bible tell us about Jesus' time on earth, what he did and said. It is brought 'low' among the congregation because the Gospels tell us all about Jesus, God who came to dwell among us.

Because it is the good news, we stand as an act of praise and thanksgiving. We turn to face the reader to show we are willing to hear and do God's will. You may see some making the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips and heart to ask God to bless our thinking, speaking and living.

The Gospel is usually followed by the sermon during which the preacher speaks about the readings and helps us to understand God's word. The sermon is followed by a period of silent reflection to let the words which have been spoken sink in.

Now we stand to affirm our faith by saying the Nicene Creed. We remember that we were given the new life of Jesus at baptism. We remember all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is

customary in many

oneself at the end of the

Creed. We make the

then the centre of our

chest, our left shoulder

and right shoulder and

then return to the centre of our chest.

sign of the cross by touching our forehead,

churches to cross

Gospel Acclamation:
The Lord Is Coming
South African Chant
(Verse 3)

The Lord is coming, his love will fill our hearts, The Lord is coming, his love will fill our hearts, The Lord is coming, his love will fill our hearts, May we all be ready for him.

Please be seated.

Sermon: The Reverend Brian Suggs

The Nicene Creed: *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession

of Christian faith to join with me in the words of The

Nicene Creed.

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.

Presider:

Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People:

For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins. This is the part in our worship where the concerns we hold as the people of God are brought to God in prayer by one intercessor. We are all praying as we respond to each petition. You may have things on your heart and mind you wish to silently name as the intercessor prays.

Confession and Absolution:

A big part of being a Christian is being honest with ourselves and more importantly, honest with God about our failings, our faults, our brokenness.

As we come before God, we come to the One, "whose property is always to have mercy" as the old prayer book says. God is love. God is mercy. God has forgiven you of whatever sin might cling to you. You have freedom from all of that in Iesus Christ and this is where we speak that out for each and everyone so that we can go to the table of

Jesus with a clean heart, at peace with

and sisters.

God and our brothers

Presider: Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

~ cf. Romans 8.22,23

Please kneel, sit or stand as you are able.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: long-suffering and of great goodness:

I confess to you,

I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of your

commandments,

my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;

the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;

and raise me to newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

who in his great mercy has promised

forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt

repentance and true faith turn to him:

have mercy on you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace:

Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another from where we are standing and online in the 'live chat'.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: In the tender mercy of our God,

the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn 89: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

It's during the singing of this hymn that we would normally be giving our offerings. A reminder for those present in person that offering boxes are available in the narthex to make your offering. If online, you can click here to give your offering through Canada Helps.

https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

We cannot love God and be at odds with other people. God's story can only continue in our lives if we make peace with others brothers, sisters, parents, friends, even our enemies. The priest reminds us that Jesus is present in each other to help us to be peacemakers by greeting us. The greeting "Peace be with you" is exchanged throughout the congregation. Normally we would shake hands with each other but for now, we stand and simply motion to one another.

As we prepare for Communion, or the Eucharist. We give offerings of money as a way of acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and so we honour God, and say thank you, by giving God back a portion of what He has given us. We also offer the simple signs of bread and wine for God to use to show us Jesus. Ultimately the offering God wants is you, "your soul and body" as the old prayer book says. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them That trust your mighty power to save, And give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our Prince of Peace. [Refrain]

~The Reverend Dr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: 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 Great Thanksgiving:

We express our joy, our love and gratitude in the Great Thanksgiving. The priest invites us to give thanks.

Presider: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

We all join in the sanctus (holy, holy, holy) with the gathered faithful here but also with saints before us and indeed with the whole host of heaven.

Then we remember what Jesus said and did during his last supper with his friends.

The priest asks God to make our gifts of bread and wine holy through the power of the Spirit and says the words that Iesus said. We offer our life with Iesus for others. The priest says words such as these. "Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever." And we all respond with the Great Amen. 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;

Presider: 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 sons and daughters; 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.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

We end this great prayer of Thanksgiving by joining together and praying the prayer that Jesus taught us. We pray that the needs of all people will be satisfied. We pray to be forgiven. We pray to be forgiving. We pray for strength when life is hard, and for protection from evil that can burt us

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread:

us Presider: God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom

People: Happy are those who are called

to the supper of the Lamb.

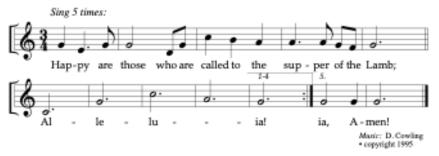
Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

We share the bread of life. The priest breaks the bread to remind us that we all have a share in the new life of Christ. The bread we use is not like the bread you have at home, it is unleavened. Some people like to call it a wafer. The priest invites us to share in communion.

Song for the Breaking of Bread: Happy Are Those (Lamb of God)

Doug Cowling (1950-2017)



Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

People: Happy are those ...

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

People: Happy are those ...

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace. Alleluia! Amen.

People: Happy are those ...

Please be seated.

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

'Spiritual Communion' has a long tradition in the Anglican Church, and indeed in the larger Christian tradition. The practice of spiritual communion is found in the office of the Communion of the Sick in our 1962 Book of Common Prayer (p. 584), a rubric retained from the Archbishop Cranmer's first Prayer Book (1549) and subsequent revisions. We believe that this current Covid-19 global pandemic, and the governmental and health restrictions that we are currently experiencing, would certainly constitute a "just impediment" to receiving the sacrament "by mouth". This prayer is to be said by those who can't receive in person, but wish to join, in communion, with those doing so.

When you leave your place to go to communion, you will be going to Jesus himself. You will be answering his personal invitation. If you are baptised the priest will offer you bread. It is placed in your hand with such words as, "The body of Christ given for you." You can respond by saying "Amen".

If you are not baptised or do not wish to receive communion, you can still come to receive a blessing. To indicate that you do not wish to receive, cross your arms over your chest.

People: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at

desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord

Jesus, and never let me be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to

come. Amen.

Music during Communion: Wait for the Lord

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make a straight path for him.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Choir: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Choir: Rejoice in the Lord always. He is at hand.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Choir: Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Choir: I waited for the Lord, he heard my cry.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Choir: O Lord, show us your way. Guide us in your truth.

People: Wait for the Lord ...

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: 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.**

Doxology:

Presider: 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.

The Blessing:

Presider: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,

scatter the darkness from before your path,

and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

At the end of the Eucharist, the priests finish up the bread and wine. The Deacon helps to clean up after the meal. At home the dishes would have to be done and put away. At church the same thing must happen. Then the priest invites us to pray. We stand in silence. The priest says a prayer.

We join in the

blessing.

Doxology and there is a

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Closing Hymn 88: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Tune: Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

~The Reverend Charles Wesley

The Dismissal:

Leader: As we await our coming Saviour,

go forth in the hope of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Alla Marcia Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801) Peter Mayers, organ

Now we are at the end

of our worship service

hymn. After the hymn, the deacon dismisses us. Our hearts are full of

joy. We know Jesus is

alive. We know he is

answer joyfully, saying "Thanks be to God."

with us. So, we will

and we sing our final

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of Gerry Rooke, by Barbara Rooke and family

and

in loving memory of her husband, Robert F. Nicol, by Alice

and

in loving and thankful remembrance of Jim Trayes, by June Trayes.

Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy, as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.

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