December 21, 2025 10 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick McManus

Preaching: The Reverend Ginnie Wong

Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

Good Morning! We always provide a leaflet to assist people in finding their way through the worship service. This format has some marginal notations to help us understand the rhythm of the liturgy. This time before our service begins is an invitation to prepare ourselves for worship.

This service is called a 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 witness His presence and power in the world.

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Prelude: What is this Lovely Fragrance

Arr. Henry Kihlken

Advent Hymn 108 **Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding** 

Tune: Merton

Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us all, with deep repentance, Pray that we may be forgiven,

That when next he comes with glory, And the world is wrapped in fear, With his mercy he may shield us, And with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing To the Father and the Son, With the everlasting Spirit, While eternal ages run.

Welcome:

The Greeting:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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

Advent Reflection:

Reader: Come, Lord Jesus,

All: 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*: Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our

hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your

great love for us.

Reader: Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and

touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to

you, Jesus.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Light the 4th candle.

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

the world,

All: 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 which you beckon us. Amen.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for celebrating the birth of Jesus 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.

## Kyrie Eleison: *Marty Haugen (b. 1950)*

During the season of Advent (and Lent) we do not sing the traditional "Gloria" that we would normally. Instead, we sing "Kyrie Eleison", which is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy".





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

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen

us to serve you. (*Refrain*)

Prayer of the Day:

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 for our Young People:

Children leave for Faith Formation. This program is geared towards children ages 4-11.

Presider: May our Lord Jesus bless you as you meet him in the

Scriptures.

Please be seated.

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading:
Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader: Jamie Isbister

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Psalm 80 **Wait for the Lord** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Please remain seated

we read from the Bible. It tells the story of God's love. All the stories lead us to Jesus.

At the Eucharist,

The Psalms are the prayerbook of the Bible; they are the prayers of God's people set to music. St. Augustine said those who sing them "pray twice."



#### Refrain (R):

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near; Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

#### Verses:

Restore us, O God of/ hosts; /show the light of your/ countenance, stir up your strength and/ come to/ help us. /and we shall/ be/ saved. (*R*)

#### O Lord, God of/ hosts,

/how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your/ people? /You have made us the derision/ of our/ neighbours, /and our enemies/ laugh us to/ scorn.

Let your hand rest upon the man of your right/ hand, /the son of man you have made so strong for your/-self. /And so will we never turn a/-way from/ you; /give us life, that we may call upon/ your/ Name. (R)

## Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Reader: Anne Layton

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

Please stand as you are able

We sit for a second reading from the Bible, usually one of the letters to the early church.



## Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

The highpoint of Proclamation is the Gospel reading.

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

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew.

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

*Gospeller:* Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, May we all be ready for him.

*Please* be seated.

Because it is the good news of God come among us in the person of Jesus Christ, we stand as an act of praise and thanksgiving. We turn to face the Deacon to show that we are listening. The Deacon faces the door in anticipation that, after hearing the good news, the congregation will go and live out the good news they have just heard.

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.

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Sermon: The Reverend Ginnie Wong

The Nicene Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

*Presider*: Let us confess the faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

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 churches to make the sign of the cross at the end of the Creed. We do that by touching our forehead, then the centre of our chest, our left shoulder and right shoulder and then return to the centre of our chest.

All:

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.

*Intercessor: Sharon Conway* 

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.

This is the part in

our worship where

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,

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

Please kneel as you are able.

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

As we come before God, we come to the One, "whose property is always to have mercy" as the 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 Jesus Christ, and this is where we speak that out for each and every one so that we can go to the table of Jesus with a clean heart, at peace with God and with one another.

This is a joyful

moment in the

primary purpose in

the Peace is to give and receive the greeting of the

Risen Lord who brought, and still

brings, the blessing

of His peace to His followers. The

greeting "Peace be

with you" is

exchanged throughout the congregation.

liturgy. Our

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

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.

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#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

# Advent Hymn: 116 "Your Kingdom Come"--On Bended Knee

Tune: Irish

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

"Your kingdom come" -- on bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong, and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear. Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned with might, and every heart be healed:

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad -- the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

As we prepare for Communion, or the Eucharist, we give offerings 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 vessels of bread and wine for God to use to show us Iesus. Ultimately, the offering God wants is you, "your soul and body" as the prayer book says.

We bring not what is ours, but what is God's own back to God when we bring the gifts of our labour forward in the offering.

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

#### Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Gracious God,

by the power of the Spirit

who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

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.

## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (722)

Tune: Picardy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full, Full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, 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.

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: 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 Jesus 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".

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."

Presider:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

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 forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread:

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.

Thanks be to God. People:

> Song for the Breaking of Bread: Agnus Dei (745)

> > Becket Gerlad Senchur

*Please be seated.* 

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 hurt

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.

#### The Communion:

As we come to communion, we serve the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to partake; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

Communion Hymn 96: Creator of the Stars of Night Conditor Alme Siderum

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, Jesus, redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die, didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow; all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One, praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

## Choral Anthem: "The Snow Lay on the Ground" Arr. John Coates, Jr.

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

At the end of the Eucharist, the priest finishes 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.

*Presider:* Faithful God,

in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will.

We ask this in the name of Jesus 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.

Announcements:

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.

Advent Hymn 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Tune: Helmsley

Now we are at the end of our worship service, and we sing our final hymn.

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the triumph sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

The Dismissal:

Leader: As we await our coming Saviour,

go forth in the love of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The postlude is music that is a part of our worship meant to move us up and out into the world with the good news of Jesus.

After the hymn,

sending us out into the world to

share the love of

hearts are full of joy. We know

Jesus is alive. We know he is with

us. So, we will

be to God."

answer joyfully, saying, "Thanks

embody and

Christ. Our

the Deacon dismisses us,

Postlude: Sussex Carol Arr. Brian Glyncannon We give thanks to God for all who give back to God out of what God has given you in support of the ministry at All Saints Kingsway! If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways:



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# Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

**DECEMBER** 

21 LESSONS AND 4:30 PM

24 SERVICE & 4:00PM PAGEANT

24 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 PM SERVICE 11:00 PM with candlelight

25 CHRISTMAS 10 AM

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

in memory of Robert Rushowy, given by Susan and family

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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Deacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron Deacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

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