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## ADVENT 2 DECEMBER 4, 2022

### 8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

### 10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

*We come to silence at the sound of the gong.*

*To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.*

Opening Hymn: CP#106 There's A Voice In The Wilderness

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

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Children gather at the Advent wreath and light the candle of hope.*

Reader 1: We are people of peace.

Reader 2: God seeks justice and compassion. God listens to the  
cries of the vulnerable and longs for wars to cease.

**People: We pray God's peace is at work in our hearts, our  
homes, our neighbourhoods and the world.**

Reader 1: The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are  
called to live as people of peace.

Reader 2: We light this candle as an invitation to work for justice  
and peace.

*We light the candle of peace*

Reader 1: Let us pray:

**People: Holy One, help us to fan the flame of peace. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this candle. Make your church a place of peace and sanctuary in our community. Amen.**

Advent Wreath Song: (to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Advent is a time to wait,  
(hold hand up as you say 'wait')

Not quite time to celebrate,  
(shake head and wag finger from side to side)

Count the candles 1 by 1,  
(put 4 fingers up, one at a time)

Until Advent time is done.  
(wave hands, palms down)

Day by day we work and play,  
(stack fist on top of fist, back and forth)

To prepare for Christmas day!  
(put arms on shoulders and hug yourself)

Collect of the Day

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

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge 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 on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

*Reader* Give the king your justice, O God;  
*All* **and your righteousness to the king's son.**

that he may rule your people righteously  
**and the poor with justice.**

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**

He shall defend the needy among the people  
**rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
**from one generation to another**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
**like showers that water the earth**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel,  
**for you alone do wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be your glorious name for ever  
**and may all the earth be filled with your glory.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*    Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: CP#100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

*Reader*     The Lord be with you.

*All*           **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Reader*     The Gospel of Christ.

*All*           **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily

Duet:     Holy Darkness

The Prayers of the People

"A Penitential Act" - *see insert*

## The Peace

*Presider* May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
*All* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: 483 May The Spirit Of Christ Be Our Hope

## WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

*Presider* God of abundance,  
*All* **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.  
Teach us patience and hope  
as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son,  
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**  
-Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

## Eucharistic Prayer: Island Liturgy – Eucharistic Prayer “C”

*Presider* The Lord is here.  
*All* **God’s Spirit is with us.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*Presider* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,  
for you create all things  
and in you we live and move and have our being.  
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.  
  
You made us in your image.  
And even though we turn from you,  
again and again you call us to yourself,  
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own  
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.  
You sent Jesus among us,  
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.  
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,  
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us — Jesus suffered the cross,  
died, and in rising again  
became the firstborn of the renewed family.

Your Holy Spirit descended  
and continues to give life to your church.  
And so we gather around your table,  
with all the saints  
and with all Creation  
we sing the hymn of your unending love:

*All*

*(Please see insert)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are 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.**

*Presider*

To you be glory, almighty God,  
because on the night before he died,  
Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you:  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
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,  
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this to remember me.

*Presider*

*All*

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

Presider

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we ask you to accept  
this, our sacrifice of praise.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your love  
that we might be strengthened to do your work  
as your body in the world.  
Through Christ our Redeemer,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,  
now and for ever.

All

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) - *(Music)*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be yourname, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in

9 hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For- give - us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.\_\_\_\_

17 — Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil, For the

22 king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.\_\_\_\_\_



## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*All* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.*

*Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer. Given the small space, we ask that you please wear a mask.*

Communion Music: Lamb of God – see insert  
*Like A Shepherd*  
*538 Nearer My God, To Thee*

Prayer after Communion:

*Presider* God for whom we wait,  
*All* **in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day  
when the hungry will be fed with good things.  
Send us forth to make known your deeds  
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### 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: Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP#95 O Come, Divine Messiah

### Dismissal

*Presider* As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers are given by Angela Buckingham to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved sisters Brenda, Bartel, and Carol Cooper.



8:00 am

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Greeter	Andrew Armitage
First Reading	Susan McMillan
Psalm	Marilyn Pattison
Second Reading	Andrew Armitage
Prayers	Linda Sproule-Jones
Administrant	John Oldale
Liturgical Assistant	Gary Fisher

10:00 am

Presider	The Rev. Don Walls
Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director	Marlon Narciso
Duet	Marlon Narciso and Jayne Postuk
Tech Assistant	Peter Rowand
Liturgical Assistant	Gary Fisher
Greeters	Sandra Moore, Angela Buckingham
Flowers	Sandra Moore
First Reading	Rick Young
Psalm	Nicola LaMorte
Second Reading	Sandra Moore
Gospel	Gary Fisher
Administrants	John Sager, Jennifer Handley
Prayers	Margaret Smart
Prayer Ministry	Sue Morrison, Gillian Hanlon
Chancel Guild	Gillian Hanlon, Darlene Fisher
Counters	David Handley, Darlene Fisher (Supervisor)

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