



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Winnipeg

Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith, and serve the world.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

You may find the following information useful as you worship with us:

NEED TO SIT DURING WORSHIP? There are often long periods when we stand during worship, please feel free to sit down at any time.

HEADSETS are available to assist in hearing during worship. Contact the wardens or sidespersons if you wish to use them.

PRAYER BOWL – If there is someone for whom you wish silent prayers, you are invited to write their name on one of the slips of paper provided and place it in the prayer bowl at the back of the church (on the sound equipment cabinet)

COMMUNION – All are welcome to receive communion. Due to health concerns, the dipping of the wafer or bread into the wine (intinction) is no longer permitted. If you choose not to receive the wine, touching the base of the cup and saying “Amen” is sufficient.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING – Anything which troubles us, physically, mentally, or emotionally, is reason to ask God for healing. You may also wish to ask for healing for someone else. During Communion, prayer teams are available on either side of the altar rail. If you desire prayer and anointing, please go to one of the stations after receiving Communion.

WE ARE A NUT FREE, SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT – Many people, especially children are struggling with allergies to nut products with potentially deadly consequences. Many people also have sensitivities to some scents. We have asked parishioners to be aware of this, to refrain from bringing nut products to Church, and from wearing highly scented products.

Following worship you are cordially invited to meet in the parish hall for a time of conversation, fellowship and refreshments.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

Bach

Acknowledgement of the Land: *We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.*

Opening: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

The Greeting

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.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath (Choir sings introduction)

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Officiant: Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work, reconciling love, unmerited grace, and of our ultimate hope.

All: **Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.**

Officiant: Today we light the **first candle**. (*light candle*) This candle reminds us that as we wait upon the Lord we do so with a sense of heightened awareness. In a world where our attention is easily diverted in many directions, Advent is a time to quiet ourselves and listen for God's word with expectant ears. This Advent may we hear and receive the message of the One who continues to speak.

Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -
man - u - el, God is near.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray

(silence)

All: **God of truth, unveiled in Christ, and for whom we continue to wait: lift up our unknowing hearts through your Spirit, and waken our sleeping love to announce the coming dawn of new beginnings and unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us now feast at the table of God's word.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

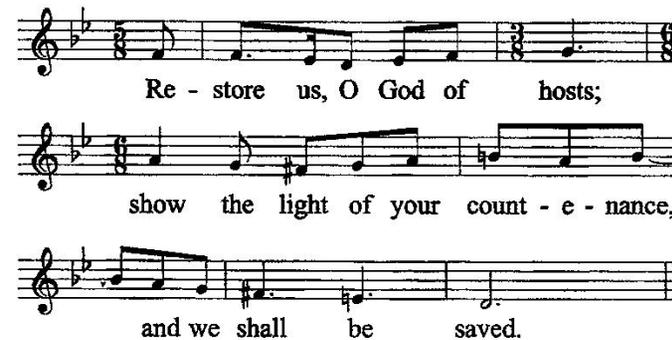
Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *(Please remain seated for the psalm)*

Reflecting on today's psalm – Psalm 80 is a troubled reflection: God seems angry and distant, and life feels out-of-joint. Yet Israel waits on the powerful "Lord God of hosts" as the only one who can make life whole and good. In our world, we too can experience this anguish. Can we begin Advent with the same hope, waiting for God's restoration and life?



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Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending v.1

HELMSLEY

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn: #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending v.4

HELMSLEY

Sermon

(pause for silent reflection)

Anthem: We Are Waiting

Words by Sally K. Albrecht and Charles Wesley

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Response:



Lord Je - sus, come soon.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(pause for silent reflection)

Officiant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Gifts

Officiant: From the abundance of God's creation we bring forward bread and wine and offer them to God.

Officiant: The table for our celebration of the Eucharist will now be prepared as we sing the offertory hymn #404

Offertory Hymn: #404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing THE TRUMPETS SOUND

Officiant: Let us with joy present these offerings which represent our labour and our lives.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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, the Christ.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

B.A.S. 198

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

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: Blessed are you, gracious God,.....
..... to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;



heav-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bles - sed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,.....

Therefore, O 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..... 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.

Sounding bowl

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,.....now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

All sing: **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.**

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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.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider: The journey through Advent begins today, and as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth we are united to Him through this Sacred meal. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who fear you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (following page)
#314 Laudate Omnes Gentes

FINEST WHEAT
Taizé

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You sat-is-fy the hung-ry heart with gift of fin-est wheat.

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Come, give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Fine

The second system continues the melody and bass line. It concludes with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' written above the treble staff.

1 As when the shep-herd calls the sheep, they know and heed that voice,
2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude,
* 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured;
4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence here no mor-tal tongue can tell,
5 In gra-cious love you give your-self, then self-less let us be,

The third system contains five numbered verses of lyrics. The musical notation continues with the same treble and bass staves.

so when you call your fam-i-ly, we fol-low and re-joice.
that you should count us wor-thy friends, to share this heav-en-ly food.
* Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

D.C.

The fourth system contains two verses of lyrics. It concludes with a double bar line and the word 'D.C.' written above the treble staff.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Minister

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. One body are we.

All: **For though many, we share one bread and one cup.**

Presider: Go, in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray

All: **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.**

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.**

Covenanting with Parish Pastors

Statement of Purpose and the Presentation

Presider: Let us recognize those who have responded to God's call to serve as pastors in: Christian Education; Mission and Outreach; Parish Caring Ministries; Stewardship.

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God to serve at St. Peter's as leaders in these ministries. These ministries to which you have been called and responded recognize your special gifts and call you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf in partnership with the wider church and the world in which we live.

We are grateful to you and challenge you to continue to offer your best to God, and to all God's people. As you come to assume your duties as pastors at St. Peter's, let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

Covenant Questions and Promises

Presider: Shelagh, Diane, Mary, and Rod, as Jesus' disciples, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities in this congregation with integrity and joy?

Pastors: **I will, with God's help.**

To the congregation

Presider: In the spirit of collaborative ministry, will you, the members of this Anglican Parish of St. Peter honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Presider: Loving God, you have called these disciples to serve you as pastors at St. Peter's. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made this day. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: May the blessing of the Triune God be with you in your ministries as pastors in Christian Education, Mission and Outreach, Parish Caring Ministries, and Stewardship.

CONCLUDING RITE

Presider: May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgement and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God...

Recessional Hymn: All Over The World (following page)

Deacon: God who leads by a Star, show us the direction to Bethlehem. Lead us to the place where love is to be born in our lives, where we search for signs along the road as we make our journey, that we may follow in your way.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Prelude in B Major

Marcel Dupre

All Over The World

Roy Turner arr. Andrew Moore

1. All o-ver the world the Spi-rit is mov-ing,

all o-ver the world, as the pro-phets said it would be.

All o-ver the world there's a migh-ty re-ve-la-tion of the

glo-ry of the Lord, as the wa-ters co-ver the sea.

- 2. All over this land the Spirit is moving . . .
- 3. All over the Church the Spirit is moving . . .
- 4. All over us all the Spirit is moving . . .
- 5. Deep down in my heart the Spirit is moving . . .

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Rose and Dudley Sprange and Kay and Gordon Skinner by Rod and Susan Sprange.

In our parish cycle of prayer: John and Janet Bouskill, Roy, Annie, Rebecca, and Esabell Bowkett, Fred Stewart

Please include in your prayers: Paul Rozniatowski, Thelma Penteliuk, Bernice Nemeth, Sophie Mulla, Peter Mulla, Grayson Justin Beayla Nemeth, Len Bateman, Ruth Cadick, Faye, Bob Greenwood, Bill Anderson, Fred Stewart, Donna Friesen, Ruth Kensinger, Jesse Kensinger, Beth Hiscox, , the Sargeant family, Mike Martin, Bonnie Kowaski, George and Gladys Oelkers, Adele Nuytten, Betty Dysuk, Bruce Gunderson, Ginny and Bob Kellington, Janet Billington, Jessica Patrician and baby, Karen Dunlop.

Pray for the peaceful repose of Minota Jersak and for Donna MacKay and all her family as they mourn her death.

In the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in West Buganda, Uganda. **In the National Church**, our Primate Fred, National ELCIC Bishop Susan, National Indigenous Bishop Mark, our Metropolitan Greg, and the Council of the North. **In the ACC**, for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada. **In the ELCIC**, for the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. **In our Diocese**, our Bishop Donald, and MNO Synodical Bishop Elaine, the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, Michael, and for the people of the parishes of St. Andrew: Woodhaven, St. Andrews, and the Sudanese Anglican Mission.

Readings for next Sunday (December 10) ISAIAH 40:1-11; PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 PETER 3:8-15A; MARK 1:1-8

<u>MEETINGS AND EVENTS</u>			
Tuesday	December 5	9:30 a.m.	Christian Meditation
Thursday	December 7	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday	December 9	10:00 - Noon	Cookie Walk
Sunday	December 10	10:00 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
<u>UPCOMING IN ADVENT</u>			
Friday	December 15	6:00 p.m.	Christmas – As Seen on TV
Sunday	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	December 19	7:00 p.m.	A Light in the Darkness

PARISH and COMMUNITY LIFE

Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith and serve the world.

Annual Gift Tree Just a couple more weeks to bring toys, hats, mitts, and scarves for the Christmas Store at St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry as well as small gifts for adults so children can shop for their parent/caregiver. Gifts for children of all ages are desirable, and gifts for teenagers are especially welcome. This special Outreach project of St. Peter's is a great opportunity to express our generosity!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE – Sat, Dec. 9th 10am – noon It's not too late to bake a batch(or 2 or 3) of cookies or some home baking for this year's Cookie Walk. The key to success for this popular community event is LOTS of cookies and baking. We can also use a bit more help on the day. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Wine Raffle - an exciting, new fundraiser for the holiday season – Tickets are \$5 and are on sale until December 8, with the draw at the Cookie Walk on December 9th. First prize is a selection of 30 bottles of wine.

This is Us: Christmas – As Seen on TV, Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. An evening of good conversation and good food as we eat pizza, watch, and discuss a Christmas episode of the popular TV show, *This Is Us*. Join us for a time out from the busyness of Christmas preparation as we reflect on the meaning of the season in a new way. See Shelagh for details. Please sign-up in the narthex so we know numbers for pizza.

A Light in the Darkness: Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 pm This is a different service before Christmas. It provides worship to meet three needs:

1. For many the Christmas season can be difficult as we feel alone or mourn the loss of loved ones, health, employment
2. It offers a chance to remember and give thanks for loved ones no longer with us
3. It offers a quiet time for reflection and prayer in a warm and welcoming setting during this hectic season.

We invite you to join us as we offer hope in a dark world.

Clothes for Bambinos Once again we plan to send a suitcase of baby clothes and blankets to the maternity hospital in San Pancho, Mexico. The need is enormous and each year our gifts have been very gratefully received. We can accept your gifts of new, purchased baby clothes (please include store receipt) - and new, handmade/knitted clothes and blankets. We will be collecting the clothes until Christmas. What better way to give thanks for the birth of the Christ Child.

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider	The Right Rev. Donald Phillips	Cantor	Alex Milevic
Preacher	The Right Rev. Donald Phillips	O Antiphons	Marcus LeNabat
Officiant	Susan Sprange	Guitar	Nic Lawrenz
Intercessor	Laurie Bellay	Sounding Bowl	Garth Panting
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	Susan Sprange	Altar Guild	Mary DeGrow
	Jim Ellis		Cori Dorrian
Prayer Team	Mary Holmen	Sidespersons	Rick & Claire Workman
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	Pearl James		Pat Ahmad
	Lissa Wray Beal	Coffee	Margaret Clarke
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	Laurie Bellay		
Gospel	Lissa Wray Beal		