



Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Winnipeg

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

EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING IS PRINTED IN THIS BULLETIN.

Current health regulations require a few changes in the way we worship together. In order to facilitate a safe worship experience for everyone, please keep to the following guidelines.

MASKS – Please keep your mask on at all times, unless otherwise noted.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE – Please exchange the Peace with words only or a wave or nod of the head. No hand shaking or touching at this time.

RECEIVING COMMUNION – Please follow the direction of the sidespeople when coming forward to receive Communion. We will start at the front of the nave. Please leave your mask on and use the hand sanitizer at the front of the pews. Stop at arm’s length in front of the Administrant. After the words “The Body of Christ...” are said, step forward to receive the host. Move to the right, remove your mask, and consume the host. Step further to the right, receive the wine, and place the glass in the basket after consuming the wine. Replace your mask, re-sanitize your hands, and follow the arrows to return to your seat.

GATHERING AFTER WORSHIP – There will be an opportunity to gather in the Parish Hall for conversation after worship. During this time there will be no refreshments served. Please keep your mask on and remain mindful of physical distancing. Please avoid congregating in the narthex.

Please wait for the direction of the sidespeople to leave, beginning from the back of the nave.

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)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Soft Fall of Snow

Soft falls the snow, soon comes the wintry weather
when cold is cruel or kind, and days are dark,
in which some see rare beauty beyond measure,
while others fear where fate will leave its mark.

Soft falls the snow, and streets, surprised by silence,
witness the primal power of mother earth
as winter offers worship to its Maker,
who sowed the snow and brought the rain to birth.

Soft falls the snow. Send with it, Lord, your blessing
to help us love the earth as is your will,
grateful for different gifts in different seasons -
the light, the dark, the vibrant and the still.

Acknowledgement of the Land: *We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Métis nation. We acknowledge that Indigenous peoples are the first and traditional stewards of the land. We pledge to work towards strengthening our relationship with Indigenous peoples and the land in which we live. We will commit to educating ourselves as part of working together towards reconciliation.*

Welcome

Sounding bowl

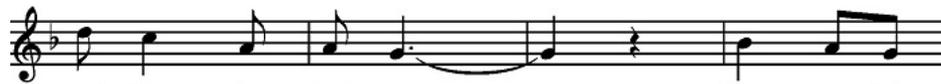
Opening Hymn: # Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

Your light will come, Je - ru - sa - lem; for on you will dawn the
glo - ry of the Lord, and all na - tions will walk in your
light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note, with a '2' above it indicating a second ending or a specific performance instruction.



1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dis -
 2. His light is mer - cy and peace, a peace sur -
 3. His light is jus - tice and truth, and love which



1. pel - ling the dark-ness. May we, his
 2. pass - ing all tell - ing. May we, his
 3. casts out all ha - tred. May we, his



1. bod - y, re - flect that ho - ly light.
 2. bod - y, be in - stru - ments of peace.
 3. bod - y, pre - pare the reign of God.

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The Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Presider: Last Sunday, we lit the candle of peace, recalling God’s desire that peace be within us and among us. Today, we light the candle of hope, praying that the flame of hope may always burn within us. (Second candle is lit.) Centuries ago, John the Baptist proclaimed a message of hope to a people weighed down by oppression. He announced that someone greater than he was coming. That one who was coming was Jesus – teacher, healer, and messenger of hope.



Hope is a star that shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the



morn - ing is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our



song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and



none shall be a - fraid.

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Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation: make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

RCL Prayers, 2002, alt.

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Luke 1:68-79

Refrain:

In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God the
 dawn from on high shall break up-on us.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel;
 you have come to your people and set them free.
 You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
 born of the house of your servant David. *Refrain*

Through your holy prophets you promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us,
 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember your holy covenant.
 This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship you without fear,
 holy and righteous before you all the days of our life. *Refrain*

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
 to give God’s people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Refrain*

Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

**Hark! The herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.**

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you**

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

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

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Hymn: #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

**Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: 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 enfolds us in his embrace. 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.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Gifts

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

Offertory Hymn: #All Earth Is Waiting



1. All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One,
2. Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el,
3. Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be made plain,



and o - pen fur - rows a - wait the seed of God. All the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el." One whose
o - pen new high - ways, new high - ways for our God, who is

world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it
name is "God with us," our Sav - iour shall be, through
now com - ing clos - er, so come all and see, and
cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth.
whom hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.
o - pen the door - ways as wide as wide can be.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

God of abundance, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices 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, hosanna, in the highest.

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same

way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

(silence – sounding bowl)

Presider: Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

Presider: Let us pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:

All:

David Fraser



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your name. Your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.**

Communion Hymns: Bread of Life

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth - er:
 feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

*Verses

1. Be with your peo-ple, Lord, send us your sav-ing Word: Je - sus
 2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Je - sus
 to Refrain

1. Christ, light of glad - ness, come a - mong us now.
 2. Christ, hope of a - ges, come to save us now.

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94 Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus 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.

THE SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Ready the Way

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Verses

1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. Des - ert and

1. way of the Lord!" A voice — cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum -
 3. waste-land will bloom. † Glo - ry and splen-dor will fill the

1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom.

Refrain
 Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.
 Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.
 The sav - ing pow - er of God.

1, 2 to Verses 3, 5 Final
 2

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Blessing

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Maranatha, Come

PARISH and COMMUNITY LIFE

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

A Light in the Darkness: Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm The Light in the Darkness service offers a chance to remember and give thanks for loved ones no longer with us. 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, either in- person or on Zoom, as we offer hope in a dark world.

LITE Hampers: We are about half way to our goal of \$1115 which will fund 10 hampers (2-4 people each) for North and West End families. The contents of the hampers include grocery cards and gifts made by local enterprises, - employment for many and gifts for families – twice the value for our donations! All gifts need to be received by St. Peter's by December 7. You can make a donation by cheque made out to St. Peter's with LITE Hamper in the memo line, or you can donate through St. Peter's website stpetersanglican.ca and mark LITE Hamper in the message box.

Christmas Flowers Christmas flower envelopes are in the basket on the shelf where the bulletins are. If you wish to contribute flowers to help decorate the church for Christmas, fill out the form in the envelope and include your donation in the offering plate.

Anglican Church Calendars There are a few calendars left the office. The cost is \$6.00.

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Presider	The Rev. Canon Mary Holmen	Sounding Bowl	Laurie Thompson
Preacher	The Rev. Tapiwa Gusha	Cantor	Erin-Brie Warwick
Officiant	Laurie Bellay	Altar Guild	Mary DeGrow
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Reader	Jane Ferch	Sidespeople	Bob Cook
Gospel	Joan Crabtree		Keith Nociar
		Host	Karen Dunlop

In our parish cycle of prayer: Gladys Oelkers, Junior Jackson, Andrea Jackson, Pearl James, Serene and Durell Desmond.

Please include in your prayers Bernice Nemeth, Grayson Justin Beayla Nemeth, Beth Hiscox, Gladys Oelkers, Ruth Kensinger, Ginny and Bob Kellington, Evan Bacon, Joan Cook, George Green, Roy and Annie Bowkett, Anastasia Lambert, Blair, Bev Smith, Ian Chalmers, Beryl Pressey, Carmen Ellis, Linda Ellis, Junior Jackson, Joefin Peter, Terri Oelkers, Mary, Peter and Ann.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. **In the ACC** our Primate Linda and the staff of the Primate's office, National Indigenous Archbishop Mark, Metropolitan Greg. **In the ELCIC:** National ELCIC Bishop Susan and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. **In our Diocese:** our Bishop Geoffrey, Bishop of our Companion Diocese, Michael, and for MNO Synod Bishop Jason. For our congregations and communities.

Advent and Christmas Worship

December 14	7:00 p.m.	A Light in the Darkness
December 19	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Eucharist
December 26	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday after Christmas