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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: *Saviour of the Nations, Come* ~ Buxtehude, Manz, *et al*

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.
May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.
May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.

Opening Hymn: 98 Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

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1 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

2 Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.

3 Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven’s eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

Gathering Together on First Sunday in Advent:

Scriptural Sentence:

FAMILY MEMBER: *But, as for me, I keep watch for the Lord; I wait in hope for Creator God my Saviour; my Creator God will hear me... Micah 7:7*

Focusing our Hearts:

FAMILY MEMBER OR PRESIDER:

Your promise dawns upon us, Living Creator
Creator God, we wait expectantly.
Your hope arises among us, Holy One; we wait confidently.
Your Cherished One will appear for us, Blessed Father; we wait in joy.
I invite you to ask a question...
ALL: **Why do we light this yellow candle?**

PRESIDER: We light the yellow candle in the East,
[FAMILY LIGHTS THE CANDLE]
(East is) the direction of the birthplace of new beginnings for our lives and all creation as comes the new day.
We do this in the promise of justice, borne of the Sacred Fire of Hope.
Hope has two lovely daughters, Anger and Courage.
Anger, so that what must not be, will not be.
Courage, so that that what must be, shall be...

Let us pray together:

ALL: Creator/God of the unexpected and undreamt: in this holy season, instill your hope in our hearts. Prepare us; prepare us so that we can hear again the songs of angels, and see again the beckoning star of Hope. Amen.

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SING:

Advent Song

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He came down that we may have hope, (sung 3x)
Hallelujah for evermore.

After the hymn Children can go to Sunday School

Apostolic Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us. (x3)

The Collect of the Day

God of unveiled truth,
in times of darkened sun and waning moon,
lift up our hearts and waken our love
to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**
Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

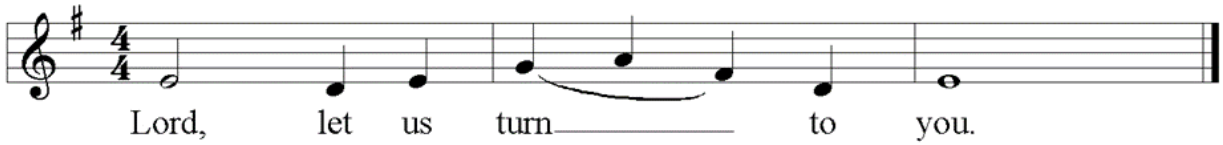
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those

who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18 *Setting: Gordon Johnston*



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Gradual Hymn: 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion

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1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,

foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Saviour's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer

is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed
Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,
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:

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: Signs of endings all around us

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1 Signs of endings all around us
Darkness, death and winter days
Shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
Numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.

2 Can it be that from our endings,
New beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
Realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
Into hopes for life anew.
Fading light and dying season

Sing their Glorias to you.

3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
Terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
Blossom now throughout the earth;
Your dominion bring now near us;
We await the saving birth.

The Prayer over the Gifts

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 (Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3)

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,

and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

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.

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, “Take and 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.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting Christ's coming in glory
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #5

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Fraction Anthem: Come, Come Emmanuel

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Come, come Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel.

Holy Communion

For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.
If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn: 96 Creator of the Stars of Night

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

2 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.

3 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.

4 At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow,
all things in heaven and earth adore,

and own thee King forevermore.

5 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.

Anthem: People Look East - traditional

Prayer after Communion

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**

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

Doxology

Glory to God,
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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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1 Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care.

Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heart-felt prayer,
alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.

4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory:
let us then our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day.

Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Cornet Voluntary ~ John Travers

~ Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Hour in the Trinity Room after Service ~

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Presider/Preacher: Rev Tim Kehoe
Greeter: Andrea Teekasingh
Reader/Intercessor: Pamela Obegu

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
(Book of Alternative Services)

Presider: Rev Maria Nightingale
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