

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

November 29th, 2020

The First Sunday of Advent



*Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21:28*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland "Come Redeemer of our Race" - J.S. Bach

Let us prepare our hearts as we await the coming of our Lord. Let us watch for the one who heard our cries and shouldered the suffering of our world. Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all. Let us wait in expectation for the day when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness. Amen.

Processional Hymn #88: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Descant

4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; born a
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in

all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
 all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 child and yet a King; born to reign in
 all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 us for - ev - er: now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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.

Kyrie

Cantor All
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cantor All
Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e lei - son.

Cantor All
Ky - ri - e e lei - son, Ky - ri - e e lei - son.

Collect of the Day:

Gracious God, as we begin our Advent journey, we thank you for the gift of your Son, and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear, and remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of hope. **Amen.**

Godly Play Message

Candle Lighting: Love's Pure Light, Music by Pietro Yon, Words and Arranged by Joel Raney

O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We witness the hostility between nations and neighbours.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and his promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

All sing: "O Come, O come, Emmanuel..." (as above)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Advent 1, Year B

Advent is the great season of expectation. While much of that expectation focuses on the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, we also look to the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness—the coming age, which broke in upon this age in the person and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. It is therefore fitting that this first Sunday should celebrate his Second Coming.

Isaiah 64:1-9. This is a communal lament from the time after the exile, a time when Judah was struggling to re-establish itself as a nation. Like today's psalm (Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, also a communal lament) it conveys longing for God to act, and the people's own sense of unworthiness before God.

A reading from Isaiah (64:1-9)

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 for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock

1. O Shepherd, hear and lead your flock,
As lambs we crave your care;
What strength on earth approaches yours,
What mercies can compare?
Restore, O God, your favour,
The radiance of your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of your redeeming grace.

2. Our selfish prayers deserve God's wrath,
Our pride, a sudden burst;
We have but stones to serve as bread,
And tears to quell our thirst,
Restore, O God, Almighty,
The radiance of your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of your redeeming grace.

3. God's lineage, like a vine,
Once spread and flourished in the land;
But now the vineyard fails,
The fruit lies withered in the sand.
Restore, Lord God Almighty,
The radiance of your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of your redeeming grace.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Paul writes to those “called to be saints”—the Christians at Corinth. He reminds them of the grace that has been given to them as they await the return of Christ.

A reading from 1 Corinthians (1:3-9)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Mark 13:24-37. Chapter 13 of Mark is sometimes called “the little Apocalypse,” because of its similarity in tone and theme to the *Apocalypse of John (Revelation)*. In his final teaching in this Gospel, Jesus links the destruction of the temple to the coming of the Son of Man in power and glory, with imagery from *Daniel 7:13*.

Scripture intros by *The Rev. Robin Walker*.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37)



‘But 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



Gospel Acclamation:



Sermon: The Rev. Danielle Key

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.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins...

(Silence to recount our sins.)

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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon you 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

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.

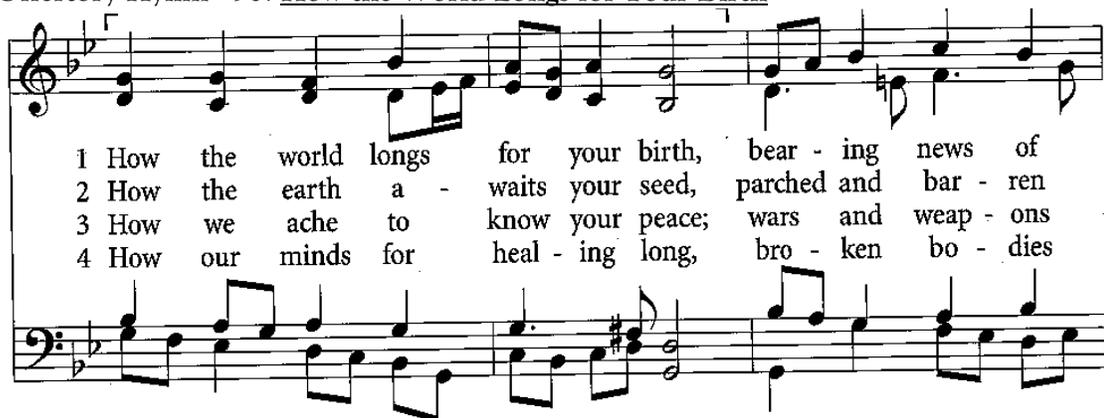
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

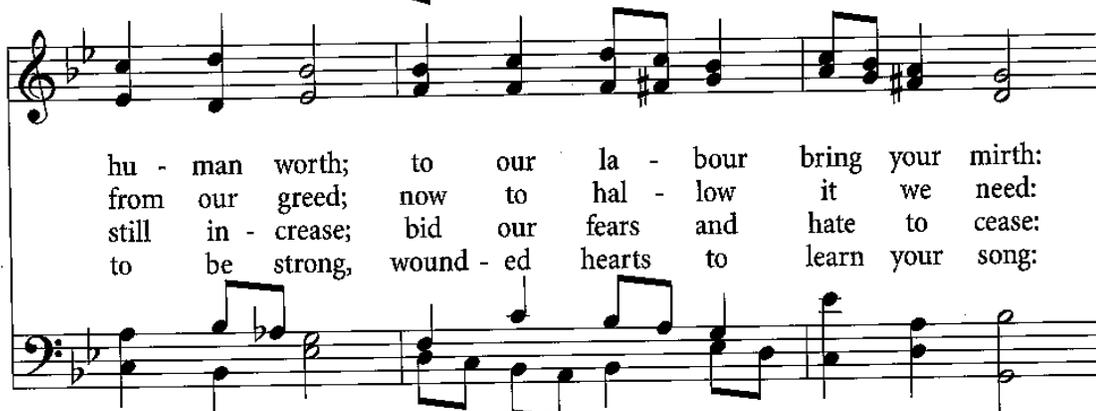
THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn #90: How the World Longs for Your Birth



1 How the world longs for your birth, bear - ing news of
2 How the earth a - waits your seed, parched and bar - ren
3 How we ache to know your peace; wars and weap - ons
4 How our minds for heal - ing long, bro - ken bo - dies



hu - man worth; to our la - bour bring your mirth:
from our greed; now to hal - low it we need:
still in - crease; bid our fears and hate to cease:
to be strong, wound - ed hearts to learn your song:



Ma - ra - na - tha, come, Lord, come.

5 God, who sets your people free,
God, who comes, our flesh to be,
now we wait, your reign to see:
Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

6 To our darkness bring your light;
fill our longing eyes with sight.
In our lives shine ever bright:
Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 the 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly — Lord, Lord God of power and — might,
heav'n — and earth are — full, full of your glo - ry. Ho
san - na ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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: 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command.

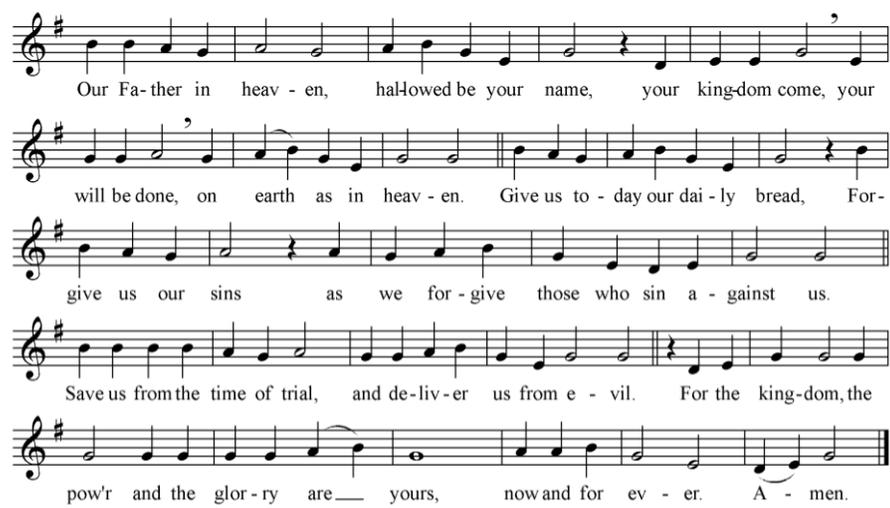
We — re - mem - ber his death, we pro-claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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 for ever.

A - - - men, a - - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-owed 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'r and the glor - ry are — yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of Bread

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.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fraction Anthem



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Repeat three times
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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 Doxology:

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

The Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always.

Recessional Hymn #110: "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing. Her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing; she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 bride - groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to

clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - tor - ious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, in - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight; no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for - ev - er let our prai - ses ring.

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.