

# Advent

*Light a candle in the darkness*



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021  
at 9:30 a.m.

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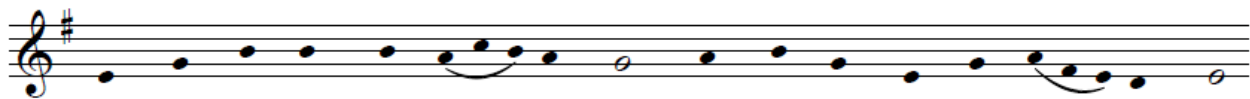
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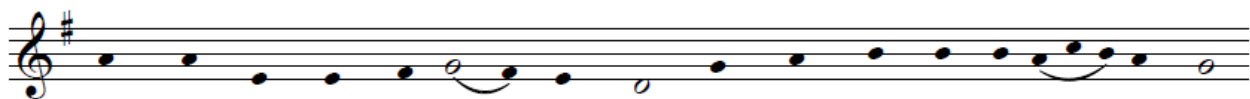
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*Peace*  
*Hope*

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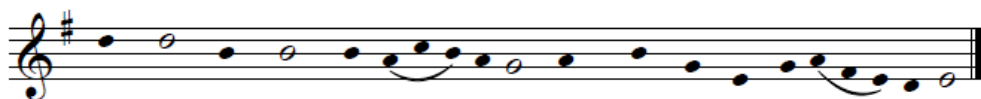
Opening Hymn: #317 (Gather) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem, From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
 5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;  
 6. O come, O Day - spring from on high And cheer us by your draw - ing nigh;  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 To us the path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 In an - cient times once gave the law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 That trust your might - y power to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease, And be for us our King of Peace.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u-el Shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.  
 Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u-el Shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.  
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TEXT: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*;  
 Latin 9<sup>th</sup> C; tr. by John M. Neale  
 (1818-1866), alt.  
 MUSIC: VENI VENI  
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*The candle of Hope is processed. All on Zoom are encouraged to light a candle in their homes.*

**Leader:** Among the poor, among the proud,  
 among the persecuted,  
 among the privileged,

**All:** Christ is coming to make all things new.

**Leader:** In the private house, in the public place,  
 in the wedding feast,  
 in the judgment hall,

**All:** Christ is coming to make all things new.

*Leader:* With a gentle touch, with an angry word,  
with a clear conscience,  
with burning love,

**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*Leader:* That the Kingdom might come, that the world might believe,  
that the powerful might stumble,  
that the hidden might be revealed,

**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*Leader:* Within us, without us, behind us, before us,  
in this place, in every place,  
for this time, for all time,

**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* God of justice and peace,  
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness.  
Raise our heads in expectation,  
so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord  
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33.14-16

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 25.1-9 *(George Black)*

### Refrain



You — are my sav - ing God, my con - stant hope.

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
Let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **Refrain**

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O God. **Refrain**

Gracious are you and upright, O God;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.  
You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.  
Your paths, O God, are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **Refrain**

### Second Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Song: “People Get Ready”** *(Curtis Mayfield)*

People get ready  
There's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
You just get on board  
All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord

So people get ready  
For the train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers  
Coast to coast  
Faith is the key  
Open the doors and board them  
There's hope for all  
Among those loved the most

There ain't no room  
For the hopeless sinner  
Whom would hurt all mankind  
Just to save his own  
Have pity on those whose  
Chances grow thinner  
For there's no hiding place  
Against the kingdom's throne  
So people get ready  
There's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
You just get on board  
All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord

## The Gospel

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

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

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

(Jesus said) “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 21.25-36

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

**Homily:** Ann Jervis

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## The Prayers of the People

*Please rise, as you are able*

*Leader:* Dear friends, the Psalm today reminds us that it is the humble ones who can be taught God’s ways of steadfast love and faithfulness. Since our daily need for steadfast love and faithfulness is great, in silence and humility let us open ourselves to God in the presence of the Spirit of love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

***All:* Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* Lord of Life, we as your people have much to be thankful for this morning. For the good Earth that sustains our life, for faith, and for work, that give meaning to our lives, for the challenges and struggles that bring wisdom and endurance; for friends and family that teach us to love.  
Let us each give thanks for all that we are grateful for today.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

**All: Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* Loving Lord, we pray for the church in the world today. We pray that we who identify as members of Christ's body may learn to live together in love, recognizing that we are called to demonstrate to the world the values of your kingdom – simplicity and humility, seeking justice and peace, ensuring a place for all. We remember, with humility, that you have taught us that the way we are to show that we are your followers is in the way we love one another.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

**All: Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* God of Justice, as Canadians, we affirm that we are all treaty people, and we pray for the healing of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in this country.  
We pray especially for peaceful resolution of the conflict between Wet'suwet'en land defenders and the RCMP on unceded Indigenous territory in British Columbia, and that the Canadian and BC governments will be moved to act justly, honouring Indigenous sovereignty.  
We ask you to continually show us the hard way of justice and right relations, so that our First Nations can flourish in ways that are true to their history and cultures and we can live together in peace.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

**All: Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* Creator God, we know that we, as citizens of the developed nations of the world, have perhaps irreparably damaged your sacred creation, to the point that it will become increasingly difficult for us to live in safety. We are deeply grieved at the devastation caused by record-breaking rainfall and flooding in British Columbia these past two weeks.

*Leader:* We pray for those who have been forced from their homes and have lost so much, and for those who are sacrificing much to support and assist. May these hard realities strengthen the resolve of citizens and government alike to make the hard choices needed to slow the process of global warming.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

**All: Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* Compassionate God, there are those among us who are facing trials and difficulties, illness and bereavement. We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning, who need healing and strength, and for those who have died, those we know personally and those we do not.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Creator, in your mercy,

**All: Teach us your ways**

*Leader:* God of all comfort, as we begin this season of holy waiting, we trust your promise to hear us when we lift our hearts to you in prayer, and in loving faith we boldly pray these things in the name, and for the sake, of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

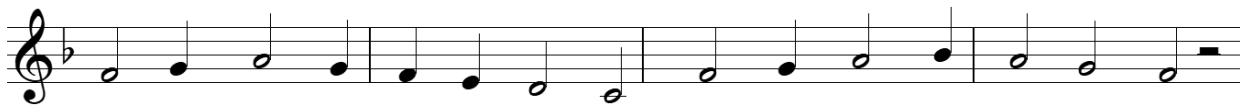
**People: And also with you.**



## Offertory Hymn: #326 (Gather) “Comfort, Comfort O My People”



1. Com-fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now says our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
3. O make straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing 'neath their sor-row's load.  
Bid-ding all to full re - pent-ance Since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the  
O that warn-ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad; And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, And that war-fare now is o - ver.  
rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.  
see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

TEXT: Isaiah 40.1-8; *Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben*;  
Johann Olearius (1611-1684); tr. by Catherine Winkworth  
(1827-1878), alt.  
MUSIC: GENEVA; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. adapt.  
from Claude Goudimel (1505-1572).

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* 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

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest:* 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 this 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

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-



san-na in the high - est!

*Priest:* 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,

*All:* **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Priest:* 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 children;  
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.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Giving and Receiving of Communion**

*Priest:* Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

*You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,

that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## **The Communion**

*Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion*

# Communion Hymn: #686 (Gather) "Here I Am, Lord"

## Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will



go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schute (1947-). Tune: Dan Schute (1947-); arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock © 1981, Daniel L. Schute and New Dawn Music.

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Priest:* 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**

*Priest:* 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.**

## **Announcements**

## Departing Hymn: #318 (Gather) "People, Look East"



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the  
there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in  
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen He for  
brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as  
earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley humm - ing With the



hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the  
course the flow'r may flour-ish. Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the  
fledg - ing time has cho-sen. Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the  
sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the  
word, the Lord is com-ing. Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the



Guest is on the way.  
Rose is on the way.  
Bird is on the way.  
Star is on the way.  
Lord is on the way.

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## Dismissal

*Priest:* Go forth in hope to serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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# CELEBRATE ADVENT

## ***Sunday, November 28, 7:00 PM – Advent Carol Service***

Candlelight, carols, motets and readings explore the themes of Advent

## ***Sunday, December 5, 7:00 PM – Advent Vespers***

A magnificent experience of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and culminating in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation.

## ***Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 PM – Christmas in the City***

Church of the Redeemer's annual "Christmas in the City" event to support The Common Table

## ***Sunday, December 12, 7:00 PM – Advent Vespers***

A magnificent experience of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and culminating in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation.

## ***Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 PM – Blue Christmas***

A service for those who live with sadness at this time of year

## ***Sunday, December 19, 7:00 PM – Advent Vespers***

A magnificent experience of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and culminating in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation.

# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

## ***Friday, December 24, 5:00 PM – Family Service***

Available exclusively on Zoom, a Christmas Eve service with families in mind.

## ***Friday, December 24, 7:30 PM – Rockin' Christmas Eve***

Traditional Carols and the Rock Eucharist Band

## ***Friday, December 24, 10.30 PM***

Carols, Procession & Solemn Sung Eucharist

## ***Saturday, December 25, 10.30 AM***

Christmas Day morning procession and eucharist

## ***Sunday, December 26 – First Sunday After Christmas***

Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom

## ***Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord***

Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom

# Ministry Updates

## Staying Connected at 2 PM

After the service, beginning at 2:00 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in this week's eNews.

## Compline at 8 PM

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in this week's eNews.

## Advent Carol Service

Please join us in person or on Zoom for our Advent Carol Service tonight! If you have not yet, please register by [clicking here](#) if you plan on attending in the church. The Zoom link is available in Friday's edition of eNews.

## Daily Prayer

Each **Wednesday morning**, a simple printed order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time at some point in the day to read scripture, spend time with a reflection, and offer prayers. The link to the order of service is in eNews. The order of service for December 1 will be posted on Wednesday morning on the [website](#).

## Marginalia: The Four Last Things

Many modern Christians know Advent's four weeks of ascent toward Christmas: hope, love, joy, and peace...and then Jesus! But one older tradition takes a lower, darker path to Christmas over Advent's four weeks: death, judgment, heaven and hell. This December, as the pandemic tarries, Redeemer's Marginalia will explore Advent's "four last things" using Scripture, literature, art and music, led by our Scholar-in-Residence, Nate Wall, and a few special guests. We'll make our way to the beginning by facing into the end. Join us over [Zoom](#) on Monday nights (Dec 6, 13, 20) at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

## **Christmas in the City**

All are invited to this online musical event to benefit the Common Table at Church of the Redeemer on **Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. We have a great lineup for this lovely online event, featuring incredibly gifted Church of the Redeemer community members and a few special guests. Tickets are available depending on how much you wish to contribute – all tickets provide equal access to the event. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. Or on the website.

## **Mid-day Prayer**

Join members of our community mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is here.

## **Tuesday Meditation Group**

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin is meeting in the chancel again on Tuesdays for a half an hour, starting at **12:15 PM**. All are welcome to join for a peaceful mid-week reflection. Registration/contract tracing will be completed at the door. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian.

## **Becoming a Pilgrim**

The results of the on-line questionnaire about pilgrimage indicate that there is considerable interest both in undertaking a pilgrimage to Spain and local ones close to home. Therefore, the Committee is proposing a parish Camino to Santiago in mid-September of 2022, with two possible starting points. The first begins in the village of O'Cebreiro and would mean a pilgrimage of about nine days; the second in the city of Sarria and would take approximately six to seven. As well we will plan a series of local pilgrimages in and around the GTA, beginning in Eastertide of next year and continuing into the autumn.

Any one interested in the Camino pilgrimage in Spain is invited to a Zoom planning meeting on Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Susan Haig or Henry Krol. The Zoom link will be available in a future edition of eNews.

Planning for the local pilgrimages will commence in February of 2022.

## **Reading the Bible from the Margins: Stories from Below**

The biblical story is unexpectedly shaped by those at the margins: women, foreigners, the powerless. What if these stories are actually the centre of the story? What do they reveal about how we live out of this story today? This Advent course is being offered by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat with the Rt. Rev'd Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto. It will take place on Zoom from **7:00 – 9:00 PM EST on Sundays, November 21, 28, December 5 and 12**. There is no cost. For further information or to register, go to <https://www.bibleremixed.ca/>.

## **Reconciliation Mural Project**

Redeemer has committed to supporting a beautiful and eloquent mural on our lower west wall by Joseph Sagaj (Ojibway from Neskantaga). The cost will be close to \$63,000 and thanks to your generosity, we have **surpassed our donation goal!** We have received \$32,910, and an anonymous parishioner has offered to match gifts up to \$31,500. We eagerly anticipate having a preliminary design shortly. In the meantime, please go to our [website](#) for more detailed information on the process. Thank you all for your generous donations that helped us achieve this goal!

## **The Common Table**

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear.

If you would like to bring in a donation, please contact [Paul Wasswa](#), The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. Please be mindful of the items we are requesting, as we do not have storage space for items our community does not need. A list of the items we need right now is updated regularly and can be found on [The Common Table's page](#) of the website. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

## **Pastoral Care Team Checking In**

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at [tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca).

## **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

## **Future Ministry Updates**

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email [twilliams@theredeemer.ca](mailto:twilliams@theredeemer.ca) by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.