



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #329 (Gather) “Within Our Hearts Be Born”



1. O an - cient love, pro - cess - ing through the a - ges: O hid - den
2. O home-less love, that dwells a - mong the stran - ger: O low - ly
3. O gen - tle love, car - ess - ing those in sor - row: O ten - der
4. O suf - fring love, that bears our hu - man weak - ness: O bound - less



love, re - vealed in hu - man form: O prom - ised love, the dream of seers and
 love, that knows the might - y's scorn: O hun - gry love, that lay with - in a
 love, that com - forts those for - lorn: O hope - ful love, that prom - is - es to -
 love, that ris - es with the morn: O might - y love, con - cealed in in - fant



sa - ges: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be born, O liv - ing
 man - ger: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be born, O liv - ing
 mor - row: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be born, O liv - ing
 meek - ness: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be born, O liv - ing



TEXT: Michael Joncas, b. 1951.

TUNE: Bedford Abbey; Michael Joncas, b. 1951 © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

Love, with-in our hearts be borne.
 Love, with-in our hearts be borne.
 Love, with-in our hearts be borne.
 Love, with-in our hearts be borne.

The candle of Peace 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 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.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Malachi 3.1-4

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Canticle 19: "Song of Zechariah" *(George Black)*

Refrain



The dawn from on high shall break — up - on us.

Blessed be the Most High, 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. **Refrain**

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 God to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins. **Refrain**

In the tender compassion of our God
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**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Philippians 1.3-11

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #336 (Gather) "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, and the second staff contains measures 5 through 8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into four sections labeled A, B, C, and D in circles above the staff.

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and

all peo-ple will see the sal - va-tion of our God. Pre-

TEXT: Luke 3.4.6; Taizé
Community, 1984.
TUNE: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
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Publications, Inc., agent.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of

Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.1-6

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Nate Wall

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise, as you are able

Leader: Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, saying
Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

All: And grant us your salvation

Leader: That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

All: And grant us your salvation

Leader: That God may bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick
and raise up all who have fallen,

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

All: And grant us your salvation

Leader: That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

***All:* And grant us your salvation**

Leader: That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

***All:* And grant us your salvation**

Leader: We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of maker and redeemer:

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

Leader: Show us your mercy,

***All:* And grant us your salvation**

The Peace

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

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

Offertory Hymn: #106 (Common Praise) "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-
2. O Zi-on, give voice to good tid-ings, as - cend to the heights and
3. But your word, O God, is faith-ful, your arm, O Lord, is
4. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-



trod: pre - pare in the des - ert a high-way, a high-way for our
sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late peo - ple the com - ing of their
strong; you stand in the midst of na - tions, and you will right the
trod: pre - pare in the des - ert a high-way, a high-way for our



God! the val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought
King. The works of pride all per - ish, like flowers they shall de-
wrong. You will feed your flock like a shep-herd, and fold the lambs to your
God! the val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought



low; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es where the
cay; the power and pomp of na - tions shall
breast; in pas - tures of peace you'll lead them, and
low; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es where the



Lord our God may go!
pass like a dream a - way.
give to the wea - ry rest.
Lord our God may go!

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God our strength, we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses and Miriam
you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.



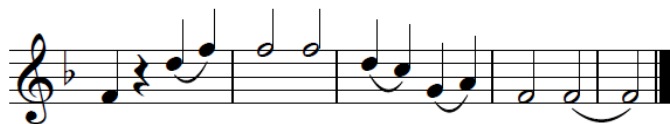
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the



Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,



ho - san-na in the high-est.

Priest: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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,

Priest: “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.”

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is 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:

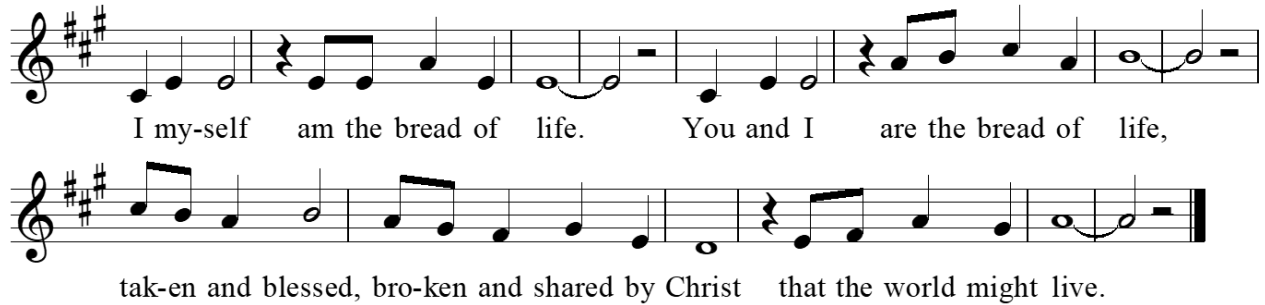
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

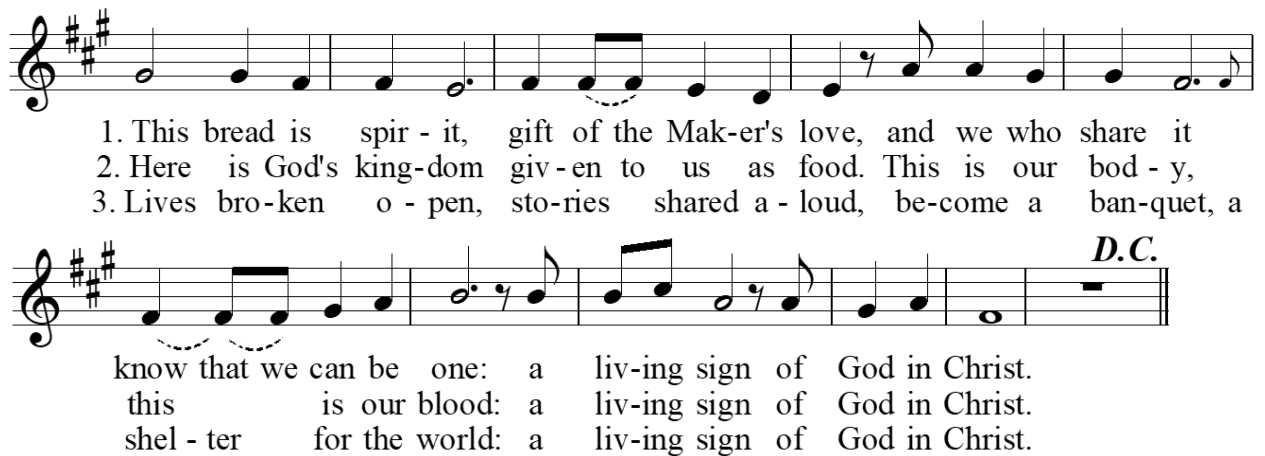
Communion Hymn: #824 (Gather) "I Myself Am the Bread of Life"

Refrain



I my-self am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life,
tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

Verses



1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it
2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y,
3. Lives bro-ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a
know that we can be one: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
shel - ter for the world: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.

TEXT: Rory Cooney (1952-). TUNE: Rory Cooney (1952-) © 1987, North American Liturgy Resources

Prayer After Communion

Priest: 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.**

The Doxology

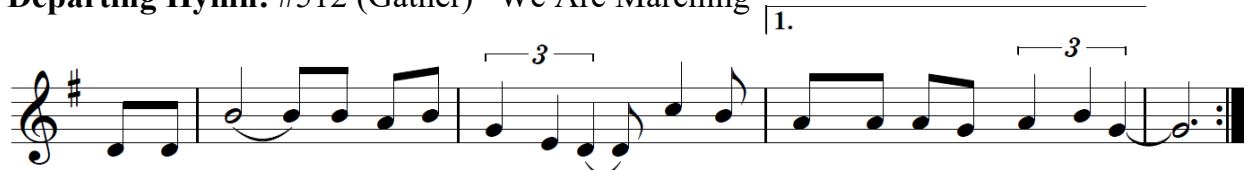
Priest: Glory to God,

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

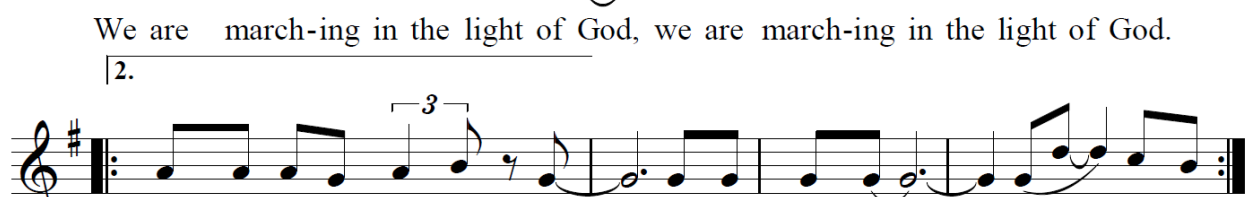
Departing Hymn: #512 (Gather) “We Are Marching”

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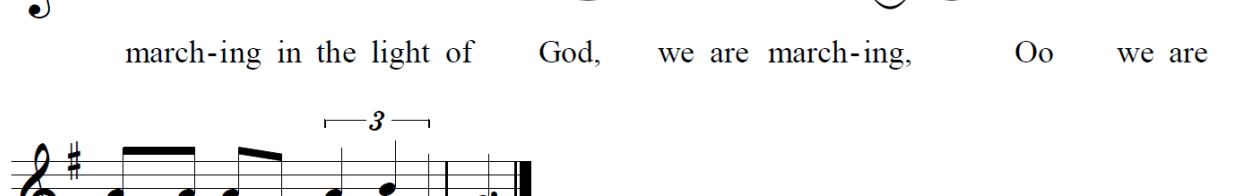


We are march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.

2.



march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing, Oo we are



march-ing in the light of God.

Text: South African. Tune: South African © 1984, Utryck, Walton Music Corporation, agent.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth in peace to serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

[Online Donation](#)

CELEBRATE 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

Advent Vespers at 7 PM

Join us for a combination of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation. The service will not be available on Zoom, but please join us in the church; links to register are available in this week's eNews and on the [website](#).

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.

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.

Blue Christmas

For those who have lost loved ones near the Christmas season, this time can be difficult as remembrances of close friends and family no longer with us. This special service will take place on **Tuesday, December 14** at **7:00 PM** in the church and on Zoom. Links to registration and Zoom are available in eNews.

Welcome Teams for Advent and Christmas

Throughout the Season of Advent, and for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Sundays of Christmastide, help in welcoming all who attend the services is needed. For the 9:30AM, 11:15AM, and 7PM Sunday services members of the community are invited to assist by:

- Greeting on the front steps
- Checking attendees in at the registration desk
- Guiding folks to a seat

If you can't offer your time on Sunday morning or evening, but you plan to attend on Christmas Eve at 7:30Pm or 10:30 PM or Christmas Day at 10:30AM, could you help with greeting or seating for one of those services?

To lend a hand, please **contact Ann Cope** with your availability and we'll get the rota set up and provide any training needed. However, many services you can help with – one or more – your welcoming presence is very much appreciated!

Please note: you will need to comply with all health and safety protocols including wearing a mask at all times and show proof of vaccination to be part of this vital ministry of welcome.

Decorating for Christmas

Do you remember how beautiful our church looks for the Christmas services? It takes a small but mighty team to make that happen. If you have time on **Tuesday, December 21** during the day to help put ornaments on the trees and get other things into place, the decorating team would love a few more volunteers. **Contact Ann Cope** to find out more and to volunteer. We will be maintaining all the protocols that keep us healthy – working together but safely apart!

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.

Anyone 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.

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.

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 by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.