



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 11:15 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song: “Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme” (BWV 140)

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy,
she awakes and gets up in haste.
Her friend comes from heaven in his splendour,
strong in mercy, mighty in truth.
Her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, you worthy crown,
Lord Jesus, God's son!
Hosanna!
We all follow to the hall of joy
and share in the Lord's supper.*

The candle of Joy 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 Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has
turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear
disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let
your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives
victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult
over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that
you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I
will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and

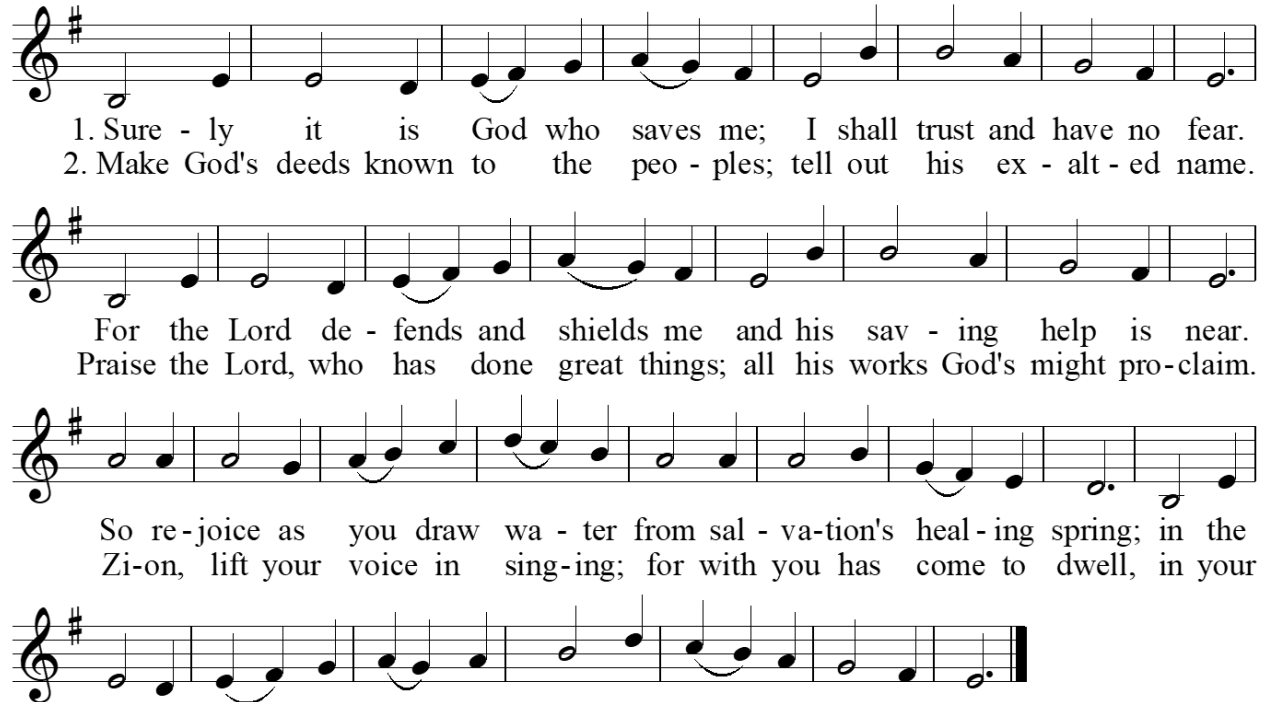
renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: #361 (Common Praise) “Song of Thanksgiving”



1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2. Make God's deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro-claim.

So re-joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va-tion's heal-ing spring; in the
Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your

day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer-cies sing.
ve-ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Song of Thanksgiving (Isaiah 12.2-6); par. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). Para. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: ECCE, DEUS, Alfred V. Fedak (1953-). © 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Second Reading

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Philippians 4.4-7

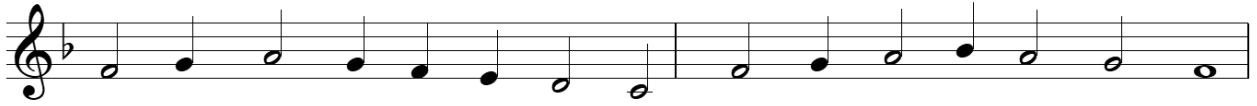
People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #100 (Common Praise) “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”



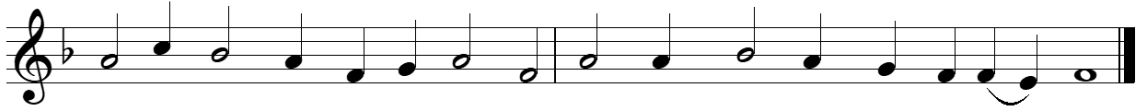
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple; speak ye peace: thus says your God.
2. Hark! The her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; make the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load;
call - ing us to new re - pen - tance since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble as be - fits Mes - si - ah's reign.



speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them:
Oh, the warn - ing call o - bey! Now pre - pare for Christ a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad,



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's Word is ne - ver bro - ken.

TEXT: Isaiah 40.1-5; para. Johannes G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
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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.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them,

“Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.7-18

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Susan Haig

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. Saying:

Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May the power of God’s holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation.

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

For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever.

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

For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment.

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

Leader: For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people.

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

For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need especially those who have fled war, famine and violence to find refuge and hope.

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

For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth.

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

For this let us pray to the Lord saying: Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray in the name of the one who came,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

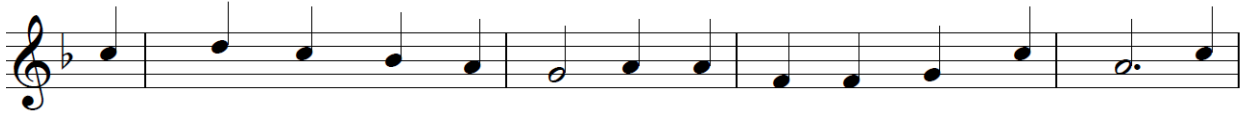
All: Amen.

The Peace

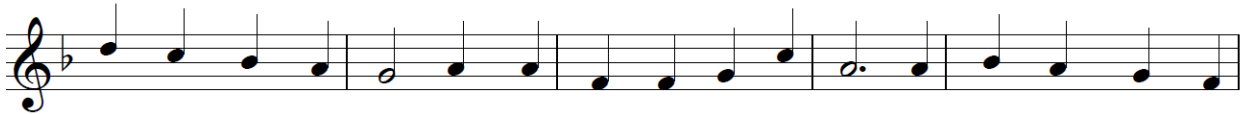
Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #101 (Common Praise) “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail,
2. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, and
3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; all
4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest, from



in the time ap-point-ed, his reign on earth be-gun! He comes to break op-
love, joy, hope, like flow-ers, spring in his path to birth. Be - fore him on the
na-tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo-ple sing. To him shall prayer un-
age to age more glo-rious, all-bless-ing and all-blest. The tide of time shall



- pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free, to take a - way trans-gres-sion, and
- moun-tains shall peace the her-ald go, and right-eous-ness in foun-tains from
- ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend, his king - dom still in - creas-ing, a
- nev - er his cov - e - nant re-move. His name shall stand for - ev - er: that



TEXT: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. MUSIC: Melody Johann
Cruger (1598-1662); adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

rule in eq - ui - ty.
hill to val - ley flow.
king-dom with-out end.
name to us is Love.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.



Glo - ry to you for-ev - er and ev - er!

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus: #726 (Common Praise)

Cantor All

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of power and 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.

MUSIC: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people,

All:

Glo - ry to you for-ev - er and ev - er!

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All:



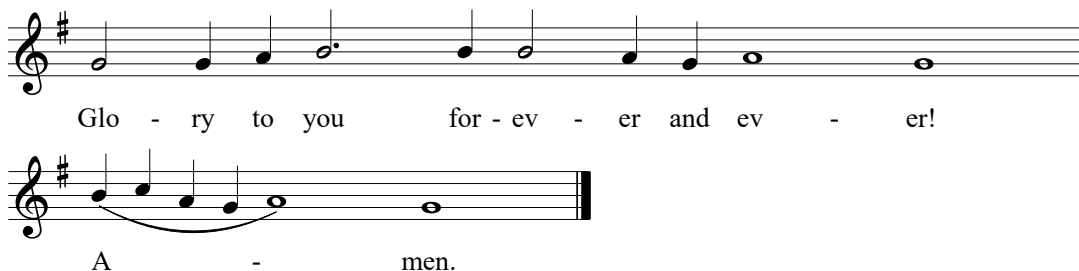
Priest: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All:



Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All:



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: #105 (Common Praise) “Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness”



1. Where Jor-dan cuts the wil-der-ness, a burn-ing voice now warns: "You
2. There comes a day of har-vest-ing the fruit of faith and love: the
3. The her-i-tage of A-bra-ham means less than des-ert stones un-
4. Ex-ploit-ers of the poor and weak with rage and theft be done. Pre-
5. With wa-ter I bap-tize you now in read-i-ness for one whose



brood of snakes, you hy-po-crites, pre-pare! Mes-si-ah comes.
use-less culled, the e-vil purged. Pre-pare! Mes-si-ah comes.
less we share our need and wealth. Pre-pare! Mes-si-ah comes.
pare the way of ho-li-ness, pre-pare! Mes-si-ah comes.
Spir-it bathes, whose fire re-fines, pre-pare! Mes-si-ah comes."

TEXT: Brian Ruttan (1947-) ©. MUSIC: MORNING SONG. Melody *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Motet: “Unser lieben Frauen Traum” (*Max Reger*)

Und unser lieben Frauen,
der traumet ihr ein Traum
wie unter ihrem Herzen
gewachsen wär ein Baum.

Und wie der Baum ein Schatten gäb
wohl über alle Land:
Herr Jesus Christ der Heiland,
also ist er genannt.

Herr Jesus Christ der Heiland
ist unser Heil und Trost,
mit seiner bitteren Marter
hat er uns all erlöst.

~Anon.

*Our Lady lay a-sleeping
And dreamed a dream, as e'er 'tis said:
That there beneath her heart lay
A tree that grew with branches outspread.*

*And lo, the tree its shadow gave
To shelter ev'ry, ev'ry land:
Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour,
That tree is he, and aye shall stand.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, our saving health,
Hears us when we call:
By his most bitter Passion
He hath redeemed us all.*

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Merciful God,
may this eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Doxology

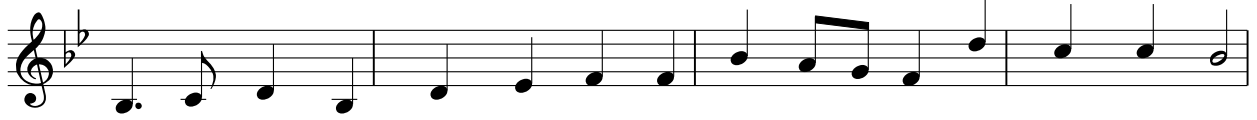
Priest: Glory to God,
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Departing Hymn: #111 (Common Praise) “Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement”



1. Her-ald! Sound the note of judge-ment, warn - ing note of right and wrong,
2. Her-ald! Sound the note of glad - ness! Tell the news that Christ is here;
3. Her-ald! Sound the note of par - don! Those re - pent - ing are for - given;
4. Her-ald! Sound the note of tri - umph! Christ has come to share our life,



turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness, till once more we sing the song.
make a path - way through the des - ert for the one who brings God near.
God re - stores the way - ward chil - dren, and to all new life is given.
bring - ing God's own love and pow - er, grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage! Christ the Sav-iour King has come!
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Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage! Christ the Sav-iour King has come!

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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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CELEBRATE ADVENT

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.

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.

Bell Ringing

Do you worship at the 11:15 AM service? Have you rung the bell before and want to do it again? Would you like to learn to ring the bell? No rota. No schedule. Contact Charles Klassen.

Creation Matters Meeting

Creation Matters, Redeemer's ecospirituality group, gathers each month for prayer, discussion and support. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 15, from 2-4pm, via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please contact Grant Jahnke at creationmatters@theredeemer.ca.

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.

