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## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**December 19, 2021**

*I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1:38*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)**

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Garber-Conrad
Lay Reader:	Alison Hurlburt
Reader:	Sarah Dickson
Crucifier:	Ken Singleton
Guest Flutist:	Marg Daly

The flowers on the altar are offered in loving memory of Norm Simons from Doris, Janet, David, Phil and Carol from Doris Bury

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude: Saviour of the Nations, Come  
(Christ Church Ringers and Jessica Heine soloist)

Opening Hymn: #91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled;  
even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Solo: Kyrie eleison; **All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

Solo: Christe eleison; **All: Christe eleison, Christe eleison.**

Solo: Kyrie eleison; **All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

Old Testament Reading: (Micah 5:2-5a)

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm - Magnificat (Derek Holman) (Choir)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud  
in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Gradual Hymn #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them that trust your  
mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Luke 1:39-45)

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill  
country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When  
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth  
was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you  
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this  
happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I  
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And  
blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken  
to her by the Lord."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Hymn #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Sermon

The Reverend Martin Garber-Conrad

The Apostle's Creed

**All:** 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

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*We offer the peace of Christ collectively, rather than individually.  
Please feel free to smile at your neighbour, but refrain from shaking hands.*

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn: #117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

Prayer over the Gifts

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Gracious God,

**All: by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son,  
make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. .... By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Response: #735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy,  
holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; ..... All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Music during Communion:

#701 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy of us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the word: grant us peace.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (flute)

Magnificat (Taize)

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea!

Magnificat (Iona)

Magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Magnificat, magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Joyful, Joyful (flute duet)

Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Faithful God,

**All: in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #362 Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name -- the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Saviour of the Nations, Come (arr. F. Frahn),  
with guest flautist, Marg Daly

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Toronto: the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishops. Good Shepherd, Edmonton: Jordan Haynie Ware (s. Derek), Rector; Tom Dean (s. Linda), Honorary Assistant; Michelle Yee, Administrative Assistant. Buyé Hospital Chaplaincy: Daniel Bizimana, Chaplain. Alexander First Nation.

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*Readings for Next Sunday*

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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## **Worship Service Schedule**

Lessons and Carols: December 19 at 4:00 pm (in person and livestream)

Longest Night of the Year: A Service of Light and Hope  
December 21 at 7:00 pm (in person and livestream)

December 24 Christmas Eve Services:  
4:00 pm Children's Service (in person only)  
6:00 pm Children's Service (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (in person and livestream)  
9:30 pm Christmas Eve Service (in person only)

December 25 Christmas Day BAS Service at 10:00 am (in person only)

December 26 First Sunday After Christmas 10:00 am  
(in person and livestream)

January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 am (in person and livestream)