

ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH NANAIMO
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM
November 29, 2020



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – 10:30 LIVESTREAM

*This liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Presider/Preacher: The Ven. Clara Plamondon

Organist: Freeman Dryden

OPENING HYMN: CP #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies, Tune: RATISBON — 15c.
German, Text: Charles Wesley, 1740

WELCOME:

Gathering

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

And also with you.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING WEEK ONE:

Wherever we are,
we gather around wreaths
to pray our lost hopes,
broken peace, limited joys,
and love so hard to find and share,
in this season of coronavirus.

We affirm that our candles mean
we claim the power to call this season Advent
when God's light comes into the world
and nothing can overcome it.

**We light the candle of hope
in the face of pandemics, weariness, and the inability to gather in person.**

God's hope shines on hopelessness,
and brightens the path toward peace.

**Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come, lighting hope
on the wick of our lives so that we may shine on our world. Amen**

(Based on *Maren Tirabassi, Gifts in Open Hands*) (Source:
<http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=7304>, Accessed Nov 19 2020)

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**God of peace, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light; so that on the last day, when your Son Jesus
shall come again to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to eternal life;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen.**

FWM Proposed Collects (2004)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that
are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength
and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall
be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of
your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of
tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON:

The Ven. Clara Plamondon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

For the church: that we may be awake to life each day, roused from sleep-walking through life, and freed from avoidance of issues. Come Lord Jesus,

We watch and pray.

For patience during this Advent season: that we may discover God's word in every sound that touches our ears, God's touch in every human encounter, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us. Come Lord Jesus,

We watch and pray.

For greater attentiveness: that our minds and hearts may be focussed upon the tasks we do, the people we love, and the God whom we serve today. Come Lord Jesus,

We watch and pray.

For all who are ill: that God will heal the sick, give strength to those who care for them, and guide all who are working on vaccines. Come Lord Jesus,
We watch and pray.

For greater awareness: that the Spirit will guide us to reflection and recognition of all the thoughts, feelings, hopes, and dreams that are planted deep within our hearts. Come Lord Jesus,
We watch and pray.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

HEAR O ISRAEL

L.A.: **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

BLESSING:

DISMISSAL:

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: HB-011 O Splendour of God's Glory Bright, Tune: PUER NOBIS
NASCITUR — Michael Prætorius, 1590, Text: St.Ambrose of Milan c.374 tr.Robert
Bridges, 1899