



**Advent 2**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Morning Prayer**

# St Clement's Anglican Church

*We welcome everyone worshipping with us online today!*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*Officiant*

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the unceded and ancestral territories of the Tsleil-Waututh – *People of the Inlet*, the Musqueam – *People of the River Grass*, and the Squamish – *Mother of the Wind*. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

*People*

**May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Following the ringing of the bell, a moment of silence is kept*

## Introductory Responses

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

*People* **and your glory all day long.**

*Officiant* Reveal among us the light of your presence:

*People* **That we may behold your power and glory.**

*Officiant* Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

*People* **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*People* **Blessed are you, Gracious God,  
to your praise and glory for ever.**

**In your tender compassion**

**the dawn from on high is breaking upon us**

**to dispel the lingering of shadows of night.**

**As we look for your coming among us this day,**

**open our eyes to behold your presence**

**and strengthen our hands to do your will,**

**that the world may rejoice and give you praise.**

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

*People* **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Hymn** **There's a voice in the wilderness**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;

make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

But your word, O God is faithful, your arm, O Lord is strong:

you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.

You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;

in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

*Text: Isaiah 40 : 3 – 11; para. James Lewis Milligan (1876 – 1961), alt. / Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904 – 1988)  
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## The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (40 : 1 – 11)

Sara Hanney

*At the end of the reading, the reader says*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

### Psalm 85 : 1 – 2, 8 – 13

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 **You have forgiven all the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,  
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

9 **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 **Righteousness shall go before you,  
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Gradual Hymn Prepare the way of the Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

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## The Gospel Reading

*All stand for the Gospel*

**Deacon** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1 : 1 – 8)

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

*At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon says*

**Deacon** The Gospel of Christ

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

## Homily:

The Rev. André Stephany

**Anthem** Wait for the Lord

*Refrain* Wait for the Lord, whose day is near!  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.

Prepare the way for the Lord.  
Make a straight path for God. *Refrain*

The glory of the Lord  
shall be revealed. *Refrain*

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## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** I believe in God,  
the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 Community

### Confession and Absolution

*Reader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*Silent reflection*

*Officiant* 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.

*Officiant* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

*Officiant* Let us pray

*Silence*

*Presider* Almighty God,

**All** who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people  
to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards  
of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when  
the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with  
confidence before his glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, and in the language  
closest to your heart, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 Peace *All stand, and the Presider addresses the people*

*Officiant* The Peace of God be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn **Come, Thou long-expected Jesus**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

By thine own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788) / Music: Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal (1793 – 1870), alt.*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday**

Isaiah 61 : 1 – 4, 8 – 11 / Psalm 126 / John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 – 28

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral concerns may be referred to our priest, the Rev. André Stephany at [andre@stclementschurch.ca](mailto:andre@stclementschurch.ca)

Please let the clergy know if you or a family member is in hospital.

## This week

<b>Sunday (after the service)</b>		Zoom Coffee Hour Meeting ID: 833 6143 2812 Passcode: 973259 (every week the same)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	Tell a Story Café: When I was a child, Advent was... Meeting ID: 821 7786 7270 Passcode: 921821
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	Bible Study on Zoom (former in-person Bible study) Meeting ID: 820 1807 6451 Passcode: 763925 (every week the same)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Noon Prayer in Advent on Zoom Meeting ID: 820 1807 6451 Passcode: 763925 (every week the same)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Contemplative Walk to and through Bethlehem Meeting ID: 894 9728 8479 Passcode: 703350
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Men's Fellowship Bible Study via Zoom

## **2021 Church Calendars**

There are 2 available – cost \$6 each. If you would like to purchase one, please call the office (604-988-4418) or e-mail [office@stclementschurch.ca](mailto:office@stclementschurch.ca).

## **Prayers** – *The following are for your prayers this week*

**In our own Diocese:** Pray for Melissa, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; for John, our Coadjutor Bishop-elect; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For Linda, our Primate; and the General Synod staff. For Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop. For The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group; and the Deanery of Kingsway.

**For the wider Church:** For the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. For Bishop Brent Alawas, the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo – its ministry and mission; and for all the Churches and clergy of North Vancouver.

**In our Parish community:** for André, our Priest; for Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Philip and Phoebe. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Ian Gunn, Leah, and Joanne. For the Youth and Children's ministries in our parish.

**In our parish cycle of prayer:** for Diana Geys; Lorna & Barry Goodwin; Joanne & David Graham; and their families.

**For healing:** Pray for Jill Allerton; Beth Bailey; Rob Bloye; Betty Downing; Marion Edwards; Fiona; Colleen and Matt Foster; Jack Griffiths; Marjorie and Michael Jeffries; Lachlan Keir; Joseph Liu; Maria; Lynda Mills; Carol Norwood; Joyce Oswald; Judy; Suzi Smith; Vanessa; Maryam Zamani; for their families & carers.

**For Outreach:** for all newcomers to Canada: for Saber (learning to be a barber) and his family; Qods (*pronounced Coo-dus*) Al-Azaizeh (adapting to on-line studies at UBC); Honada, Said and family; Bukhari; Neema Grace, (attending Laurentian University); Malis (*pronounced Ma-lees*) & his family; for Fatemeh, Nasrullah, and the successful sponsoring of Nazrin & family; For the community groups which use our building.

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