

**ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH NANAIMO**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM**  
**December 6, 2020**



*Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation*

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD – 10:30 AM 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 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People  
para. Johannes Oleavius, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth [OM], 1866 PSAUME XLII, Claude  
Goudimel, Geneva, 1551

#### **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.**

Almighty God,

**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.**

#### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING WEEK TWO:**

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 nothing can overcome it.

**We now light the candle of peace in spite of things like global and civil unrest, dangerous homes, fractured relationships.**

God's peace illuminates the possibility of reconciliation and healing, and brightens the path to joy.

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

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

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**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 Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 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 the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his 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 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

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 1:1-8

*The Ven. Clara Plamondon*

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:

Where there seems to be no way to end the conflict and violence in our time,  
we pray that you would teach us, O Christ, **to prepare the way**

Where we can see no way to provide for the needs of all people, we pray that you  
would show us, O Christ, **how to prepare the way**

Where we can find no way to work together for justice, we pray that you would change  
us, O Christ, **until we can prepare the way**

Where we are unable to believe in a way to live simply, responsibly, and mindfully,  
we pray that you would inspire us, O Christ, **to faith that prepares the way**

In a world where we are tempted to see so many of our challenges as dead-ends,  
we pray for a new vision, a new heart and a new commitment to prepare the way for  
your reign, your grace, your shalom and for the liberation, justice and peace that you  
bring. **Amen.**

(Source: <https://sacredise.com/prayers/season/advent/preparing-the-way/>)

## HEAR O ISRAEL

**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:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **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:** CP 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying  
J.Lewis Milligan, 1930 ASCENSION, H.Hugh Bancroft, 1938