



Advent 3
December 13th 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 you be 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 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,

once for favoured sinners slain:

thousand, thousand saints attending

swell the triumph of his train:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;

Saviour, take the power and glory;

claim the kingdom for thine own:

O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!

Hallelujah! Come Lord come!

Text: John Cennick (1718 – 1755), Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788), Martin Madan (1726 – 1790), alt.

Music: attrib. Thomas Olivers (1725 – 1799) and Martin Madan (1726 – 1790)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (61 : 1 – 4, 8 – 11)

David Smith

At the end of the reading, the reader says

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said a-mong the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

3 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

4 **Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

5 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

6 **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**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 When the King shall come again

When the King shall come again, all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated,
this is God’s redemption day longingly awaited.

There God's highway shall be seen where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean, walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned, share in his rejoicing!

Text: Christopher Idle (1938 -). ©1982 Hope Publishing Co. / Music: Piae Cantiones, 1582.

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 John (1 : 6 – 8, 19 – 28)

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 **Lo, hos 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.

Hsaiah '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.

Text: German (15th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker (1851 – 1934)

Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571 – 1621).

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

David Smith

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 God of power and mercy,

All you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives 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 **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.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Music: French trad.; harm. Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958), alt. Harm. ©Oxford University Press.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for next Sunday

2 Samuel 7 : 1 – 11, 16 / Luke 1 : 46b – 55 / Luke 1 : 26 – 38

Pastoral Care

Pastoral concerns may be referred to our priest, the Rev. André Stephany at

andre@stclementschurch.ca

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

This week

- Sunday (after the service)** Zoom Coffee Hour
Meeting ID: 833 6143 2812
Passcode: 973259 (every time the same)
- Wednesday 11.15am** Bible Study on Zoom (former in-person Bible study)
Meeting ID: 820 1807 6451
Passcode: 763925 (every week the same)
- Wednesday 12 noon** Noon Prayer in Advent on Zoom
Meeting ID: 820 1807 6451
Passcode: 763925 (every week the same)
- Wednesday 7.30pm** Bible Study via Zoom
- Friday 8.00am** Men's Fellowship Bible Study via Zoom

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 Deanery of Royal City/Burnaby South; and the Deanery of Point Grey.

For the wider Church: For the Church in the Falkland Islands. 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: Paul, Deborah, Delayne, and Lorna. For the Youth and Children’s ministries in our parish.

In our parish cycle of prayer: for Gordon and Lynne Graham; Fran Greenhalgh; Jack Griffiths; 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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