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Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Family Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun!

St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Ministering today at our 10:00 am service:

<i>Celebrant & Preacher:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Tracey MacLennan</i>
<i>Children's Time:</i>	<i>Kate Deans</i>

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open,
 all desires are 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.**

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle *This week, we will sing verses 1,2 & 3 of the hymn.*

Hymn - Hope is a Star

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

Refrain:

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.**

Refrain

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.**

Refrain

Waiting in Joy

Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace.

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

All O God, come, travel with us through Advent. Give us the courage to spread joy in the world. Amen.

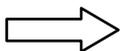
Children's Time

The Proclamation of the Word
The First Reading:

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
 because the Lord has anointed me;
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
 to bind up the broken-hearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
 to comfort all who mourn;
 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
 They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
 they shall raise up the former devastations;
 they shall repair the ruined cities,
 the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.



For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55)
The Song of Mary

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in
 God my Saviour; *
 for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.**

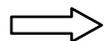
**He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 the promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.**



**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.

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

The Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the
Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold
fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit
and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Reverend Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

Creed

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,
**I believe in God,
 Creator of the universe,
 dwelling within time and space and eternity.
 I believe in Jesus Christ
 who came to live among us
 and let us see what God is like.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 sent from God through Jesus
 to be our guide and comforter.
 Therefore, I believe in love, in hope,
 compassion, joy, and faith,
 and forgiveness, and eternal life.**

Frances Somerville

Prayers of the People

The Church: Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Linda Nicholls our Primate, Mark MacDonald the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada and Patrick our Priest. Bishop Brent Alawas, and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. The Deanery of Royal City/South Burnaby – The Reverend Gordon Barrett, Regional Dean; The Deanery of Point Grey – The Reverend Christine Rowe, Regional Dean.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

The World: *Advent Calendar*

Rowan Williams (The Poems of Rowan Williams, Perpetua Press 2002)

He will come like last leaf's fall.

*One night when the November wind
 has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
 wakes choking on the mould,
 the soft shroud's folding.*

He will come like frost.

*One morning when the shrinking earth
 opens on mist, to find itself
 arrested in the net
 of alien, sword-set beauty.*

*He will come like dark.
 One evening when the bursting red
 December sun draws up the sheet
 and penny-masks its eye to yield
 the star-snowed fields of sky.*

*He will come, will come,
 will come like crying in the night,
 like blood, like breaking,
 as the earth writhes to toss him free.
 He will come like child.*

Those in Need: Those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Berna, Bruce and Ann, Elsie, Wilma, Kelly, Dorothy D., Jaye E., Elle D., Allison M. Also for Andy and Raili M., Meherunissa, Doreen S., Laurie S., Ruby E., Frances B., Flo L., Barbara B., her daughter Karla and family, C.L.J.T., Sandro Y., Lesley G., Ron and Rosemary P., Pat K., Lynne S., Peri M., Maria M., Joan C., Liam, Heather M., Anne D., Avis R., Yvonne M., Joel, Leone J. and Everett.

The Dearly Departed: Those we no longer see, but who will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Elsie Flemming, Chris and Emma Flynn, Gordon and Lakhvinder Gadd, Helen Galan, Wendy Goa, Chris Gilbert and Keith Gilbert.

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant

All Most merciful God,
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.

All

Amen.

Sharing of The Peace

We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

Celebrant

May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

Doxology

The musical score for the Doxology is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The first system begins with a common time signature (C) and includes a fermata over the first measure of the treble staff. The second system concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637–1710).

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

God of hope,

All

**renew in us the joy of your salvation and make
 us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus
 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.
All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

All

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus

in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,
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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Anyone desiring a blessing should fold their arms across their chest after receiving communion, as an indication to the priest.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Merciful God,

**All may this eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Doxology

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

Dismissal

Celebrant

All

Celebrant

All

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Our worship is now over, and our service begins.

Thanks be to God.

