



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*December 6, 2020*

*John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arranged by Carol Tornquist*

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Gracious God, we honour your name. We are here today to continue our journey to the manger. As we walk in darkness help us to see the great light that guides our way. We light the second candle preparing our hearts for the warmth of your Son. Amen.

### HYMN

ELW 715 (verses 1 and 2)



## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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### BUILDING OF THE CRECHE

Each week in Advent we will add to the Creche as we prepare for the arrival of Jesus. The story, "Who is Coming to our House?" by Joseph Slate, will be read as we prepare for the arrival in the stable and in our hearts of someone special.

## WORD

ISAIAH 40 "The Journey"

God speaks to  
us in  
scripture  
reading,  
preaching,  
and song

## GOSPEL

**Mark 1: 1 - 8**

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"I Know That my Redeemer Liveth", Handel's Messiah*

# THANKSGIVING

In everything  
Give  
Thanks.

1 Thessalonians  
5:18

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

**SHARING of the PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

# SENDING

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

God blesses  
us and sends  
us in mission  
to the world.



## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Minister
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Victoria Myers	Reader
Lauren Voorpostel	Hymn of the Day
Lauren Voorpostel	Prayers of the People
Dan Phannenhour	The Lord's Prayer
The Clabby children	Goodnight Prayers

#### In our Prayers

The Savage and Binhammer families, Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.

#### Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

#### December Services

- **Sunday, December 20:** Pageant and Music Sunday (virtual)
- **Monday, December 21 @ 7:30pm:** Candlelit service, "Light in the Darkness". Join our live stream service on the longest night of the year.
- **Christmas Eve @ 5pm:** Candlelit Service of Carols will be live streamed. The recorded service will then be made available to worship any time.
- **Christmas Day:** a Christmas meditation (virtual)