



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip’s Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another,

we confess our sin before you.

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favour upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
✝ your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW 244 vs. 1, 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO ADVENT

Lighting of the Advent candle

Song “Light the Advent Candle”, vs. 1

Mary Lu Walker

A Meditation on Hope

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Bible Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To ¹ you, O LORD,

I lift ¹ up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.**

³Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all ¹ the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹ sion and love,
for they are from ¹ everlasting. R**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your good- ¹ ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- ¹ ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness to
those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25 - 36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ELW 408 vs. 1, 3, 4

CREED

P: Together we affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

In everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake

of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Fling Wide the Door"

ELW 259 vs. 1, 4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
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Sarah Glinski	Advent Meditation
Herb Feller	Reader
Sarah Glinski	Prayers
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

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PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Our ministries need your support. Place your offering on the plate when you enter or leave today. Or find details for other options at stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

COMMUNION

Keep 6 feet apart with your mask on. Receive the bread then help yourself to an individual cup of wine. Remove your mask and have the wine and bread. Put the empty cup in the containers provided. Replace your mask.

SAFELY SINGING

Singing is good for our souls – and for spreading germs, unfortunately. Please ensure that your mask is securely on and join in the singing again.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday*	Zumba Gold @ 1 pm Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday	Cover Girls @ 10 am Vocal Choir @ 7:30 pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

* Please note Margaret Isaacs, Office Administrator, will be out of the office on **Monday, November 29th** as she is in the USA celebrating Thanksgiving with her daughter.

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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