

St. Paul's Cathedral

Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada, Kamloops, BC

Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive

Sunday December 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, a place where all are welcome to join us in worship and fellowship. We love and respect all of God's people. For the safety of all, we ask if you are joining us for worship and are 12 or over, please have both COVID-19 vaccinations. If you have had both vaccines and are joining us for in-person services, please wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you choose not to be vaccinated, please join our online service, live-streamed each week on our Facebook Page. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Rev Len, Interim Priest

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running."

- Jan Richardson.

Prelude: Coventry Carol - arr. by Martin - (c) 1997, Shawnee Press Bethlehem
Medley - arr. by Brantley - 2000 ,Lorenz

WORDS OF WELCOME

Melissa

Opening Hymn: #106 CP There's a voice in the Wilderness Danielle

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valley shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places
Where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
Ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
The coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
Like flowers they shall decay;
The power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God is faithful,
Your arm, O Lord, is strong;
You stand in the midst of nations,
And you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
And fold the lambs to your breast;

In pastures of peace you'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.

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A call from the ways untrod:
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A highway for our God!
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The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places
Where the Lord our God may go! by Bancroft and Phillips – © 2001, Selah Pub.Co.

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Where the Promise Shines

ADVENT 2

PEACE

Melissa

The children gather around the advent wreath in Cathedral sanctuary:

Leader:

Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;

Guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;

When the night is waiting and the old hopes rise,

Then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.

All:

Lead us on, lead us on

To a morning where the promise shines.

Lead us on, lead us on

To a morning where the promise shines.

Responsive Litany for Advent 2: The Promise of Peace

One: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One: Where there is division, we long for unity.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One: Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Candle Lighting:

Today we light two candles. The first candle represents the everlasting hope that has touched our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. In a world of division, brokenness and uncertainty, the second candle summons our hearts to the One called Prince of Peace. As the light shines, may we embrace and extend the peace of Christ in all that we do and say. **Amen.**

A Candle is Burning - VU 6

Danielle

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angel's sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
2. A candle is burning a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease,
for Jesus is coming to show us the way,
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

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Children leave for Sunday School

COLLECT: *Let us pray*

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 your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF BARUCH

Alison

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

BARUCH 5:1-9

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to Go

Song of Zachariah: Canticle 19

- Danielle

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(based on Luke 1: 68-79)

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS Miriam

I thank my God every time I remember you, -constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, -because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. -I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. -It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. -For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight -to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, -having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God

- PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Maranatha - MV 19

Danielle

Sung twice:

Maranatha, maranatha, come Lord Jesus come.

Maranatha, maranatha, come Lord Jesus come.

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GOSPEL

Len

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

LUKE 3:1-6

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

Len

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

**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.**

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.
Amen.

Passing of the peace (social distancing rules in effect)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory: On Jordon's Bank, the Baptist's Cry - CP 103 - Danielle

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for
God within. Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty
guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward:
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once
more.

All praise eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forever more.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Blessing of the Food Donations:
Blessed are you compassionate God.
You hear the cry of those in need

and are present with them, providing for them.
May those who receive the food offered here this morning
be strengthened by the love and hope
with which it has been given, in Christ Jesus. Amen

Prayer over the gifts:

Len

God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 (S2)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the
last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying (singing):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the
wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.

When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke
the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body
which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.
Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Danielle

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.

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Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

(the gifts are elevated): We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you.

*Communion is shared at this point as possible according to local COVID-19 protocols
During communion there will be prayer ministers at the back of the church. Please feel free to go and have a quiet moment of prayer with them.*

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.

Help us always to hear the prophet's call

to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Doxology:
Glory to God,
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.

Advent response: May the God of Peace - MV 224
Sung twice:

Danielle

May the God of Peace and of all good,
May the God of Peace and of all good
be always with you, Amen!

May God's Peace be with you, Amen!

- traditional Benin song from Africa arr -© 2007, United Church of Canada

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa

CLOSING HYMN: Worship the Lord, SFGP 116 -

Danielle

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
In devotion to God who is one!*

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
And with our lips our togetherness voicing,
Giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
Worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
In devotion to God who is one!*

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
And by our handiwork daily confessing,
We are committed to serving humanity,
Worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
In devotion to God who is one!*

Called to be partners with God in creation,
Honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
We must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
Worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
In devotion to God who is one!*

Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
Asking that we may be led and enabled,
Truly united to build new communities,
Worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
In devotion to God who is one!*

Now in response to the life you are giving,
Help us, O Father, to offer our living,
Seeking a just and a healing society,
Worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, raising our hand,
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Postlude: O Sanctissima - arr. by Hayes - © 2006, Lorenz

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We give thanks to God for the lives of Rev Canon Tom Sugden, in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given by Sandra. May he rest in peace with all the saints in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

We give thanks to God for the lives of Mom Rose, Dad Dave, and Doody in whose memory the flowers on the Chapel are given by Mary Lee Leckey and family. May they rest in peace with all the saints in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

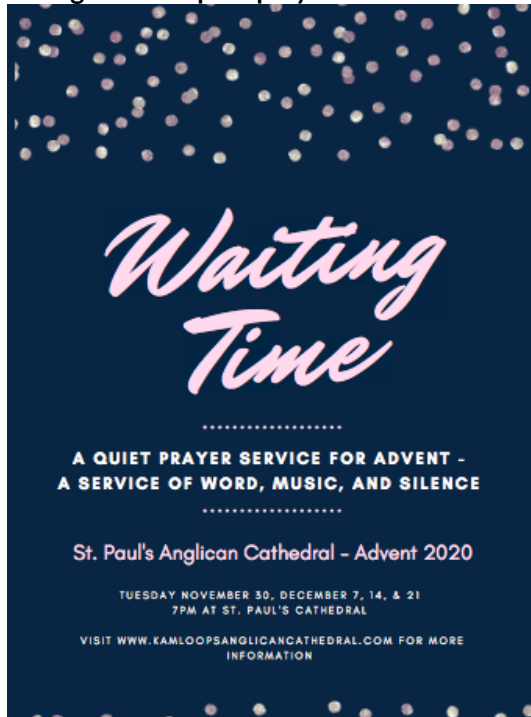
WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Worship Leader: Rev Canon Len Fraser, Melissa Green Piano: Pat Rustand
Music Director: Gail Ovington; Hymn Leaders: Danielle Goodwin; Altar Guild: Pat King, Mary Rolston, Joy Fudge; Greeter: Lynn Snook; Lock Up: Melissa Green;
Prayers of the People: Jon Buckle; Readers: Alison McKinnon, Miriam Baskin ;
Prayer Ministry:

**Upcoming:
Non Perishable Food Drive:**

An invitation from Rae: "We are thinking of our dear church family in Merritt and the First Nations in that area that have lost so much and in some cases everything.... on our first Sundays in Advent Nov 28 and Dec 5 please bring to church: Canned goods (eg. beans, fruit, spaghetti sauce, chunky soup, dry goods (pastas). cookies.....etc etc... and put them at the front of the church where they will be blessed..... I know we can donate in a monetary way.....(which many of us will do),,but I think we actually need to visualize our outpouring of love and concern."

Waiting Time: A quiet prayer service for Advent



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Join us as we hold quiet space to hear scripture, join our voices in prayer, and sit in silent reflection.

Tuesday evenings at 7pm during Advent: November 30, December 7, 14 & 21.