

Recessional Hymn CP #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Upcoming Services

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelight Holy Communion

Dec. 25th Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion

Dec. 31st Christmas 1 10am Morning Prayer with carol sing

Jan. 7th Epiphany 1 10am Holy Communion

2024 Church Calendars are now on sale for \$7.00.

Please see Phyllis Carpentier after the service to purchase yours.



**December 24, 2023
Advent 4 Lessons and Carols Service**



“To know Jesus and make Him known”

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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10:00am Lessons and Carols

Processional Hymn: CP #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful v. 1-4

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Advent Song)

Light the Advent candle, four:
Think of joy for ever more;
Christ Child in a stable born,
gift of love that Christmas morn.
*Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

Introductory responses - Advent

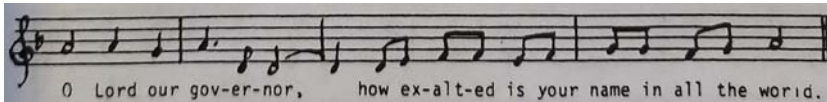
Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
All: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,
All: That your people may rejoice in you?

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord,
All: And grant us your salvation.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Psalm 8: Please join the Cantor in singing the refrain.



Refrain: O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world.

1. O Lord our governor,
How exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
Your majesty is praised above the heavens. **R**

Silence may be kept.

Collect for Advent 4

**All: Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: With joy in our hearts, let us gather our prayers in the words our Saviour taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn CP #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Lesson #7 – Romans 16:25-27 Final Doxology

Read by Anna Abraham

Carol #7 - Choir Anthem – CP #132 O Eternal Love Begotten

Advent Litany #12

Leader: (In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”)

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

2.You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, The moon and the stars you have set in their courses. **R**

3.What is man that you should be mindful of him?

The son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels;

You adorn him with glory and honour; **R**

4.You give him mastery over the works of your hands;

You put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen,

Even the wild beasts of the field, **R**

5.The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

And whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea,

O Lord our governor,

how exalted is your name in all the world. **R**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

A Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ,
In this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
let it be our duty and delight
to hear once more the message of the angels
and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem
to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God’s holy word, let us:
find new hope in the promise that God is with us;
join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer
ourselves in service to God’s holy and saving
purpose for the world;
magnify the God of mercy who breaks the power of
tyrants and exalts the humble and;
bless the name of the God of our salvation who brings
the dawn of forgiveness and salvation to those who
live in the shadow of death and despair.

The bidding continues.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh,
let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this
place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the
Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry,
and those among us who find that there is no room for
them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt,
and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those
on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the
pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious,
the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever
and ever,

let us pray for the rulers of the nations,
for peace and justice on earth,
for the unity and mission of the Church,
that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth
has already begun.

With joy in our hearts,
let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ,
and join with Mary and Joseph,
with shepherds and wise men,
and with all our forebears in faith
in offering our worship.

Silence may be kept before the first reading.

Lesson #1 – Isaiah 7:10-14 *Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel*
Read by Lorna Green

Carol #1 - CP #123 Once in Royal David's City

Lesson #2 – Micah 5:2-5a *The Ruler from Bethlehem*
Read by John Gundy

Carol #2 - CP #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (tune: Forest Green)
Lesson #3 – Luke 1:26-38 *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*
Read by Ethel Morris

Carol #3 - Choir Anthem - "Mary Did You Know?"

Lesson #4 – Luke 1:39-55 *Mary Visits Elizabeth*
Read by Suzanne McAllister

Carol #4 - The Holly and the Ivy

Refrain:
*The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

1. The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown: **Refrain**

3. The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good: **Refrain**

5. The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all: **Refrain**

Lesson #5 – Matthew 1:18-25 *The Birth of Jesus the Messiah*
Read by Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Carol #5 - CP #119 Silent Night

Lesson #6 – Hebrews 1:1-12 *God Has Spoken by His Son*
Read by Liz Gundy

Carol #6 - CP #143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory