

# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022  
10:30am Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude:** Arirang

Performed by K.J. Park

### Welcome & Announcements

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the People of God*

**Opening Hymn: #100** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PLEASE STAND

Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus says your God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load;  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them:  
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark! The herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,  
Calling us to new repentance since the reign of God is here.  
Oh, the warning call obey! Now prepare for Christ a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble as befits Messiah's reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

### Welcome & Greeting

**Presider:** Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. During the singing of 'Advent Gathering', children may proceed downstairs for children's programming.*

**Reader:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**All:** **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

**Reader:** At that time John the Baptism came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'".

We light this candle to remind us of the last of the prophets, John the Baptist, who called all people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He asked us all to search our own hearts, and rid ourselves of the dark things that keep us from God and from each other.

*The second candle is lit.*

Presider: Let us pray.

Father, you sent us John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born in them, and to prepare our world for Christ to come and restore the kingdom.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn:** Advent Gathering

Where is the peace you promised the widow? Show us your face, O promise of dawn.  
Where is the home you promised the orphan? Show us your face, O Lord Jesus, come.  
*Come, O hope of your people.*  
*Come among us and stay.*  
*Lead us in mercy up from the shadows, shine in our darkness, be here today.*

**The Prayer of the Day**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

PLEASE BE SEATED

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 85**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord - I will re -  
joyce, come to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your  
voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up a voi - ces, the Lord is near

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Choir: Show us your mercy, O Lord, \* and grant us your salvation.  
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**People: In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

Choir: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**People: In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

Choir: Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

**People: In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-13

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

PLEASE STAND

*Cantor:* *People:*

1. Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le, ha-le lu-jah!

*Cantor:*

Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

*People:*

Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! *repeat v.*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Fr. PJ

*(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

### The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

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

**All: 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.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

### The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

*Please respond to the petition, "We pray to you, O God" with the response, "Emmanuel, dwell in us."*

### Confession and Absolution

Presider: 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.

Most merciful God,

**All: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

### The Peace

PLEASE STAND

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.  
At this time, children rejoin their caregivers.)*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith*

## **Offertory Hymn: CP#89** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain.*

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain.*

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain.*

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain.*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace. *Refrain.*

## **Prayer Over the Gifts**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is labeled "Presider:" and contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is labeled "People:" and contains the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise". Each staff has a double bar line in the middle, indicating a measure rest.

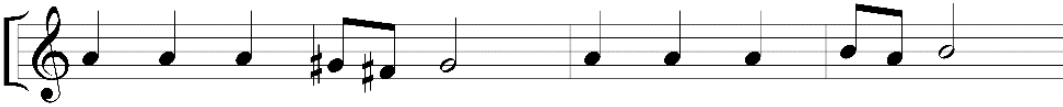
*The Presiding Celebrant will begin the Eucharistic Prayer by either singing or saying the preface to the prayer. The preface will conclude with the words "to proclaim the glory of your name."  
We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:*



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
 3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,  
 Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,  
 3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!  
 4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!  
 A - men, A - men, A - men.

*The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 3 of the Sanctus:*

**People:** (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Glory, glory, glory to you!**

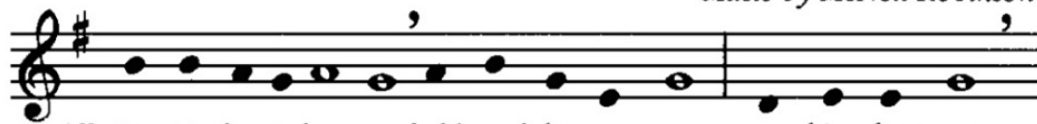
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,  
 and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

**People:** (verse 4) **Glory to you, o Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

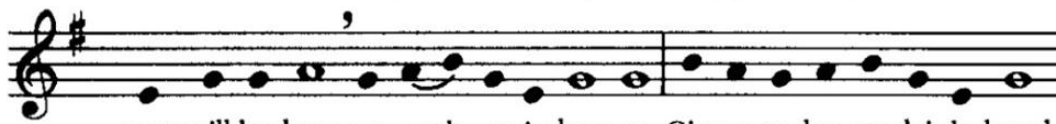
**The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

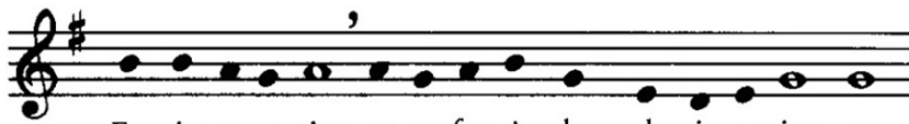
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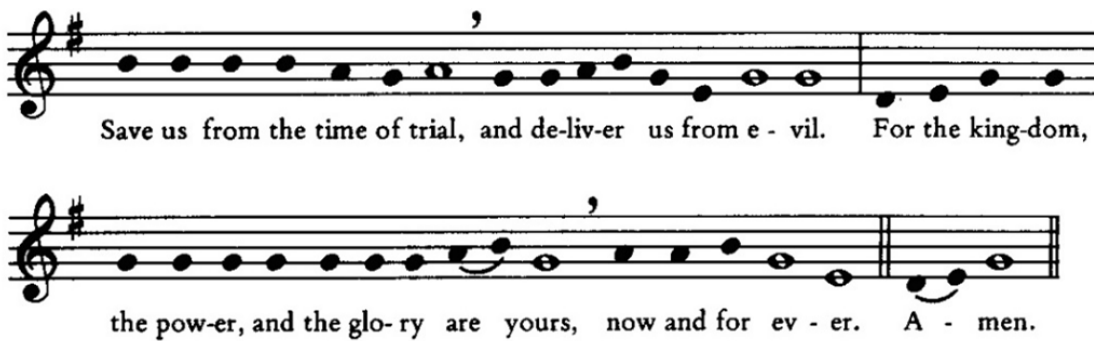
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

**Song for the Breaking of Bread**

*Sing 5 times:*



Ha-py are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb;  
Al - le - lu - - - ia! ia, A - men!

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Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest. This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included.*

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice. Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Music During Communion:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

S. Cleobury

**Prayer after Communion**

PLEASE STAND

## The Doxology

Presider: 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.**

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn: CP #101** Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,  
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-best.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

## Dismissal

**Postlude:** Jindo Arirang

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