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Worship Service

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Advent 1 and Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, November 28th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Forbearance is patience, fortitude and acceptance under trying circumstances. We tolerate hardship with good grace and faith. We quietly call on our self-restraint. We are long-suffering in situations that we cannot control. We do not allow the trials of life to steal our joy. We extend forgiveness and understanding to others, knowing that we all have flaws and frailties. We are forbearing with others, humbly mindful of the times we fall short, ready to move forward to try again. Forbearance is the mortar that keeps our relationships resilient and strong.

(The Virtues Project)

Page 2 **Praising God**

Prelude Meditation on "Silent Night" Franz Grüber
arr. L. Shackley



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Together let us begin...
our journey to Bethlehem.
Step by step...
we travel the Advent path.
Watching and waiting...
with expectant hope!

Let us get ready...
to celebrate the birth of Jesus...
our Light of the world.
Let us ready our hearts...
to receive the blessings...
of this Advent season.

Opening Prayer (together)

Ever-present God, as we begin this season of Advent, we long for Your presence with us. Give us patience and courage to look around so that we may truly recognize You in all of life's events. May we come to see and know You better as we begin our Advent journey. Amen.

Hymn (2) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(tune:333)

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Hope"
C. & D. Ariyadasa
and S. and J. Cermak

Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1

- 1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings
from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.



Listening for God's Word

Elementary Class Presents "The Genesis Story"
Narrated by C. & D. Ariyadasa
Coordinated by C. Takasaki

Hebrew Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 J. Cermak
(A descendant of David will be chosen.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 J. Cermak
(The Son of God is coming; parable of the fig tree.)

Solo "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Horatius Bonar/trad. melody
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Living with Faith" Rev. Cooper

Anthem “People, Look East” E.Farjeon, arr. V.Ryan
BUC choir (2019)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion Rev. Cooper & J. Cermak

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.

One: People of faith, let us unite together as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

Hymn (480) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees. **R**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees. **R**

Eucharistic Prayer (Rev. Cooper and J. Cermak)

One: May God be with you as you lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to God and give God thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are You, Creator God: You formed the universe in all its wonder, gave us all we could

need, and commissioned us as stewards and caretakers of all that You have made.

All: You spoke to Abraham and Sarah: “Go from your country, your family home, to a land I will show you,” and so You established a covenant with Israel.

One: You spoke to Moses: “Come, I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people out of Egypt.” And so You delivered Israel from slavery into freedom.

All: Through royalty and revolutionaries, midwives and mediators, wanderers and wonderers, You proclaimed Your gracious way of justice and shalom.

One: In the fullness of time You sent Your beloved child, Jesus, the Anointed One, to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and proclaim that the time of Your favour had come.

All: Through the countryside and in the city Jesus proclaimed Your holy will. With signs and wonders, Jesus inaugurated Your gracious reign. With simple acts of love, he showed the wonders of Your care.

One: Loving God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, sanctify these gifts. Pour out Your Spirit upon us all that we, Your people, by Your grace, may remain in faithful covenant with You, with each

other and with all the world. So may that day of promise come when we shall feast with You at the banquet spread for all time. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Cooper



Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(You are invited to eat a piece of bread or cracker and drink a beverage.)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

We give thanks, O God, that You have refreshed us at Your table. Thank You for touching our deepest needs and for calling us to live in unity and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy so that we may live in a spirit of hope for ourselves and our world. Amen.

Hymn (569) "You Call Us Out" vs. 1,3,5

1 You call us out to praise you,
the God who gave us birth,
to gather in communion,
and treasure your whole earth;
we are your living story,

to hear and to be heard;
we praise your name, who writes us,
the author and the word.

3 The church that speaks forgiveness,
confesses its own need;
the church that feels its hunger,
finds grace to care and feed;
our famished world is crying,
its future filled with dread;
we praise your name, who fills us,
the baker and the bread.

5 Our feeble voices struggle,
to sing your justice clear;
the world has sunk in silence,
each discord echoes fear;
one voice alone is ragged,
together we are strong;
we praise your name, who breathes us,
the singer and the song.

Commissioning and Benediction

Do not fear, for God is with you;
Do not be dismayed, for our God.
Will strengthen you and help you;
God will uphold you with a righteous right hand
And give you peace. (Isaiah 41:10)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)
In this Advent time of waiting,

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**May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude “The Lord’s Prayer” A.H. Malotte
arr. Carl Deis

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, R. Kunihiro and J. Brooker for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to the Ariyadasa and Cermak families for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to J. Cermak for reading our scriptures and communion liturgy. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, November 28th, Advent I, the candle of **Hope** will be lit and the **Celebration of Holy Communion**. We also welcome the elementary class and thank them for their presentation on Genesis. Thank you C. & D. Ariyadasa for your narration. Thank you C. Takasaki for teaching the class.

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We invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord’s Supper.

Sunday, December 5th, Advent II, the candle of **Peace** will be lit. We welcome **guest speaker A. Coroa**, Manager at Fred Victor Centre. (Sponsored by our Community and Global Team.)

Sunday, December 12th, Advent III, the candle of **Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away over the years on a blue star from the newsletter or bulletin or you can light a candle (battery or real) in their memory.

Sunday, December 19th, Advent IV, the candle of **Love, Pre-Christmas Service with special music and celebration of White Gift**. Our White Gift money donations will go to support Fred Victor Centre.

Friday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas dramatic reading and Christ candle lighting. Let’s celebrate the joy and magic of the Christmas story together!!

Sunday, December 26th, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany Sunday. We Celebrate the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus.

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Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact Rev. Cooper at or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same Zoom number and video link.



Have a blessed day!!