

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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## Advent 2: Candle of Peace Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves. -- **Dalai Lama**

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. --**Eleanor Roosevelt**

"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace." – **Mahatma Gandhi**

We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion. -- **Mother Teresa**

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## Praising God

Prelude "Sussex Mummers' Carol"  
Percy Grainger



### Words of Welcome

### Acknowledging the Territory

### Call to Worship

Come let us journey to Bethlehem, which means House of Bread.

Together let us share a single loaf of bread and a common cup of wine in a spirit of peace.

Let us gather like John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare for Christ's coming.

There are times to remember the past and times to focus on the future.

Let us unite as one body in Christ as we worship and praise God in a spirit of peace and love.

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**God of Peace, John the Baptist came out of the wilderness calling the people to prepare the way of the Lord. We too are in the wilderness, waiting to be called out by name. Call us, O God, into a loving and fulfilling relationship with You and one another. Help us to prepare our lives and hearts for Your coming once again into our world.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1,2, 3**

1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and open furrows await the seed of God.  
All the world, bound and struggling,  
seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

2 Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
"virgin mother will bear Emmanuel."  
One whose name is "God with us",  
our Saviour shall be,  
through whom hope will blossom once more  
within our hearts.

3 Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,  
open new highways, new highways for our God,  
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

**Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Peace"**

L. and K. Sumiya

**Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1,2**

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.

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.



**Prayer for Grace (unison)**

**Transforming God, You know as we journey in Advent that we live in a world filled with chaos and upheaval, a world where there are people who do not value human life and seek only to fulfill their own needs. Help us to turn our world upside down so that the wolves and sheep will be able to live together in peace. May we all one day be a part of making God's peaceful kingdom a reality. Through Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace**

Jesus gives us the guidance needed to live in a spirit of hope and peace. Rejoice in Christ's light. Amen.

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**Anthem** "People Look East" Eleanor Farjeon  
(recorded in 2022) arr. Vincent Ryan

**Listening for God's Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 11:1-10 P. Watanabe  
(David's royal line brings a peaceful kingdom.)

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 3:1-11 P. Watanabe  
(John the Baptist prepares a pathway for Jesus.)



**Solo** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
J. Scriven/C. Converse  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "Living in Peace" Rev. Cooper

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to Communion** Rev. Cooper & P. Watanabe

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.

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**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 & P. Watanabe

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.**

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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



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### **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 peace for ourselves and our world. Amen.

### **Hymn (44) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs.1,2,4**

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.
- 4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years

shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

**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,  
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** "Good King Wenceslas"  
traditional melody arr. Eric Baumgartner

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

**White Gift Project: On White Gift Sunday,  
December 18<sup>th</sup>,** you are invited to give a financial  
contribution to the church and say it is for Massey  
Centre.

**Massey Centre** is a client-centered infant and early  
childhood mental health organization which supports  
pregnant and parenting girls and women, aged 13-25.  
They believe in the dignity, value and potential of  
each young woman and baby served. With donors’  
support, each young mom has access to prenatal and  
postnatal care, learns how to care for her baby,  
completes her education, and develops the skills  
needed to build a successful life and relationship with  
her baby. Thank you for your support!

**Many thanks** to J. Brooker and B. Kai for  
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.  
Thanks to L. and K. Sumiya for leading our Advent  
Candle liturgy. Thanks to P. Watanabe 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, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Advent II,** the  
**candle of Peace** will be lit. We will also celebrate the  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion.** 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.

**-1 p.m. - Gathering** to discuss BUC’s future.



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**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Massey Centre. Thank you for your support.

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Please note: We will not have a service.**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Please note: We will not have a service.**

**Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive.** If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. For online donation please visit their website [jss.ca/en/news/holidaydrive2022](http://jss.ca/en/news/holidaydrive2022). Thank you.

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

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**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 email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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**Have a blessed day!!**