

## ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

December 18, 2022

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon John Anderson

Sermon: The Reverend Carol Hardie

Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

*Scripture readings will be found in the NIV red colour bible, and the hymn numbers correspond to the blue Common Praise, both found in your pews.*

Prelude "Sing We Now of Christmas" *arr. B. Dockery*  
 "Ding Dong Merrily on High" *Traditional*  
*Cheryl Behan, flute; Jeff Campbell, piano*

Processional Hymn 108 "Hark, A Herald Voice is Sounding" *Merton*

### Welcome

### Advent Candle Lighting

*The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language--the coming of Christ--because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ IS coming. Christ IS ALWAYS coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. Episcopal, USA, Candle Liturgy*

### Candle of Love

The first three candles we lit were for **hope, peace, and joy**. Today we light the fourth candle--the candle of **LOVE**. With this flame we signify the **love** of God that surrounds and fills us at all time, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than **LOVE**. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger than even death. We **love**, because **God LOVES us**.

***Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your LOVE within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.***

Candle Lighting “Candles Glowing” see back of bulletin for music

Verse 4

Candles glowing, promise showing, love that makes the world anew.  
Shines in glory, tells the story: Christ’s own love will see us through.  
With the outcast, and unwelcome, Christ is steadfast, brings us all home.  
Christ’s own love will see us through! Christ’s own love will see us through!

Gathering of the Community

We are waiting for the birth of the Christ-child;

**We are waiting for Jesus, the One who saves, to come again.**

We are waiting for the angels to sing, for the shepherds to come;

**We are waiting for Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us.**

We are waiting for the wise men to come from the east with their gifts;

**We are waiting for Jesus to be born again in our hearts.**

Come, for our time of waiting is almost complete;

**Come, worship Christ, for Christ is coming again, into our hearts, into our world,  
in new and glorious ways!**

**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.**

Trisagion 707 Sung 3x

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

### Gathering Prayer

God of grace, give us the faith of Joseph to see the Spirit's work where the world sees only shame; to listen to the promise and to awaken to the cry of life renewed and love reborn; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 7:10-16 *page 669*

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Romans 1:1-7 *page 1090*

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Hymn 375 "At the Name of Jesus" *Verses 1 & 2 King's Weston*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 1:18-25 *page 933-934*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation Hymn 375 "At the Name of Jesus" *Verses 4 & 5 King's Weston*

Sermon The Reverend Carol Hardie

Solo "Immanuel"

*arr. Card/Fettke*

*Christina Bosco, soloist*

A sign shall be given, a virgin will conceive a human baby bearing undiminished Deity. The glory of the nations, a light for all to see; and hope for all who will embrace His warm reality. Immanuel, our God is with us. And if God is with us, who could stand against us? Our God is with us, Immanuel.

For all those who live in the shadow of death, a glorious light has dawned. For all those who stumble in the darkness, behold, your light has come! Immanuel, our God is with us. And if God is with us, who could stand against us? Our God is with us, Immanuel!

So what shall be your answer? Oh will you hear the call of Him who did not spare His Son, but gave Him for us all? On earth there is no power, there is no depth or height; could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ. Immanuel, our God is with us. If God is with us, who could stand against us? Our God is with us, Immanuel.

Affirmation of Faith—The Nicene Creed *BAS page 188*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All*           **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Musical Meditation Hymn 107 “Prepare the Way”  
*Sung as a round*

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The Prayers of the People Beth Morum, Lay-Reader

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Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* 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 may be kept.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

The Peace

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

*(All may exchange a sign of peace with a bow, a smile but please no physical contact)*

Offertory Hymn "People in Darkness"*People in Darkness*

*see back of bulletin for music*

The Celebration of the EucharistThe Prayer over the Offering

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Eucharistic Prayer #2 *BAS pg. 196*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus 719      **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread *BAS pg. 212*

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.  
**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion

Hymn 116 "Your Kingdom Come- On Bended Knee"

*Irish*

Hymn 70 "Jesus, Thee Joy of Loving Hearts"

*Maryton*

Solo "The Joseph Song" *Errol Lee, soloist*

*M. Card*

How could it be this baby in my arms, sleeping now, so peacefully, The Son of God, the angel said How could it be. Lord I know He's not my own, not of my flesh, not of my bone. Still Father let this baby be, the son of my love. Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours. How can a man be father to the Son of God. Lord for all my life I've been a simple carpenter. How can I raise a king, How can I raise a king? He looks so small, his face and hands so fair, and when He cries the sun just seems to disappear but when He laughs it shines again. How could it be?

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Glory to God    *BAS pg 214*

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.**

BlessingAnnouncementsRecessional Hymn 101 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*Cruger*Dismissal

Go in peace. Wait for the Lord with patience, and stand firm.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

*Jeff Campbell, piano*

*We wish to thank Cheryl Behan, Christina Bosco, Errol Lee and The St. James Choir  
for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.*

Advent Meditation

In each of our lives Jesus comes as the bread of life – to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how he loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the bread of our life, our hearts loving, and our hands serving. *[Mother Teresa of Calcutta]*

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# Candles Glowing, Promise Showing

Elana Keppel Levy (2021)

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Polish Folk Melody

1. Can - dles glow - ing, pro - mise show - ing the great hope that calms our  
 2. Can - dles glow - ing, pro - mise show - ing ho - ly peace so still and  
 3. Can - dles glow - ing, pro - mise show - ing joy that fills our ver - y  
 4. Can - dles glow - ing, pro - mise show - ing love that makes the world a -  
 5. Can - dles glow - ing, pro - mise show - ing Je - sus born a ba - by

4  
 fear. Dark - ness scat - ters, wor - ry shat - ters, Christ will  
 bright. New to mor - row, free from sor - row: liv - ing  
 soul. Grace a - bound - ing, hymns re - sound - ing, Christ re -  
 new. Shines in glo - ry, tells the sto - ry: Christ's own  
 small. Hosts re joic - ing, shep - herds voic - ing: prais - ing

7  
 al - ways draw us near. Calms our sigh - ing, hears our  
 in Christ's ho - ly light. Shun - ning vio - lence, lov - ing  
 stores and makes us whole. Mer - cies gleam - ing, won - ders  
 love will see us through. With the out - cast and un -  
 Christ the Lord of All. God is with us, shout ho -

cry - ing, helps our try - ing, love un - dy - ing: Christ will  
 neigh - bor, joy of si - lence, trust our sav - ior: Liv - ing  
 beam - ing, jus - tice stream - ing, Christ re - deem - ing: Christ re -  
 wel - come, Christ is stead - fast, brings us all home. Christ's own  
 san - na, raise a chor - us, sing - ing ev - er: Prais - ing

13  
 al - ways draw us near! Christ will al - ways draw us near!  
 in Christ's ho - ly light! Liv - ing in Christ's ho - ly light!  
 stores and makes us whole! Christ re - stores and makes us whole!  
 love will see us through! Christ's own love will see us through!  
 Christ the Lord of All! Prais - ing Christ the Lord of All!

AUGUST

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## People in darkness

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS 10 6 10 5 11 8

D Em F#m Gmaj7 A Bm

1. Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light.  
 2. Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health. Come, come,  
 3. Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free.  
 4. Peo-ple in sad-ness are try-ing to sing.

Em7 A Em /D A/C# D

come, Je-sus Christ. Peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight.  
 Peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth.  
 Peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree.  
 Bells in the stee-ple are wait-ing to ring.

Bm E7 Asus4 - 3 A/G D/F#

Come, Lord Je-sus Christ. These days of ad-ven-ture when

Em7 F# G6 D/A A7 D

all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of (1) love.  
 (2) hope.  
 (3) peace.  
 (4) joy.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. Chord names are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff, with some lines aligned with specific notes or chords. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has one line of lyrics with four numbered options in parentheses.