



THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

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Church of Canada.

A Service of Morning Prayer
for

The 4th Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2022

Sentences, Welcome, Advent Wreath Lighting & Penitential Rite

One Most merciful God,
All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

One 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.

Invitatory

Opening Hymn CP 89 v.1-4 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

All O come, let us worship.

Venite (Psalm 95,1-7)

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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The Psalms

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Refrain Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gradual Hymn CP 117 **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

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Responsory Hymn CP 101 **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition with the sung response. "Save us now; save us now; save us now, O Lord"

The Collect of the Day

One 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.

All Amen

1st Sunday in Advent Collect

One Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn CP 123 **Once in Royal's David's City**

One 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. All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements & Blessing

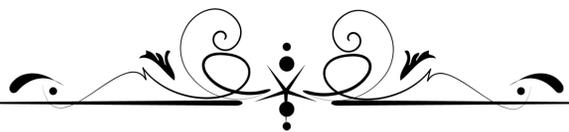
Closing Hymn CP 89 v.5-7 **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Dismissal & Apostolic Grace

One Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. The simplest way to support this ministry is c/o St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church with "The SENT" in the memo line or notes field.

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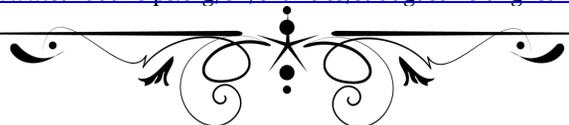
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Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

One Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All **REFRAIN** Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

One O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

All **REFRAIN** Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

One You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All **REFRAIN** Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

One Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All **REFRAIN** Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

1st Lesson ISAIAH 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

But Ahaz said,

I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said:

“Hear then, O house of David!

Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson

ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul,

a servant of Jesus Christ,

called to be an apostle,

set apart for the gospel of God,

which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

the gospel concerning his Son,

who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead,

Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

MATTHEW 1:18-25

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW.
GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ. **People** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 89 v.1-4 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

2 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]

3 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]

4 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]

Gradual Hymn CP 117

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Responsory Hymn CP 101

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 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.

2 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.

4 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.

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

Offertory Hymn CP 123

Once in Royal's David's City

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.

Closing Hymn CP 89 v.5-7

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

5 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]
Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing night;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
[Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.
[Refrain]