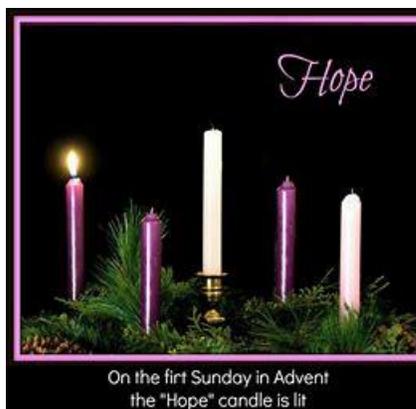


**A Service of Morning Prayer
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent**



**THE CANDLES OF ADVENT
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE**

INTROIT 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 thee, O Israel.

VOICE Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

VOICE Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

VOICE We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.

Light the First Candle

VOICE Let us pray: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with Us – we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

CP 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia! he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
 thou on earth our food, our stay:
 alleluia! here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own:
 Alleluia! born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great high priest:
 thou on earth both priest and victim
 in the eucharistic feast.

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 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
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 Jesus, out of every nation,
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 And the love of God,
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.**

Psalm 122 *Refrain:* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

122:2 Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

122:3 Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

122:4 To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

122:5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

122:7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

122:8 For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

122:9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

A Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2:2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

2:3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! The Word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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 forever,
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.

A Reading from Romans 13:11-14

13:11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

13:12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13:13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 13:14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

1 "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us;
 the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
 "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
 Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
 their urgent summons clearly spoken:
 "The time has come, O maidens wise!
 Rise up, and give us light;
 the Bridegroom is in sight.
 Alleluia!
 Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
 that you the wedding feast may share."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing.
 Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
 she wakes and hurries through the night.
 Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
 in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
 her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 Now come, most worthy Lord,
 God's Son, Incarnate Word,
 alleluia!
 We follow all and heed your call
 to come into the banquet hall.

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
 let saints and angels sing before you,
 as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
 Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
 through them we stream to join the
 immortals
 as we with joy your throne surround.
 No eye has known the sight,
 no ear heard such delight:
 alleluia!
 Therefore we sing to greet our King;
 forever let our praises ring.

The Gospel

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 24:36-44

24:36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

24:37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

24:38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

24:39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

24:40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

24:41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

24:42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

24:43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 302518 My Lord He Is A Comin' Soon**Chorus**

***My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord***

2 Come Lord Jesus come into my heart
Prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming He's coming soon
Prepare the way of the King

1 If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake O sleeper arise
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper arise

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**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.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

We begin the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, and offer our prayers to the Father through his Son Jesus Christ, for the needs of the Church and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

For the work of the Church:

- in the Anglican world-wide communion for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- for the Diocese of Fredericton and the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.
- for the Anglican Church Women of the Edmonton Diocese and Elaine Dickie, Diocesan President.
- for the Diocese of Buyé Mothers' Union and Clotilde Muhimpundu, President; Bibiane Nsengiyumva, Chaplain; and Josephine Kezakimana, and Clementine Ujeneza, Trainers.
- for the people and community of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

that Christ's message of love and forgiveness will spread throughout the world bringing hope, peace, and blessings to all his people. Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

For the peace of the world:

-for places where there is still conflict and war, refugees, and injustice, where people are being hurt, marginalized, and even killed because of their gender, skin colour, religion, gender identity, political views or because of the greed of the leaders.

That those in charge of political affairs may always be conscious that true peace is based upon the dignity of humanity, whatever his race, colour or creed, political affiliation, economic status, or gender identity, Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We pray for our parish and community of St. Peter's and Inglewood and Westmount:

for our ministry team, our wardens, our vestry, our readers , our intercessors, and all who do so much to make our church community a vibrant and involved part of the wider community.

We pray especially for Rev. Heather as she prepares to move on to shepherd a new community. May she bring as much love and energy to her new flock as she brought to us, and may she be welcomed warmly.

And we ask you to keep your loving, protecting eye upon us who are now searching for a new shepherd. May we always look to you for guidance.

That we may experience the loving kindness of our Father in heaven as we journey through this life towards the Kingdom of God, Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

For the sick, homeless, hungry, unemployed, addicted, and lost, and those who care for them; today we bring before you:

Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda..... Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Ruth..... those known to you alone and those we now name in the silence of our hearts....

That the Lord Jesus may heal the sick, rid the world of hunger and keep his loving and watchful eye upon all in need, Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

For those who have departed this life, and those who are left to mourn:

We pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Diane Thompson and ask that her husband, Bill, and all who are mourning the loss of loved ones may find some comfort in your promise of the new life to come.

That when the Lord Jesus comes again, they may be reunited with him in his everlasting Kingdom, Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

Father, you gave us your only Son to prepare us for your kingdom. May our lives be a daily preparation for the day when we see you as you are. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

**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. Amen.**

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.**

CP 91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

1 People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to
build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The Dismissal

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Let us depart in peace and take with us the certain knowledge
that God is always coming into the world.

May the blessing of Christmas make us a blessing to others.

May the peace of the season pervade all that we do.

Let us go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.

Thanks be to God.