



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



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**Sunday 10:00am Service
December 20, 2020**

Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev Steve Bateman

Children's Focus Please see the link to the Children's Focus at
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An Advent Responsory



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, *hear* my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is for-giveness with you;
therefore you *shall* be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul *waits* for the Lord,
more than watchmen *for* the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, *wait* for the Lord,
for with the Lord *there* is mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, *and* to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

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Opening Hymn: Hymn #132 "Of Eternal Love Begotten"

**Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

**O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**

**This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore**

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

Most merciful God, 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.

The priest says, (while standing)

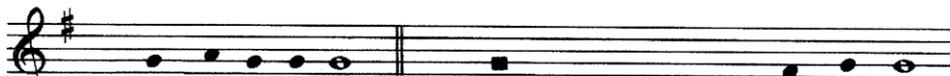
Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

(all stand)

The Invitatory

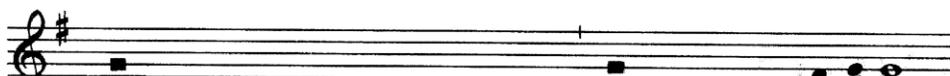
The Kingdom of God is at hand: **O, come, let us worship.**



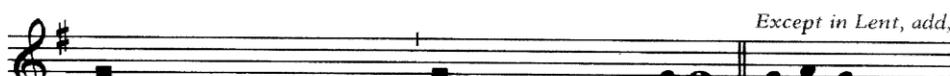
Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. People And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Officiant O God, make speed to save us. People O Lord, make haste to help us.



All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:



Except in Lent, add,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Proclamation of the Word

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Ken Dorchak

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.” Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’”

“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can

have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders¹ over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you".

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

Karen Hudson



Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
'I will establish your line for ever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R.**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R.**

"My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked man bring him down. **R**

"I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name. **R.**

"I shall make his dominion extend
from the Great Sea to the River.
He will say to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'" **R.**

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

Bev Dorchak

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from^[a] faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Gradual Hymn: "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you,
I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you,
I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy. Repeat**

**Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you. X5**

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Linda Bateman

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev Steve Bateman

Anthem: "Bethlehem Wind" – Joseph Martin

sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Keith Griffioen, Len Robinson

(all stand)

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(all kneeling)

Keith Griffioen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for St. Mark, Innisfail, St. Mary and St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake and their clergy Rev. Ralph Warnock, Rev. Ethel English, and Rev. Inez Hannett. In our companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King and their clergy Eleanor Glasgow.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray this day for those who minister to young people: Sunday School teachers, nursery volunteers, Senior and Middle school youth groups and leaders.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All **Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.

Closing Hymn: Hymn #108 "Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding" (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

**Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,**

**that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.**

Dismissal

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.

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Cynthia, Marion and Douglas

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