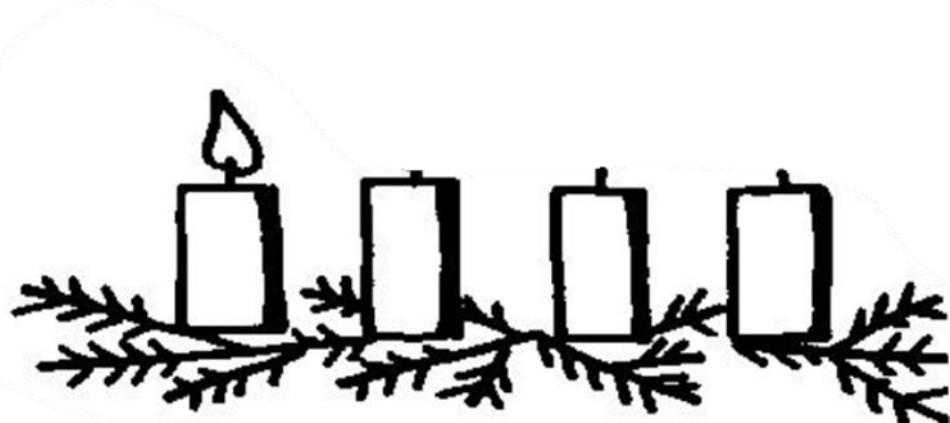




# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



# Advent Carol Service

Advent Sunday  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
4:00 p.m.  
Via Livestream

## *Welcome to St. Augustine's Church*

*We are part of the worldwide Anglican Church, although many of us come from a variety of Christian backgrounds or none. We are located near the centre of Lethbridge, Alberta but our congregation is spread all over the city and region. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to join our church family as we learn to follow Jesus.*

***Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Immanuel.***

***—Isaiah 7:14***

*It is a particular joy to welcome you to this service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.*

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*This service will be sung and played by musicians of St. Augustine's Church:*

*Joanne Collier, Music Director*

*Karen Hudson, soprano*

*Keith Griffioen, baritone and trumpet*

*Mary Lee Voort, Organist and Pianist*

*Erinn Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

*Thank you to our Technical Support Team for this service:*

*Sound - David Hignell, Barry Adams*

*Video - Michaela Gateman, Pat Hammond*

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*The Order of service is set forth in this service booklet.  
Please join in singing the carols and in saying the parts printed in **bold**.*

**Prelude**

St. Augustine's Handbell Choir, archival recordings  
Barb Hignell, director

**Poem**

**"Advent Sunday"** by Christina Rossetti

Kelly Frewin

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh: go ye out  
With lighted lamps and garlands round about  
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.

It may be at the midnight, black as pitch,  
Earth shall cast up her poor, cast up her rich.

It may be at the crowing of the cock  
Earth shall upheave her depth, uproot her rock.

For lo, the Bridegroom fetcheth home the Bride:  
His Hands are Hands she knows, she knows His Side.

Like pure Rebekah at the appointed place,  
Veiled, she unveils her face to meet His Face.

Like great Queen Esther in her triumphing,  
She triumphs in the Presence of her King.

His Eyes are as a Dove's, and she's Dove-eyed;  
He knows His lovely mirror, sister, Bride.

He speaks with Dove-voice of exceeding love,  
And she with love-voice of an answering Dove.

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh: go we out  
With lamps ablaze and garlands round about  
To meet Him in a rapture with a shout.

**Introit**

**Will We Know Him?**

D. Besig/N. Price

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem to be born in a lowly stall?  
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King who will come to save us all?

Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem to appear in the winter sky?  
Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads, and let its light fill all our lives?

Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory, once again proclaim the wondrous story.  
God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes?

Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem to declare our Saviour's birth?  
Are we ready to join the angels as they sing, and spread the news to all on earth?

Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory, once again proclaim the wondrous story.  
God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes?

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem, God's true and promised Song?  
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King and will we know Him when He comes?  
Will we know Him when He comes?

**FIRST LESSON • Genesis 1:1-5**

*God creates light, and separates it from darkness*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Advent candle is lit.*

God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

**Choir**

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night,  
thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, redeemer of us all,  
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry  
of all creation doomed to die,  
didst come to save our fallen race  
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,  
thou didst, in love's redeeming power,  
like bridegroom from his chamber, come  
forth from a virgin-mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,  
all knees in lowly homage bow;  
all things in heaven and earth adore,  
and own thee King for evermore.

To thee, O Holy One, we pray,  
our judge in that tremendous day,  
ward off, while yet we dwell below,  
the weapons of our crafty foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honour, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally. Amen.

Hymn

**Of Eternal Love Begotten**

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

**At his Word the worlds were framed, He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.**

**O that birth for ever 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.**

**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.**

### **Advent Bidding Prayer (kneeling or seated)**

Beloved in Christ, as we prepare this Advent to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, let us hear again in the words of the Scriptures the story of God's loving purpose in our creation and redemption. Let us bring to mind the goodness of God in calling the creation into his light; his mercy in Christ Jesus in drawing us from the darkness of sin; and his grace to us and to all sinners in summoning us by his Holy Spirit, as the dawn of his kingdom breaks upon us.

But first let us pray for ourselves and all people, acknowledging before God our sins and the sins of the world, bringing before him our needs and the needs of those for whom our Lord Jesus Christ had a special care, when in great humility he came to live amongst us: the poor, the bereaved, the sick, and the outcast. As we look for the dawning of the light of God's rule on earth, let us commend ourselves and the world to the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ and to the power of his redeeming Spirit, in the words he himself taught us to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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.**

**Carol**

**Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth**

**VENI REMDEPTOR GENTIUM**

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.**

**Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed, the Saviour, now to us displayed.**

**From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds,  
runs out his course to death and hell, returns on God's high throne to dwell.**

**Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with new-born light,  
no more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their power  
display.**

**O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

**SECOND LESSON • Isaiah 11:1-9**

*The Prophet foretells the coming of God's kingdom*

Wendy Doherty

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord — and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir**

**"There Is No Rose of Such Virtue"**

15<sup>th</sup> century, arr. J. Rutter

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia.*  
For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space. *Res Miranda.*  
There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu.

**Carol**

**"Advent Prayer Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"**

VENI EMMANUEL

Arr. H. Hopson

**O, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Song of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Oh come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**THIRD LESSON • Luke 1:26-38**

Keith Griffioen

*The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to bear a son, Jesus*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir**

**The Angel Gabriel**

Bob Chilcott

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady!' Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be;  
All generations laud and honour thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favoured lady!' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God!" she said.  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'  
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born,  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

#### FOURTH LESSON • Matthew 3:1-12

*John the Baptist announces the coming of Christ*

Alice Doherty

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

#### FIFTH LESSON • Matthew 25:1-13

*The Parable of the wise and foolish Virgins*

Karen Hudson

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Choir

## "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Arr. J. Althouse

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning ,  
for the time is drawing nigh. *Repeat.*

Oh, children, don't get weary,  
Oh, children, don't get weary.  
Oh, children, don't get weary  
till your work is done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning ,  
for the time is drawing nigh.

Oh, sister, don't stop praying.  
Oh, brother, don't stop praying.  
Oh, sisters and brothers, keep on praying  
Till the work is done!

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning ,  
for the time is drawing nigh. *Repeat.*

## SIXTH LESSON • Revelation 21, 22

The Reverend Steve Bateman

*The Seer sees the New Jerusalem and hears the Church's plea for her Lord's return*

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side

of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Then he told me, "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Carol**

**"Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree"**

E. Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all: but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

**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.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King;  
born to reign in us forever: now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### **Prayers and Blessing**

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, thy power, and come among us; and mercifully fulfil that which thou hast promised to thy Church unto the end of the world. **Amen.**

Make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of thy Son, Christ our Lord; that when he shall come and knock, he may find us not sleeping in our sins, but awake, and rejoicing in his praises. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of his spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
all who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear;  
all his saints, on earth rejected,  
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly!  
O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

## **Schedule for Livestream Prayer and Worship:**

**Morning Prayer** - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 9:00am

**Evening Prayer** - Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 6:00pm

**Compline** - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 8:45 pm

**Reserve Sacrament** – offered every other Wednesday in the chapel

## **Advent & Christmas Events and Services**

<b>Advent Carol Service</b>	Sunday, Nov. 29 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Christmas Program</b>	Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 10:00AM
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Thursday, Dec. 24
	❖ Family Holy Communion (candlelight) @ 7:00pm
	❖ Late Night Holy Communion service (candlelight) @ 11:00pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	NO SERVICE!!
<b>First Sunday in Christmas</b>	Sunday, Dec. 27 @ 10:00am
<b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	Sunday, Jan. 3 @ 10:00am

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