



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 10, 2023, 10 A.M.

Second Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist

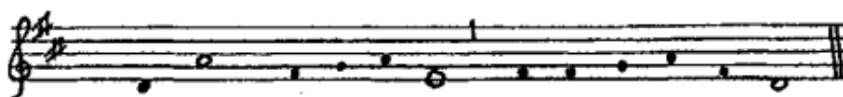
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Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Advent Responsory (Ps 130:1, 3, 5-6)

An Advent Responsory



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

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



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.

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

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Processional Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Almighty God,

People

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.

Kyrie Eleison (All kneeling)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray. (*All kneeling*)

All

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader shall say:

The word of the Lord.

And the people shall respond:

Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 511)

Alice Doherty

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (p. 861)

Temi Soboyejo

Gradual Hymn: Days of Elijah

**These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord.**

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.

**And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,**

Still we are the voice in the desert crying,

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

**Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.**

So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are white in the world,
And we are Your labourers in Your vineyard,
declaring the Word of the Lord.

Bridge:

There's no God like Jehovah
(repeat many times)

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8 (p. 708)

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

<i>Reader</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Reader</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
<i>Reader</i>	The Gospel of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Anthem

An Advent Yearning
Michael Barrett
Monica Baczuk, flute and James Samayoa, conga

The Apostles' Creed

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
<i>All</i>	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

The Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Bev Dorchak

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Pakistan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House and The Lay Ministers; St. Cuthbert and St. George, Sundre, Mr. Gerald Ingeveld, Lay Minister and The Rev. John Gishler. We also pray for Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (BARDS).

In Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. David and St. Paul on Grenada and The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark, Priest-in-Charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish staff: Stef Collins, Esther Oluwagbemi, Karen Hudson, Michael Larsen, Mary Lee Voort, Rachelle Wiebe, and Greg Young.

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 is kept. The celebrant 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace *(all standing)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(remain standing)

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Rev. Steve Bateman

All **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(all kneeling)*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist.

*All (baptized or not) are invited to come forward for a blessing.
If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the person administering the bread.*

Communion Music O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. R. Vandall
Helena Golinowski and Mary Lee Voort, piano duet

Prayer after Communion *(all kneeling)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

(all standing)

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. D. Alexander
Mark Penner and Mary Lee Voort, piano duet

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory and to honour all past and present members of the Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.) of St. Augustine's.

In loving memory of Bob and Mildred Shackleford by their children and grandchildren.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: The Rev. Canon James Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Bev Dorchak

LAY ASSISTANTS: Ade Aramide, Linda Bateman, David Hignell, Flora MacKay, Patricia Pope, Tim Pope

LECTORS: Jacky Hall-Buckland, Rachel Robinson

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Tom Warwick

MUSICIANS: Monica Baczuk, Helena Golinowski, Flora MacKay, Mark Penner, James Samayoa, Owen Ukraintez and St. Augustine's Senior Choir

SANCTUARY GUILD: Harriet Edwards, Allan and Vernice Herbig, Patricia Latimer, Lois Ledene, Joanne Stroh

SERVER: Nicole MacDonald

SIDESPEOPLE: Patti deGorter, Karen Larsen


COUNT SUPERVISOR: Leonard Lorenz


TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, Brad Gillespie; Videography:, Kimoya Edwards, Ted Kopciuch

WELCOME MINISTRY: Erinn Roberts and family

Rector
Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery & Special Events
Music Director
Organist
Administrative Assistant
Vergers
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
Deputy Warden (Worship)
Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
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