



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 17, 2023, 10 A.M.

Third Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist
"The Holy Family is Here" Pageant
December 17, 2023

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 "Wander West"

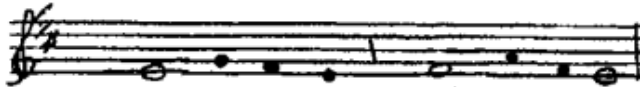
Advent Responsory (Ps 130:1, 3, 5-6)

An Advent Responsory



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

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
In his word is my hope.

There is forgiveness 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: #109 When the King Shall Come Again

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

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.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneeling)*

All **God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the
coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for
him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen**

Sunday School Christmas Pageant “The Holy Family is Here” *(see insert)*

The Apostles’ Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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**

The Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Pamela Ukrainetz

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for St. Mark, Innisfail and The Rev. Ethel English, The Rev. Inez Hannett and The Rev. Gordon Pontifex and The Ministry Development Team.

In Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King on St. Lucia and The Rev. Eleanor Glasgow, Priest-in-Charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those providing sound and video technical support for both in-person and livestream services.

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: #132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(remain standing)

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

All **God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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,
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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

Love Came Down at Christmas arr. C. Dobrinski, Berceuse, Derek Hakes
The Birthday of a King Derek Hakes
St. Augustine's Handbell Choir

Prayer after Communion *(all kneeling)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. 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: #91 People, Look East! The Time is Near

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sing We Now of Christmas Douglas Wagner
St. Augustine's Handbell Choir

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of our daughter Cynthia by Allan and Muriel McCuaig.

In loving memory of Marion and Douglas Lyster and Bert and Web Lomas
By Shannon, George and family.

In loving memory of Kaye Bathgate by Tracy and Kirk Bathgate.

Thank you!

With heartfelt appreciation, we extend our sincere thanks to the remarkable individuals who played vital roles in bringing our Christmas Pageant to life. Special recognition goes to Jonathan Legg, our outstanding director, and Meagan Thorlakson, our musical maestro, for their dedicated leadership. Gratitude also flows to Elaine Hoon, Diane Starrenburg, Donna Marshall, Eliza Wiederspick, Judith Robinson, Patricia Poriz, Sarah Harder and many others

whose names fill our hearts with thankfulness. Your collective talents and efforts have created a tapestry of joy and celebration within our community.

Last (and certainly not least) we thank Stef Collins, our wonderful Coordinator of Children and Family Ministry, for her dedication and hard work in bringing this pageant about.

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