

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 24, 2023, 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer
December 24, 2023

Prelude

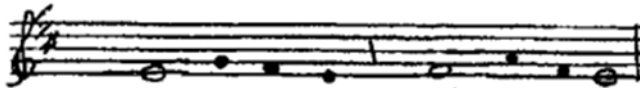
Advent Responsory (Ps 130:1, 3, 5-6)

An Advent Responsory



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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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Processional Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

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 kneeling 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.

Officiant 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 standing)

Officiant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

People **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Officiant Will you not give us life again,

People **That your people may rejoice in you?**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord,

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

The Invitatory

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

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:
And the people shall respond:*

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

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 (p. 219)

Greg Young

Psalm 89

Karen Hudson, cantor

George Black



Your love, O God, 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 shall the wicked bring him down. **R.**

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

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 (p. 806)

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

Gradual Hymn: Emmanuel

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us!
His name is called Emmanuel**

The Gospel Luke 1:26-38 (p. 723)

Judith Robinson

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.**

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Offertory Hymn: #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostles' Creed *(all stand)*

Officiant 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**

Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Tim Pope

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary and The Very Rev. Chris Dowdeswell, Canon Cyril Challice, The Rev. James Buenting and The Rev. Jim McDermott.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada and The Ven. Michael Marshall; St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those are involved in ministry of Administration: Parish Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Welcome Ministry and Facility Booking Coordinator.

The Collect of the Day *(remain kneeling)*

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Officiant 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.**

Recessional Hymn: #139 The First Nowell (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

**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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of the Siewert and Bres family loved ones
By Delynn and Marc Siewert.

In loving memory of Bob and Anne Legge and Connie Stroh
by the Legge, Stroh and Ledene families.

In loving memory of our parents Roy and Dorothy Meredith
by Sue Meredith and Barb Huntrods and families.

In loving memory of James Moch, David and Gladys Carse and Shirley Reidel
by Irene Moch

In loving memory of our mother Doreen Gray
by Roxanne and Laura and family.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: Judith Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Tim Pope

LECTORS: Greg Young, The Rev. Canon James Robinson

MUSICIANS: The Rev. Steve Bateman, Karen Hudson, Rachelle Wiebe

SIDESPEOPLE: Don Crabb, Donalda Erickson

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Margot Bailes

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, Brad Gillespie

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Rector Emeritus

Rector Emeritus

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Nursery & Special Events

Music Director

Organist

Administrative Assistant

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