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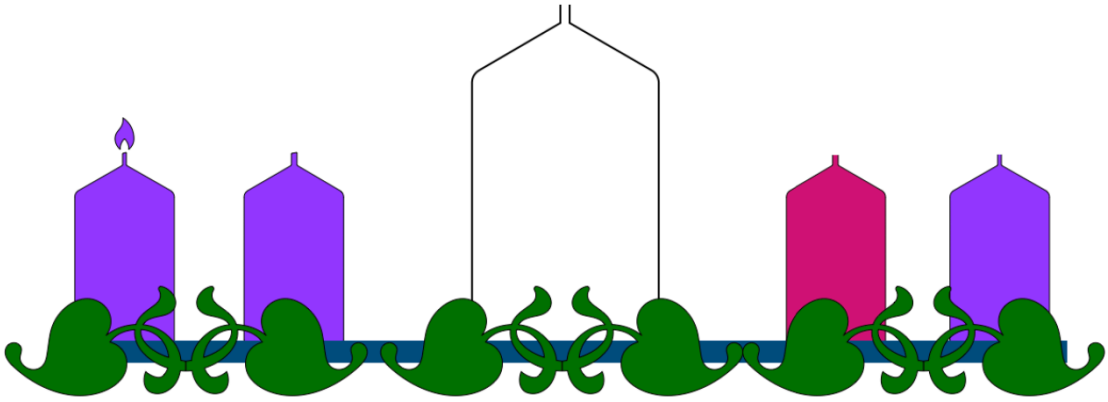
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The First Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Service

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off". Thank you. After the service, we invite everyone (especially newcomers!) to join us for coffee or tea, and visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge.

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Our Service Today

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, Common Worship, and other authorized contemporary Anglican liturgy.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **All**.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

Priest in Charge:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn M. Bullock
Music Director:	Galina Martyniouk
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn M. Bullock
Contemplative Address:	Alison Brookfield
Subdeacon:	Jill Parsons
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Musician:	Galina Martyniouk, piano and organ
Readers:	Jill Parsons, Dana Bowman
Intercessor:	Sung by choir
Eucharistic Administrators:	Maria Morellato, Linda Harrison
Welcome Table:	Donna Lawrence
Greeter:	Margaret Ellis
Streaming Technician:	Paolo Fearnley

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.

Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministries to our community. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The official Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday you prefer. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Prelude & Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant In this time and place, we gather on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓ə (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱ wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sə̓lilwətaʔɬ (TsleilWaututh) nations.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Celebrant In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

All **The Creator who is the source of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Celebrant In this time and place, the risen Christ stands in our midst.

All **Our Companion who walks with us and with all peoples on the path of reconciliation.**

Celebrant In this time and place, God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All **The Divine Wisdom who transforms us and all life.**

Celebrant In this time and place, together, people of God from every language, culture and nation.

All **We are being made new by the holy and life-giving Trinity, one God.**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Prepare the way of the Lord!
And all people shall see
the salvation of our God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The ministry team gathers around the Advent Candle

Celebrant Lord Jesus, light of the world,

All **born in David's city of Bethlehem,**
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.

Celebrant People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

All **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

The ministry team returns to the back of the church

Processional Hymn - Hope is a Star

We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **To you all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
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.**

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Jill Parsons.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80

Please remain seated for the Psalm.

Choir sings Bless the Lord, My Soul (x2)

Celebrant Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

Choir sings Bless the Lord, My Soul (1x)

Celebrant You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Choir sings Bless the Lord, My Soul (x2)

The Second Reading: Read by Dana Bowman.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn **- May the Grace of Christ**

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the Gradual Hymn twice. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.

We turn to face the Gospeller as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.

Three bells are rung

The Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Three bells are rung

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the Gradual hymn once facing the altar.

Contemplative Address Alison Brookfield

Time for Reflection

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: We affirm our faith together, saying

All **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People will be sung by the choir.

You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.
Please hold these people in your prayers this week.

The Church: We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. We pray for Shawn our Priest-in-charge. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For Dean Chris Pappas (Burrard); St. Andrew, Langley - The Reverend Liz Ruder-Celiz; St. Laurence, Coquitlam - The Reverend Philip Cochrane, The Reverend Patricia Ratcliffe. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St. John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan, The Reverend Tristan Bati-el.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School, Lookout Housing and Health Society of the North Shore, The Mission to Seafarers.

The World: *We pray for all who are waiting this morning;*
people who are waiting for an end to violence
because they have known too much war;
people who are waiting for healing
because they live with sickness and pain;
people who are waiting for good news
because they are weighed down with sorrow.
We pray for all of the earth that is waiting--
creatures who are waiting for protection
because their environment has been destroyed;
lands that are waiting to be redeemed from pollution
because we have forgotten that God called the land good.
-"The World Waits", Carol Penner

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie, Gary Hamblin,

Thea Hogan, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Jeff Dahl, Victoria, Brena Polky, Jane Bartell, Bradley, Roquia, and everyone who is in our hearts.

The Dearly Departed: We pray for all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Bob and Nancy Hardy, Janet Harris, Linda Harrison, Julia Harwood and Tyler Blake, and their families.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant — Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes us
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

(A prayerful silence is kept)

Celebrant — Most merciful God,

All — **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.

All **Amen.**

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Although the doors were shut,
and the disciples were afraid,
our Lord Jesus Christ said "Peace be with you."

"May the peace of Christ always be with you."

All **And also with you.**

The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".

The Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be brought forward to be blessed.

Offertory Hymn - **The Advent of Our King**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The table is set and the gifts of bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. The Offertory Plate, that holds our donations for the needs and responsibilities of the Church, is then brought forward to be blessed before the table.

The Doxology

All (sung) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of love and power,

All **your word stirs within us**
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **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 (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One 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;

Celebrant 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 isolation into community,
out of death into life.

(sanctus bells are rung)

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."

(sanctus bells are rung)

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."

(sanctus bells are rung)

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

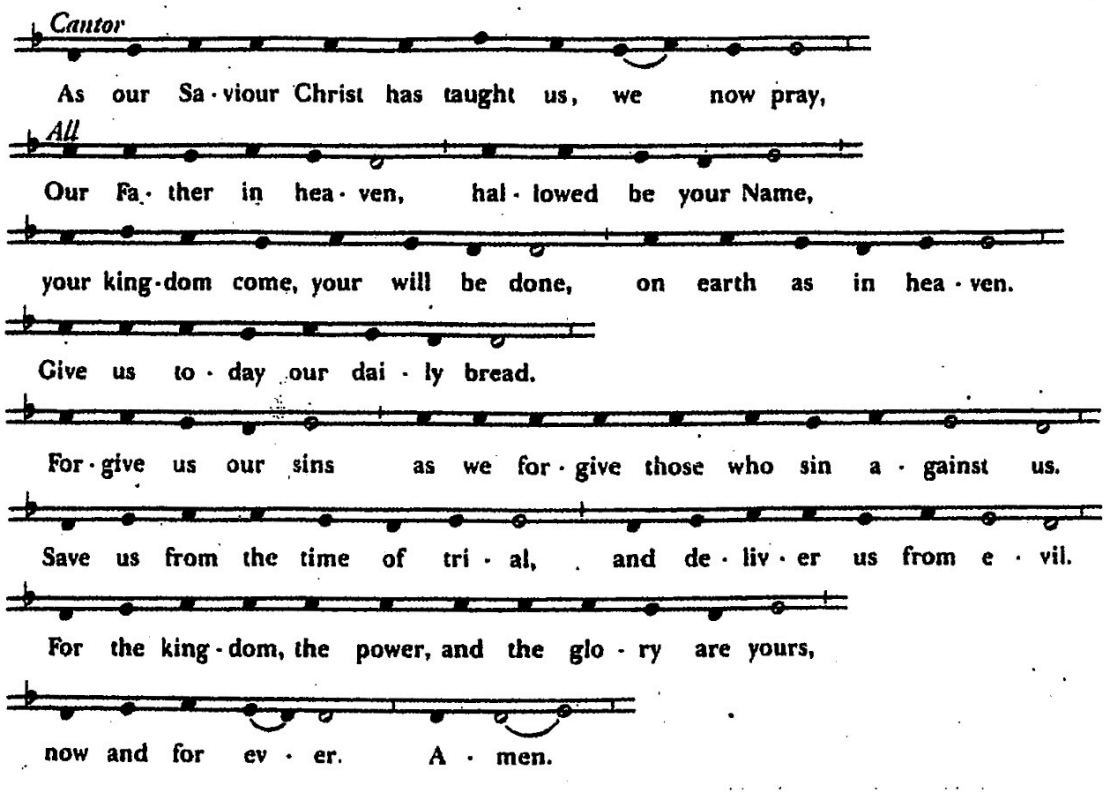
Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

Our table is open to everyone. All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion.

If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one.

Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

- This Is The Body of Christ

- Wait For The Lord, Whose Day Is Near

- Of The Father's Love Begotten

The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion.

Celebrant Offers Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, saying the following.

Celebrant Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." *(Jn 6:35)*

The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

All **Amen**

The communion hymns continue as the table is cleared.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant God for whom we wait,

All **you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.**
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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.

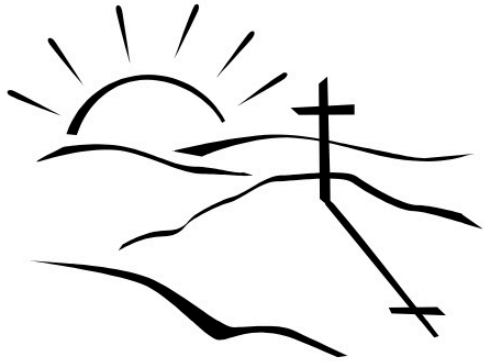
The Blessing

Recessional Hymn **- Go Now in Peace**

Dismissal

Celebrant Words of dismissal
All **Thanks be to God.**

We leave the sanctuary in peace, as there is no postlude.



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

Anglican FYI

The season of Advent has now begun, a time to get ready for the birth of Jesus Christ. Joseph and Mary begin their long journey to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. In our church, the figures of Mary and Joseph journey from the back of the church to the altar during the season of Advent. Can you find them? How long do you think they walked to get to Bethlehem?

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Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

F I R S T A D V E N T

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Prayer Candle

We all have a hope for a better world, or a happier life, or for healing for a loved one. We lit the prayer candle for you - who are you praying for today?



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Draw a Picture

Draw Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem.