

## Holy Trinity Church Nov 28, 2021

### Opening hymn:

#### Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding – CP 108

1. Hark, a herald voice is sounding:  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with deep repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven,
4. That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

### Welcome and Children Time

#### Second Sunday in Advent: PEACE

L: Peace is the light that sheds understanding.

**P: Peace is the promise of God.**

L: Peace is found when God's order and justice are brought to the world.

**P: We await the birth of the Prince of Peace.**

*The candle is lit.*

L: Let us pray:

**P: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

The Penitential Rite

**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**

Invitation

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.

Confession

**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.**

Absolution

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. Amen.

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips,

(BAS pg.47)

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant:** O God, make speed to save us.

**People:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Venite (BAS p. 49)**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,\* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,\* and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Proclamation of the Word**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI**

**See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. MALACHI 3:1-4**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

PSALM 25:1-9

**REFRAIN: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

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**Gradual Hymn – CP 88**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

1. 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.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**The Gospel Reading**

**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

**In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" LUKE 3:1-6**

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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.

**Offertory Hymn**

**In Christ There is no East or West – CP 484**

1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, companions in the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who loves and serves the one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

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.

## **Prayers of the People**

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, “**Lord Jesus, come soon!**”)

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

## **Collect of the Day**

**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.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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 Blessing

Closing Hymn:

**For the Beauty of the Earth – CP 429**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**5. For each perfect gift of thine,  
to the earth so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**