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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

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*The Parish of St. John the Apostle is called to be *A Spirited Community at the heart of Port Moody *transformed through the experience of the presence of Christ *and sent out to share God's Love.*

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS PLACE

We acknowledge that we gather and minister on the ancestral lands of Coast Salish people, and honour with gratitude and humility the people of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) Nations. We and others in the Diocese of New Westminster continue to search and pray with Indigenous brothers, sisters and friends for truth and justice, and that the Spirit's reconciling love will be with us....

Opening Hymn: (10am service) (we stand)
ELW #250 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from high shine forth and never cease,
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Welcome and Announcements (we sit)

Opening Prayers (we stand)
Celebrant: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to
wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of
grace. Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our
sin against God and neighbour.

~ Silence ~

People: God of all time, we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbours in need and fail in the labour of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Celebrant: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! AMEN.

Celebrant: As we gather on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Nations, let us pray that the Spirit's reconciling love will be with us.

Collect of the Day: *(said by all)*
Almighty God, 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.

Children's Talk + Candle Liturgy *(we sit)*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle – Hope *(The De Vaal Family)*

Reader: Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

What gives you hope?

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

One candle is now lit.

Prayer for Illumination:

(said by all)

God of the ages,

in scripture we hear stories of people like us—ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow—old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer.

In scripture we hear stories of people like us,

so just as you walked with them,

help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us.

We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM AND DISCERN THE LIVING WORD

First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:

(said responsively)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself.
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgement, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Scripture Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Gradual Hymn:

CP #116 “Your Kingdom Come” – On Bended Knee

“Your Kingdom come” on bended knee the passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom’s day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong,
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls; proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth
abroad – the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon: The Good News of Christ!

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Jeanne Forte
~ Silence ~

Affirmation of Faith

(said by all)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith:

All: **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

We Share the Peace of Christ

(we stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

It is our joy to pass the Peace of Christ to one another. Out of respect for those who may be vulnerable, we refrain from touch -- a wave, a smile, a spoken word, all are signs of God's peace!

WE CELEBRATE GOD WITH US IN HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: *(10am service)*

CP #114 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

(We collect people's contributions to the ministry & mission of St. John's. We encourage you to give online as possible at stja.ca/supporting-st-johns)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;

thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Prayer over the Gifts

(said by all)

Saviour of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(we kneel, stand, or sit)

Eucharistic Prayer

BAS EP #1

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all

nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus:

(8:30 am & 10:00 am Service) (said by all)

**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.**

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. All Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(8.30am)

(said by all)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(10am service)

(sung by all)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray...

Our Father 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 our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and thine is the power.

And the glory forever, the glory forever. The glory forever, 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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive. Please take this quiet time to reflect on the love offering of Christ, and of the community standing with one another. Receiving both bread and wine or simply bread alone is full communion. For health reasons we no longer 10ninstinct (dip bread into the wine). So come!

Choir Anthem: “Blessed is the One”

music by Becki Slagle Mayo

WE ARE SENT OUT AS BEARERS OF NEW LIFE

Prayer after Communion *(we stand) (said by all)*

God for whom we wait, 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.

“Advent Conspiracy!” Worship Fully

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *(10am service)*

ELW #439 “Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

The flowers at the Altar are given by Rosemary & Eddy Morrissey and family. For life's blessings and God's steadfast love to our family. God has been our strength and shield.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Services today:

*Altar Guild: Sharon Cooper, Jan Gordon, Charlotte Robertson
Counters: Jan Gordon, Ron LouHing*

8:30 am Service

*Intercessor & Coffee Hour: Ferne Malcolm
Reader & Lay Assistant: Sharon Cooper*

10:00 am Service

*Ushers: Adelaine Miller, Kathleen Scharf
Music: Gail Craig, The Choir
Reader: Rich Thompson
Intercessor: Geri Grigg
Lay Assistants: Kathleen Scharf, Ron LouHing
Tech Team: Sheila De Vaal, Matthew Savage
Coffee Hour: Pronella & Jerome Daniel, Rosemary Morrissey
Children & Family Coordinator: Sophie Anchor
Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: The De Vaal family; Nick, Kathryn, Peter and Evelyn*

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