

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 22, 2024, 10 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist
December 22, 2024

Prelude

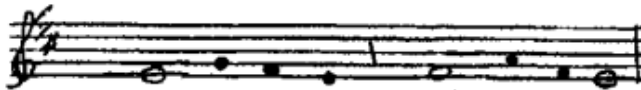
Advent Responsory (Ps 130:1, 3, 5-6)

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: #110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Children's Focus

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, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneeling)*

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 Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader shall say: The word of the Lord.

And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.**

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Karen Hudson

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Ayoola Aramide

Gradual Hymn: Canticle of the Turning (My Soul Cries Out)

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Chorus

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near

and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Chorus

From the halls of power to the fortress tower not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware, for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Chorus

Though the nations rage from age to age we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which hold us bound
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Chorus

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Linda Bateman

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. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Anthem

Comfort, Comfort Now my People
Chris Burton, Linda Copps, Barb Hignell, Sue Milne, Tim Fyfe - handbells

Brenda J. Austin

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)*

Greg Young

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for St. Mark, Innisfail and The Rev. Gordon Pontifex. We also pray for 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 involved in service, mission and outreach: Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) Coordinator, Parish Hamper Coordinator, Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), Stephen Ministers, and missionaries connected to our Parish, including Jo Wills in Vanuatu, Evangeline Hammond in Lebanon, and Jesse Poriz and family in Papua New Guinea.

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: #117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(remain standing)

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Rev. Steve Bateman

All **Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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

Prayer after Communion *(all kneeling)*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

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 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: Linda Bateman

INTERCESSOR: Greg Young

LAY ASSISTANTS: Ade Aramide, Linda Bateman, David Hignell, Flora MacKay, Patricia Pope, Tim Pope, Denise Zonta

LECTORS: Ayoola Aramide, Karen Hudson

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Tom Warwick

MUSICIANS: Joanne Collier, Tim Scott, Rachelle Wiebe, Handbell Choir and St. Augustine's Senior Choir

SANCTUARY GUILD: Chris Burton, Jacky Hall-Buckland, Brenda McGrath, Sue Milne, Shelagh Stefan, Diana Young

SERVERS: Tabitha Ball, Elizabeth Ostrop, Mark Penner

SIDESPEOPLE: Patti deGorter, Ken Dorchak

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Sherris Henley

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, David Hignell; Videography: Kimoya Edwards, David Olubiyi

WELCOME MINISTRY: Ceri Penner and Jennifer Samayoa

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Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery & Special Events
Music Director
Organist
Administrative Assistant
Lead Verger
Assistant Vergers
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
Deputy Warden (Worship)
Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)
Deputy Warden (Facilities)
Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)
Deputy Warden (Communications)
Deputy Warden (Discipleship and Evangelism)

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