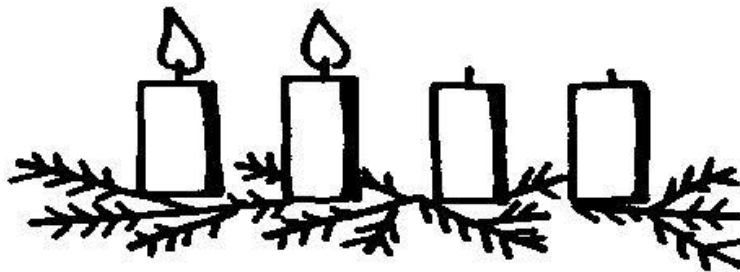




# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City

## Jazz Vespers



### *Advent II*

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Live Stream via Facebook

*Welcome to St. Augustine's Church*

*We are part of the worldwide Anglican Church, although many of us come from a variety of Christian backgrounds or none. We are located near the centre of Lethbridge, Alberta but our congregation is spread all over the city and region. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to join our church family as we learn to follow Jesus.*

***Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Immanuel.***

***—Isaiah 7:14***

*It is a particular joy to welcome you to this service of Jazz Vespers. Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.*

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*This service will be played and sung by parishioners and friends of St. Augustine's Church:*

***Randy Epp, piano and keyboards***

***Don Robb, trumpet***

***Brandon DeGorter, alto sax***

***Wayne Edwards, steel pan***

*Thank you to our Technical Support Team for this service:*

*Sound - David Hignell, Barry Adams*

*Video - Orion Legg, Michaela Gateman*

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*The Order of service is set forth in this service booklet.  
Please join in singing and speaking the parts printed in **bold**.*

## Evening Prayer – The Service of Light

### Prelude

*Presider* Jesus Christ is the light of the world

*People* **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

### Advent Antiphon “O Emmanuel”

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

### Sonnet “O Emmanuel” by Malcolm Guite

Andrew Legg

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us,  
O long-sought with-ness for a world without,  
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.  
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name,  
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,  
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,  
Be folded with us into time and place,  
Unfold for us the mystery of grace  
And make a womb of all this wounded world.  
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,  
O tiny hope within our hopelessness,  
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,  
To touch a dying world with new-made hands  
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

### Instrumental “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### O Gracious Light *(all standing)*

**O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.  
O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,**

**we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## **Thanksgiving**

*Presider*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*             **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, ruler of the universe,  
creator of light and darkness.**

**In this holy season,  
when the sun's light is swallowed up  
by the growing darkness of the night,  
you renew your promise to reveal among us  
the splendor of your glory,  
enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Through the prophets  
you teach us to hope for his reign of peace.  
Through the outpouring of his Spirit,  
you open our blindness to the glory of his presence.  
Strengthen us in our weakness.  
Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will  
and free our tongues to sing your praise.  
For to you all honour and blessing are due,  
now and forever. Amen.'**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**FIRST READING • Isaiah 5:1-7**

Brandon DeGorter

I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup> “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?

<sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.”

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the Lord Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Psalm 114

Joanne Collier

What a - larmed you that you fled? What a - larmed you that you skipped

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like rams? What a - larmed you that you fled?

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What a - larmed you that you skipped like rams?

When Israel came out of Egypt,  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
 Judah became a sanctuary  
 and Israel a dominion.

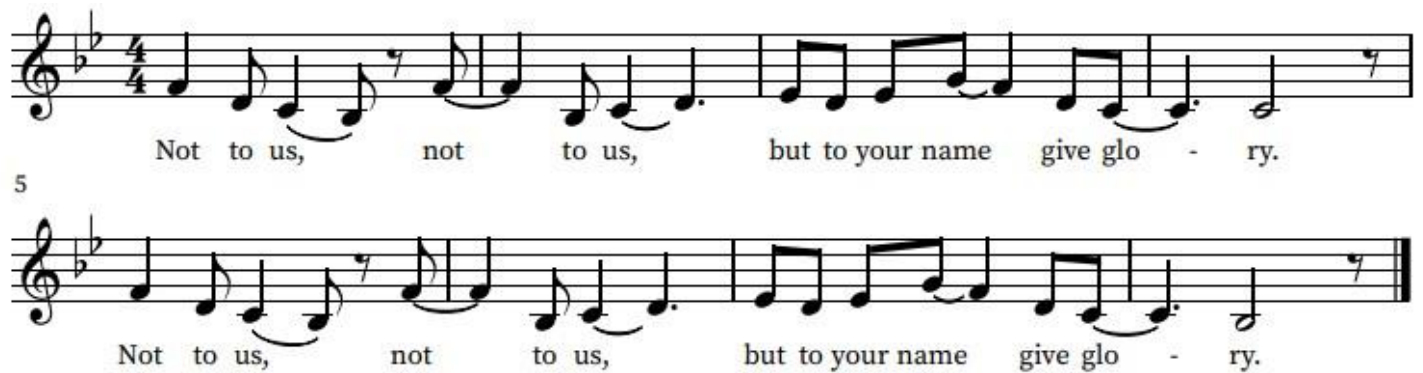
The sea beheld it and fled;  
 Jordan turned and went back,  
 the mountains skipped like rams,  
 and the little hills like young sheep. **Refrain.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
 O Jordan, that you turned back?  
 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
 you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O Earth, at the presence of God,  
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
 and flint into a flowing spring. **Refrain.**

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.

## Psalm 115



Not to us, not to us, but to your name give glo - ry.

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Not to us, not to us, but to your name give glo - ry.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give glory;  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.  
Why should the heathen say,  
“Where then is their God?”  
Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills to do he does. **Refrain.**

Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;  
they have ears, but they cannot hear;  
noses, but they cannot smell;  
they have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk;  
they make no sound with their throat.  
Those who make them are like them,  
and so are all who put their trust in them. **Refrain.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us;  
he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;  
he will bless those who fear the Lord,  
both small and great together. **Refrain.**

May the Lord increase you more and more,  
you and your children after you.  
May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heaven of heavens is the Lord's,  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.  
The dead do not praise the Lord,  
nor all those who go down into silence;  
but we will bless the Lord,  
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

**Gospel Reading • Luke 7:27-35**

Br. Jason Carroll

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:16-20.

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

<sup>27</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>28</sup> I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

<sup>29</sup> (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)



<sup>31</sup> Jesus went on to say, “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

“‘We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not cry.’”

<sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>34</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ <sup>35</sup> But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.  
**People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Musical Reflection “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”**

## **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.

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings** *(all kneeling)*

### **The Collect**

**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 forever.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People*       **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.**

## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Schedule for Livestream Prayer and Worship:**

**Morning Prayer** - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 9:00am

**Evening Prayer** - Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 6:00pm

**Compline** - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 8:45 pm

## **Advent & Christmas Events and Services**

<b>Advent Carol Service</b>	Sunday, Nov. 29 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Christmas Program</b>	Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 10:00AM
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 4:00pm (livestream only)
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Thursday, Dec. 24
	❖ Family Holy Communion (candlelight) @ 7:00pm
	❖ Late Night Holy Communion service (candlelight) @ 11:00pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	NO SERVICE!!
<b>First Sunday in Christmas</b>	Sunday, Dec. 27 @ 10:00am
<b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	Sunday, Jan. 3 @ 10:00am

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