

# **10.00 am Sunday Service**



**28 November 2021**

## Welcome

### Prayer

All creation holds its breath.

**The time is almost here.**

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

**Excitement is all around us.**

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts  
for the coming of Christ, our hope.**

### Song: Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

**Come let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King**

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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## Advent 1 – Hope

### Multiage Talk

## **Bible Reading: Luke 1:5-25**

<sup>5</sup> In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. <sup>8</sup> Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. <sup>10</sup> Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup> Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup> Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." <sup>21</sup> Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup> When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup> When his time of service was ended, he

went to his home.<sup>24</sup> After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, <sup>25</sup> “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.

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## **Message**

### **The Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.  
This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith;  
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### **Song: Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

### **Christ alone cornerstone**

**Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne  
Faultless stand before the throne

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### **Offering Prayer**

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world.  
You fill our emptiness with your goodness.  
You come to our weakness with your strength.  
Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest  
of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.

### **The Confession**

**Heavenly Father,  
You have loved us with an everlasting love,  
But we have broken your holy laws  
And have left undone what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,  
Forgiving all who humbly repent  
And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord

God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus,  
In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

## **Prayers for the Church and our World**

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

**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.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power  
for you created all things, making us in your own image.  
We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by his death on the cross and rising to new life  
offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**  
And now, gracious God, we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine,  
and pray that we who receive them,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

according to our Saviour's word,  
in remembrance of his suffering and death,  
may share his body and blood.  
On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup

**to proclaim the death of the Lord.**

We do this until he returns. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Father, as we recall his saving death

and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts  
be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.  
Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom,  
there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour  
and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Sending out of God's People**

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament  
you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
and help us to grow in love and obedience  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## **Notices**

**Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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## **The Blessing**

May the God of all peace and glory  
Who gives eternal life, love you always  
And may the Prince of all peace and glory  
Of endless faithfulness, know you always  
And may the Spirit of God's peace and glory  
Set your soul on fire. Forever. **Amen.**