

Advent Evening Service

Sunday, November 29, 2020

5:00 p.m.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

Jenny Tisi

SONG OF PREPARATION

Sung by Minisingers, Mastersingers, and Troubadours.

Verse and refrain: Light the candle of Hope today, the Giver of hope will come!
Welcome the hope we long and wait for, but only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with hope, light up the world around you.
Flicker and flame and glow with hope, light up the world around you.

Refrain

Flick - er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a -
round you. Flick - er and flame and glow with hope,
light up the world a - round you.

—Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919–2008)
Music: Carl Schalk (b. 1929)

COLLECT

Jenny Tisi

Minister: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Minister: Let us pray.

O God, we come here to wait in the shadow of fear, through the tumult of doubt, with needs yet unnamed. Waiting is the way toward hope. We wait...for you Emmanuel. *Amen.*

READING "The Light of Hope"

Kwayi Ndjamen

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. The word "Advent" means "coming". We mark the four weeks of waiting and preparing by lighting candles of the Advent wreath. The greens remind us of everlasting life. The circle reminds us of God's everlasting love for us. The candles bring light as the winter days grow shorter, and remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. During Advent, we wait for the coming of the Messiah — the one who will save God's people — the one who was foretold by the prophets thousands of years ago. The first Advent candle is the Light of Hope.

ANTHEM*Sung by Mastersingers, Troubadours and Trouvères.*

Hope for the World
(We Sing)

We sing of yellow dragonflies and brilliant orange sunsets,
of dappled forests and oceans, dancing with life.

We sing of generations of lined and loving faces,
and eyes, clear in their knowing.

We sing for the hope of the children, of hope for the world,
and the new rooster song, fresh each morning.

We sing of blessed yesterdays and holy tomorrows,
of changing colors: the seasons, shining with light.

Where yellows and oranges, forests and oceans wait for us,
wait to find hope for the world.

—Words: Robert Bode

Music: Jacob Narverud (b. 1986)

LESSON

Ian Emrani

A Reading from Isaiah (40:1–11)

"Comfort, oh comfort my people," says your God. "Speak softly and tenderly to Jerusalem, but also make it clear that she has served her sentence, that her sin is forgiven! She's been punished enough." A voice cries out, "Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God. Fill in the valleys, level off the hills, smooth out the ruts, clear out the rocks. Then the glory of God will be revealed." The mouth of God has spoken! A voice says, "Shout!" I said, "What shall I shout?" "These people are nothing but grass, their love fragile as wildflowers. The grass withers, the wildflowers fade, if God so much as puffs on them. Aren't these people just so much grass? True, the grass withers and the wildflowers fade, but our God's Word stands firm and forever. Climb a high mountain, Zion. Raise your voice. Make it good and loud, Jerusalem. You're the preacher of good news. Speak loud and clear. Don't be timid! Tell the cities of Judah, 'Look! Your God!' See God coming in power, ready to go into action. God will feed the flock like a shepherd, gathering the lambs and hugging them close, and gently leading the mother sheep to good pasture."

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Kelly Erin O'Phelan

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

Sarah Russell, ZooeY Yang

Minister: God of light and shadow, mystery and miracle: prepare our hearts to receive your precious gift of love. Keep watch with us as we await the new advent of justice and compassion.

Reader: God of hope, guide us as we wait and watch for signs of your promise in our lives and in the world.

People: Fill us with your spirit of hope.

Reader: God of peace, help us to be a part of the harmony you desire for all creation.

People: Fill us with your spirit of peace.

Reader: God of joy, give us hearts and minds filled with the joy of your liberating message.

People: Fill us with your spirit of joy.

Reader: God of love, may the preparations we make in Advent open us to the love you bring to the world.

People: Fill us with your spirit of love.

Minister and People:

Source of all light, send your Son Jesus Christ to shine in our bleak world. Help us prepare our hearts to receive the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Kelly Erin O’Phelan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by Trouvères and Canterbury Choir.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

The Congregation is invited to sing:

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

—Words: Latin, ca. 9th century

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1; arr. by Sean Ivory (©2017)

DISMISSAL

Jenny Tisi

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Advent I Evening Service, Sunday Nov. 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Join Jenny Tisi and Kelly Erin O'Phelan as we provide a family-friendly service of music, readings and storytelling.

Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols Sunday Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m.

In the warm ambience of the candlelit church, Coventry Choir directed by Weicheng Zhao offers motets, carols and canticles of intense, mystical beauty. A meditation by Mike Kinman focuses on the meaning of the coming of the Christ in a contemporary context.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sunday Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m.

We celebrate the feast day of the *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* — the patron saint of the Americas — with a festive service full of candles and roses. Alfredo Feregrino offers a meditation; Dan Cole & Ensemble offer music.



Advent III Evening Service Sunday Dec. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Trouvères, Vox Cambiata and Youth Chamber Choir offer music of Hella Johnson, directed by Jenny Tisi. Cassidy Anderson offers a meditation.



Advent Evensong, Sunday Dec. 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Canterbury Choir with chamber ensemble, directed by Weicheng Zhao offer music. Susan Russell offers a meditation. This special evensong is a wonderful way to close the Advent season and prepare for the glory of Christmas.



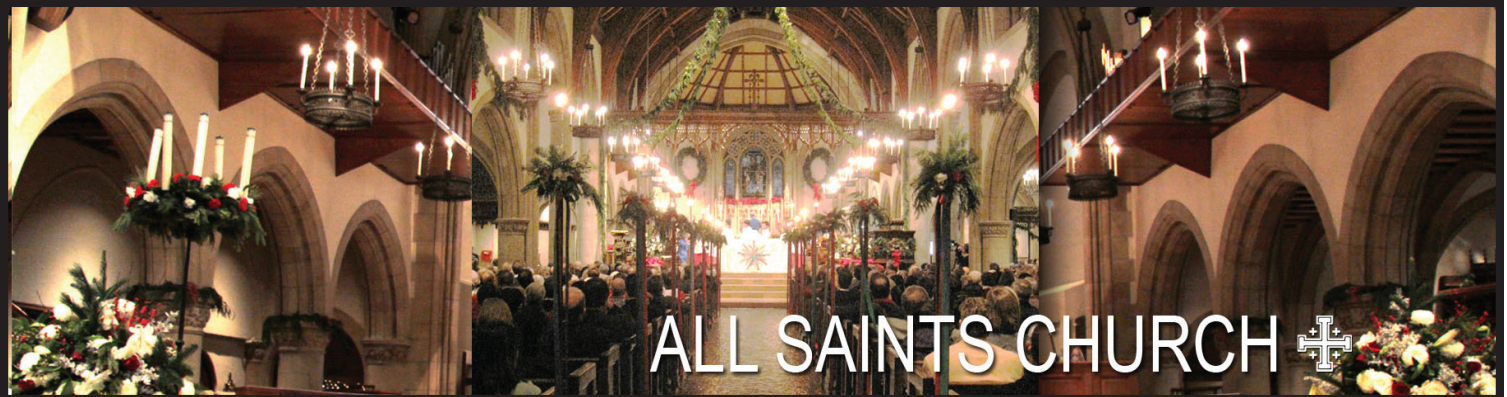
Blue Christmas Monday Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are struggling this season, you are not alone. Join us for a unique liturgy where the light of Christ provides comfort and healing. Mike Kinman and Sally Howard preside.



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Christmas Eve

Family Service at 3 p.m.

The Rector and friends present a non-traditional telling of the Christmas story; Troubadours offer music.



Festive Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

This is a bilingual Spanish/English service
Trouvères & Trouveres alumni offer music,
directed by Jenny Tisi. Alfredo Feregrino preaches.
American Sign Language interpretation available.



Festive Eucharist at 10 p.m.

Canterbury Choir, Coventry Choir and chamber orchestra offer music, directed by Weicheng Zhao.
Mike Kinman preaches.

Christmastide

Friday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

This is a bilingual Spanish/English service
Dan Cole & Ensemble offer music;
Sally Howard preaches.

Sunday, Dec. 27 Christmas Jazz Vespers with Bill Cunliffe at 10:00 a.m.

Jazz pianist, Grammy Award-winning arranger and our composer-in-residence
Bill Cunliffe offers festive music.



Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Let's bid adieu to 2020 together with a festive service.
Mike Kinman offers a meditation.