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## All Saints' Westboro



# LOVE

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**8:00 am—Said Eucharist**

**9:30 am—In-person service that will also  
be broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

*Please Note: The 9:30 service is being broadcast on Zoom and recorded; if you attend in-person you may appear on camera and the recording.*

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather on the unceded and unsundered Territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial,

**All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.**

Opening Hymn: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v1,5-7) #89**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

**O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.**

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our bitter conflict cease,  
and be for us our Prince of Peace.**

*Refrain*

**Children's Talk**

*(Please send the children forward during the last verse of the Opening Hymn. The children are invited to join the Church School following the talk.)*

Officiant: These lights have been our friends on the way  
*(Light first three candles, two blue, one pink.)* Now we will light the last Advent candle *(Light the fourth candle)*

**All: Mary, the mother of Jesus, laughed with happiness when she knew her baby was soon to be born.**

Officiant: Elizabeth was with her, sharing her joy and telling her that she was a special person.

**All: We see good things in each other while we wait to celebrate her baby being born.**

Officiant: O God,

**All: as we begin to feel the joy of Christ's coming, we pray that we will look, and find in wonder, the beauty of Christ's life in each other which is your gift to us. Amen.**

**Children's Recessional: *(Sung through twice)***

There's a song of love in my heart;

Love is a gift from Jesus.

There's a song of love in my heart;

Love is a gift from God.

*Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises.*

*Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.*

*(The Children then proceed downstairs for Church School)*

Officiant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

Officiant: God of promise,

**All: you look with favour on the lowly, you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry. May we, like**

**Mary, respond to your call and be obedient to your will; through Jesus Christ who is to come. Amen.**

**The First Reading is from Micah (5:2-5a)**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80: 1-7—O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock**

*(hymn setting: words by Michael Morgan; tune #120)*

**O Shepherd, hear and lead your flock,  
as lambs we crave your care;  
what strength on earth approaches yours,  
what mercies can compare?  
Restore, O God, your favour,  
the radiance of your face  
to lighten and reveal the gift  
of your redeeming grace.**

**Our selfish prayers deserve God's wrath,  
our pride, a sudden burst;  
we have but stones to serve as bread,  
and tears to quell our thirst.  
Restore, O God Almighty,  
the radiance of your face  
to lighten and reveal the gift  
of your redeeming grace.**

**God's lineage, like a vine,  
once spread and flourished in the land;  
but now the vineyard fails,  
the fruit lies withered in the sand.  
Restore, Lord God Almighty,  
the radiance of your face  
to lighten and reveal the gift  
of your redeeming grace.**

**The Second Reading is from Hebrews (10:5-10)**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: **Tell Out My Soul**

**#362**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds  
his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (1:39-55)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the

promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: *The Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley*

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

**All: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus the Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People

One: “Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine.” As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, God in love coming among us, we join in prayer with Christians all around the world. God who is with us,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: O God for whom we wait, we pray for the church. In our own Anglican community, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; John, our preacher today; all those who are in leadership roles in the parish; and Brian, pastor of First United. May we like Mary

hear your Word and respond in faithful obedience.  
God who is with us,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: O God bringer of light, we pray for the world with its riches and its needs. We give thanks for the gifts of art and music, of colour and light, of gatherings of family and friends that fill our hearts with joy at this season. Help us to be aware of places of darkness, of injustice, and of sorrow in the midst of our prosperous society. Strengthen us for service in your world, so that through us the hungry may be fed, the lowly lifted up, peace and justice may grow among us. God who is with us,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: O God of compassion, we pray for those in need—the homeless at this winter season, the unemployed, the hungry, the lonely, the sick, and all for whom this season is difficult. We hold in your light those who have asked for our prayers:

**All: Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Pat** (Broome); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Susan** (Gates); **Tom** (Thorne); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Andrea** (Smith); **Shari** (Rathwell); **Viola** (Martin)

One: and for those whom we now name, silently or aloud. . . . Sustain the faith and hope of the weary. We pray for those who have died, especially the Rev. Canon Matthew Borden and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . , and for those who mourn. Comfort and sustain them with your never-failing love. God who is with us,

**All:**       **hear our prayer.**

One:       O God for whom we wait, you have set before us a great hope that your reign is even now coming on earth. Make us watchful and alert to see signs of its dawning. Make us ready to pray and work for that day when your will is done on earth as in heaven. Make us eager with expectation, as we look for the fulfillment of your promise in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All:**       **Amen.**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Officiant: Most merciful God,

**All:**       **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.**

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

**All:**       **Amen.**

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

**All:**       **And also with you.**

*When exchanging the Peace with fellow parishioners, please remember that physical contact with those outside your bubble group is not permitted during this Yellow phase. Share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.*

Offertory Hymn: **Mary, Woman of the Promise**      **VU#16**  
**(tune CP#500)**

**Mary, woman of the promise,  
bearer of your people's dreams,  
through your open, willing spirit  
waters of God's goodness streamed.**

**Mary, song of holy wisdom,  
sung before the world began,  
faithful to the Word within, you  
carried out God's wondrous plan.**

**Mary, morning star of justice,  
mirror of the Radiant Light,  
in the shadows of life's journey,  
be a beacon for our sight.**

**Mary, model of compassion,  
wounded by your offspring's pain,  
when our hearts are torn by sorrow,  
teach us how to love again.**

**Mary, woman of the Gospel,  
precious home for treasured seed,  
help us to be true disciples,  
bearing fruit in word and deed.**

Celebrant: Gracious God,

**People:** 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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: 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, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

**Officiant:** 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 God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing,

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*During Communion, please proceed forward in your family group to the altar but leave a social distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. A sidesperson will direct you when to come forward to receive the host. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available. While it is fully sufficient to receive in one kind, just the bread, the Common Cup is available for those who wish to receive. **Please Note: Intinction is not allowed.** You will use hand sanitizer again in the side aisles after you have put you mask back on.*

### *Musical Interlude*

Officiant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant: As we leave this sanctuary, we leave in the spirit of Mary.

**All: We have the blessing of God, for us and with us. We give thanks that God has chosen us to serve.**

Officiant: We have confidence that God will give power to the poor and put the influential in their place.

**All: In our joy, and in our troubles, we know that God will be our Saviour today, tomorrow, and when time turns into eternity.**

Officiant: Go with your loving God,

**All: for God's love goes with us.**

Officiant: And the blessing . . . .

### *Announcements*

Closing Hymn: **Joy to the World**

**#154**

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love.**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*When the service ends, please leave through the Richmond Road doors or back to the Madison Avenue door and maintain safe social distances. When in the Courtyard, please continue to wear a mask and maintain the social distancing if you are speaking with others.*

## Readings for Next Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

### Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands; Susan Stewart  
Readers: Barbara Gillie and Peter Ward  
Server: Chris Kirch  
Intercessor: Patricia Bays

Please pray this week for

- the staff of our Diocesan Office;
- those in our pastoral care: Evelyn Heeney, Kay Findlay, Dorothy Adams, and Lucille Lane; and
- our sister parishes in the area, our ecumenical fellowship, our Muslim friends at the Scott St. Mosque, and other interfaith friends.

### *Credits:*

*Closing prayers from David Sparks, Prayers to Share, Year C*

*Collect from FWM Proposed Prayers (2004) alt.*

*Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

*Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services*

*Affirmation of faith from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

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*There is no need to preregister for our 8:00 am and 9:30 am Sunday Services. However, you will be asked to show your vaccination certificate or passport (along with proof of identity), provide contact information, wear a mask at all times in the Church, and stay distanced from anyone outside your family group.*

## Church School

### Today—A Trip to Bethlehem—An Advent Journey

All ages, four-years-old to high school, will gather in Room 7/8 right after the puppet conversation, and we will continue on the road! Everyone will be distanced and masked. Today, on the last day of our Advent Journey, we will visit the Town of Love and will “pack” loving hearts.

# CHRISTMAS 2021 at All Saints' Westboro

## Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

## Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Family Eucharist with Children's Participation  
(Prior Registration Required for 4:00 pm)

10:00 pm Sung Eucharist with Candles and Carols

## Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Eucharist with Carols



## First Sunday after Christmas, December 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist, Baptism, and Church School

## Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

## Epiphany Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (2022)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist and Church School

4:30 pm Jazz Vespers



*Waiting with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love (Photo by Helen Norman)*