

# St. Alban's Anglican Church

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

10:00 am In-person & On-line

All Welcome.

(Please note: Masks are not required but optional.)

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Welcome to St. Alban's Church and to our **In-person and online worship.**

"St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond, acknowledge we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, the hən'q'əmín'əm' language group. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is God's land."

**Today the season of Advent begins, a time when the people of the Church prepare for the coming of Christ Jesus now as well as long ago in Bethlehem. There are changes in our liturgy for the next four Sundays to help us hold this special time while the world around us is racing to Christmas.**



***At the sound of the Bell, please keep silence.***

*Opening Hymn*

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

CP 97

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
**give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

***Children's Focus and the Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

*Leader:* The Lord is our faith and our life.

**All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.**

*Leader:* And His love shine in our hearts.

**All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.**

*(One violet candle is lit.)*

*Leader:* Let us pray: that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

*(Pause for silent prayer.)*

*Leader:* Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in our faith so that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

**All: Amen.**

**Response of Praise, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1-2***

### ***The Proclamation of the Word***

*First Reading*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: Anne Denis

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 121(122) CAN

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Kate Keefe

**Response**      C            G            C            F            G7            C

Voice 

I re - joiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

## Verse 1

I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

(To Response)

## Verse 2

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

(To Response)

## Verse 3

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!

(To Response)

## Verse 4

For love of my family and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For the love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

**Response**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia*

CP 712

*The Gospel*

*Reader:* Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *Matthew 24:36-44*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*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**

*Prayers & Intercessions*

Eric Hanson

*Confession & 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.***

*Celebrant*

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.**

*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. **Amen**

*The Peace*

*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn*

Fairest Lord Jesus

CP 619

*The Prayer over the Gifts*

God of love and power,  
**your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 angles and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Holy, Holy*

CP 719

*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 the 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 evil 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,

*Acclamation*

CP 720

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from 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 the 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**

CP 721

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

*All*

**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**

*Communion Hymn*

We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

CP 80

*Prayer after Communion*

**God for who we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen**

*Blessing*

*Sending Hymn*

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

CP 106

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Prayers for the Week of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

- ✠ **For the World:** + May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.
- ✠ **For the Church:** + in the Anglican Communion: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.
- ✠ In the Anglican Church in Canada: + ACC The people of the Anglican Church of Canada ELCIC The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. St. Andrew's, Langley - The Revd Andrew Halladay, The Revd Lorie Martin, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Linda Nicholls Indigenous Bishop, The Right Revd Sidney Black (Interim) General Secretary, The Venerable Alan Perry, and The General Synod Staff.
- ✠ **For St. Alban's:** + for our parish councillors. + for all programmes under our Outreach umbrella, and those who lead them; + for the Volunteers whose work makes these essential services happen; + for all members of our congregation near and far.
- ✠ **For the Sick and Suffering:** + those who are sick: Fay Leung, June Svensson, Anthony Larson, Bernadette Seow, Sandra Thorp, Hayley Leland, Corie, Dong Sheng Jin and Eric Hanson.
- ✠ **For the Dying:** + For those who have lost their lives in the Colorado Night club shooting and their families



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## SONGS FOR THE SEASON

*Advent Lessons & Carols*

**December 9 at 7pm**

St. Alban's Church

(7260 St. Albans Road)

Reception to follow

*All are Welcome!*

A community service of readings and hymns offered by St. Alban's, St. Anne's, Gilmore Park United, Brighthouse United, Salvation Army band, South Arm United.

**Staff Office hours:**

**Elizabeth - Office Day Fridays** - Tuesday & Wednesday offsite but please email or call.

**Jennifer** - Tues & Thurs work from home - **Wed's and Fri in the office** 9am -12pm.

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***Ministering Through the Liturgy***

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher:</i>	Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz
<i>Music</i>	Kyumin Lee
<i>Bulletin:</i>	Jennifer Kirk
<i>Readers:</i>	Anne Denis, Sue Robertson, Rev Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz
<i>Intercessions:</i>	Eric Hanson
<i>Greeter:</i>	Anne Denis
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Stephanie Christie & Anne Denis
<i>Flowers:</i>	The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God.

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