

Sunday, November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent English & Cantonese Online Holy Communion Service

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Jenny AndisonInterpreter: Margaret LooLay Reader & Intercessor: Andy NgReader: Anna LoClicker: Fenella ChiuPPT Compiler: Yvonne ZhengAV Support: Paul SetoHost: Chivas Chu

Introduction before starting service – Andy

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We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Opening Sentence (P. 268) – Andy

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

Grace (P.185) – Bishop Jenny

Celebrant:	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
	and the love of God,
	and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
	be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Peace (P.192) – Bishop Jenny

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

People: And also with you.

<Please greet each other in the name of Christ>

Collect of the Day (P. 268) – Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 – Anna

Reader:

All:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn – #92 Lift Up Your Heads

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;

The Savior of the world is here!

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;Make it a temple, set apartFrom earthly use for heaven's employ,Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer, come! I open wide; My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.

4. So come, my Sovereign; enter in!Let new and nobler life begin;Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,Until the glorious crown be won.

Music: Thomas Williams Text: Georg Weissel, Catherine Winkworth Song Leaders: Joanne Loo & Justin Kim Accompaniment: www.smallchurchmusic.com CCLI License #2643036, Streaming License #20619056

Gospel Mark 13:24–37 – Bishop Jenny

- Reader: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Coming of the Son of Man

 ²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that

summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Bishop Jenny (Interpreter: Margaret)

The Apostles' Creed (P.189) – Andy

Leader: 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 of the People (P.119 Litany 12 Advent) – Andy

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's transition to St. E, Fr. Jim's retirementAnglican: The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian ChurchDiocesan: St. James Cathedral, Bishop Jenny's transition to St. Paul's BloorInfirm: Esther Chen

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

- Intercessor: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"
- Intercessor: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

- Intercessor: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.
- People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
- Intercessor: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.
- People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
- Intercessor: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.
- People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
- Intercessor: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
- Intercessor: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.
- People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
- Intercessor: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon! Amen.

Confession (P.191) – Andy

Leader: 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.

All: Most merciful God, 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.

Absolution (P.192) - Bishop Jenny

- 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.
- People: Amen.

Offertory

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Offertory Hymn – #93 O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. 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 thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show And cause us in her ways to go. *(Refrain)*

4. O come, Desire of nations, bindAll peoples in one hearts and mind.Bid envy, strife and quarrels ceaseFill the whole world with heaven's peace. (*Refrain*)

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Prayer over the Gifts (P.269) - Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2 (P.196-7)

- Bishop Jenny

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

> By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices 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.
- Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying,

"Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (P.211) - Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (P.212 #5 Advent) – Bishop Jenny

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.

The Communion

Due to current health and safety measures, only the consecrated bread will be distributed to communicants. Communicants must wear masks and come forward in a physically distanced manner following the floor markings. Communicants receive the host while still wearing a mask. They will stop at a two metre distance from the communion minister, hear the words, "The body of Christ..." and respond with "Amen". Then move forward to receive the wafer in their hand. They then move away (two metres) from the communion minister, stop to remove their mask, and consume the host. The communicant will replace their mask and then clean their hands with hand sanitizer made available there before returning to their seat.

Prayer after Communion (P.269) – Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: God for whom 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. People: Amen.

Doxology (P.214) – Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing (P.683 ii) – Bishop Jenny

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Announcements

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For more info about the Advent Prayers from today refer to "Advent: Readings and Prayers for Advent at Home" Compiled by the Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk with prayers from Bishop William Cliff.

As posted on the Anglican Journal Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/bill.cliff1/posts/10105419457830441

Dismissal – Andy

Leader:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Next Sunday Dec 6 9am

Mandarin Online Morning Prayer Roster

Preacher: Pastor Tom Ho Hosts: Helena Huang, Paul Seto

Next Sunday Dec 6 10:15am

English Online Morning Prayer Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Maria Ling

Worship Leader: Justin KimReader & Intercessor: Charles DoironHost: Fenella Chiu

Next Sunday Dec 6 11:15am

Cantonese Online Morning Prayer Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Maria Ling Interpreter & Reader: Tali Wong Lay Reader & Intercessor: Billy Ng PPT Clicker: Annie Chan PPT Compiler: Paul Seto Host: Chivas Chu

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