

Sunday December 1, 2024 10:00 A.M.

A Service of Hope

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

GREETING:

HYMN # 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Vs 1,2,4&6 (*Blue Book)*

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
All who are waiting, Hear!
All who hope, Listen!
The promise has been breathed into the fabric of history
and Its fulfillment is at hand:
The lonely will be comforted,
The orphan will be championed,
A light will shine in the darkness,
The lost will be searched for and will be found.
The path of salvation will be restored.
See, O people, See the face of Emmanuel.
"God's glory will appear,
and all humanity will see it together;
for God has spoken it."

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.
We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Collect of the Day
God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness.
Raise our heads in expectation,
so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 25
Reader: Helen Barry
To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O God,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
Gracious and upright are you;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You guide the humble in doing right
and teach your way to the lowly.
All your paths are love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 558 God When I Stand, No Path Before Me
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Laurie Ljubojevic*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 100 Comfort, Comfort O My People (*Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: Mystery of winter skies, ….
… as we sing.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest x2

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: To you indeed be glory…
…now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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 for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 11 Come, Come Emmanuel
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

Hymn # 96 Creator of the Stars of Night
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
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.

Announcements

HYMN # O God of Every Longing
(See Insert)

The Blessing and Dismissal