

Sunday December 3, 2023 10:00 A.M.
First of Advent
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 # O God of Every Longing
(See Insert)

We light this candle for all
who seek hope in a troubled world.
Holy One, as we wait for your promise,
Give light, give hope

Hope is a Star
VS 1 & 2 (See Insert)

Collect
Creator God,
You walked this earth—
Bare feet in the Garden of Eden,
Bare feet on the road to Golgotha.
You took on flesh and bones,
A beating heart and human hands,
Skin that could bruise and a heart that could ache—
All to teach me how to love.

God of love, God of life—
You took on skin and bones
and walked this earth,
So in turn, I understand this faith to be
an embodied one,
A journey where all of me belongs to
all of you, and I am better for it.
Amen.
Adapted from a poem by Sarah Are | SanctifiedArt

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14 & 27
Reader: Bryan Cummings
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 8
Reader: Bryan Cummings
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HYMN # 91 People Look East! The Time is Near
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-5 & 14
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon –*Hillary McBride (Sacred Embodiment)*

The Prayers of the People – *Wayne Stewart*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Vs 1, 2, 4 & 6 (*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: You are worthy of blessing and praise, ….
… join their unending hymn.

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
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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: On the night before his suffering and death…
…One God, now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.
- The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

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

Hymn # 94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near
(Blue 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 # 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.
(Blue Book)

The Dismissal

