

ADVENT

*A Season*

*of*

HOPE

*and*

EXPECTATION

**SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY FOR ADVENT 2017**  
**St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops BC**

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**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD**

**The Processional Hymn**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we gather on the ancestral lands of the Secwepemc with whom we share the land.

**All: From many places and many peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, and as we move through Advent season, we are not alone, for we meet in the presence of the living God.

**All: We meet in the presence of the living God.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we are not alone, for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

**All: The Coming Christ stands in our midst.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we are not alone, for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

**All: The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we gather with the whole company of heaven: Here heaven and earth are one.

**All: In this time and in this space, heaven and earth are one.**

*The Advent candle(s) are now lit*

Leader: In this time and in this place, as the nights lengthen and the days are dim,

**All:** we light this candle to remind us that our  
Light comes.

Leader: In this time and in this place, as we wait for  
Jesus, who is Hope, Joy, Love and Peace for  
the world,

**All:** we light this candle to remind us that Christ  
comes to us each and every day.

*The children's sacred symbols are now distributed*

Leader: In this time and in this place, we gather  
together, one people in Jesus Christ.

**All:** In this time and in this place, we are one  
people in Jesus Christ. In the name of God,  
Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the children proceed to children's ministry programming,  
we sing together MV 175 (twice)

**May we but wait upon love's word;  
Knowing our prayer is heard (2X)**

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

### **The Collect for the Day**

### **The First Reading**

Reader: Listen for the Leading of the Spirit

**All:** Thanks be to God

### **The Psalm and the Second Reading**

Reader: Listen for the Leading of the Spirit

**All:** Thanks be to God

## The Gradual Hymn

### Proclamation of the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

*At the conclusion:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

### Homily

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Tirechan's Creed, 7<sup>th</sup> century (*from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670*). The congregation joins using the **bold text**

Our God is the God of all humans,  
the God of heaven and earth,  
the God of seas and rivers,  
the God of sun and moon,  
the God of all heavenly bodies,  
the God of the lofty mountains,  
the God of the lowly valleys.

**God is above all the heavens;  
and beneath the heavens.  
Heaven and earth and sea,  
and everything in them,  
such God has as an abode.**

God inspires all things  
gives life to all things,  
stands above all things,  
and stands beneath all things.

**God enlightens the light of the sun,  
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,  
makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,  
and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.**

And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,  
and similar in all respects  
neither is the Son younger nor older;  
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.

**And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit  
are inseparable. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People:**

*For each of the following and if appropriate, the leader will add specific intercessions followed by:*

**All:** God of Love,  
**hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, who sent to us our Saviour, whose Body is  
your Church, grant to all your faithful people your  
unity and your peace.

**All:** God of Love,  
**hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, whose Kingdom holds heaven and earth  
as one, grant to our leaders and all in authority  
your wisdom and your peace.  
God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        O God, who created this bountiful world, grant to all in danger or in want a full share in your abundance and your peace.

God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        O God, whose Spirit comes among us to inspire and to restore, grant to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit your healing and your peace.

God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        O God, who created this lovely world, grant to your people the desire, the knowledge, and the determination to be proper stewards of the earth, that all may share in your bounty and your peace.

God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        O God, who brings us the living water and leads us to eternal life, grant to the dying and those who mourn your comfort and your peace.

God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        O Healing and Reconciling God, we take time to consider requests and thanksgivings placed in the prayer bowl today . . .

God of Love,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

Leader:        And finally, I leave space for particular concerns, including our usual intentions, and your personal

hopes and needs . . .  
God of Love,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: As we are invited to pray at all times and in all places and in all circumstances, take what we offer today O Jesus. Bring light to darkness, love to enmity, and peace and resilience to all.  
God of Love,

**All: hear our prayer. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution:**

Presider: The grace-filled shadows of Advent offer us the opportunity to explore our human complexities through the lens of God's saving love. Trusting in God's promises let us confess our sins:

**All: Jesus, forgive us our sins.  
Forgive the sins we can remember and the sins  
we have forgotten.  
Forgive the wrongs we have done and the good  
we have failed to do.  
Forgive the times when we have been weak in  
the face of temptation, and those when  
we have been stubborn in the face of  
correction.  
Forgive the times when we have been overly  
proud, and those when we have failed to  
boast of your works.  
Forgive the harsh judgments we have made,  
and the undue leniency we have shown.  
Forgive the lies we have told and the truths we  
have avoided.  
Forgive us the pain we have caused,  
and the over-indulgence we have**

**practiced.**

**Jesus have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

*Adapted from an Early Irish text*

Presider: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you close, pardon and cleanse you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and show you the glory of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider: The God who holds heaven and earth as one sent to us the Prince of Peace:

**peace in the Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes and  
peace in our hearts.**

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Offertory Hymn and Prayer over the Gifts**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: May God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to our God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

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

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,  
for you created all things  
and in you we live and move  
and have our being.  
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.  
And even though we turn from you,  
again and again you call us to yourself,  
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own  
to nurture them in the way of  
compassionate love.  
You sent Jesus among us,  
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.  
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,  
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us.  
Jesus suffered the cross, died,  
and in rising again  
became the firstborn of the renewed family.

And so we gather around your table,  
with all the saints and with all Creation  
we sing the hymn of your unending love:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, (CP 719)  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: To you be glory, almighty God,  
because on the night before he died,  
Jesus took bread,  
when he had given thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you:  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
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  
Poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this to remember me.

**All: Great is the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
on these gifts and on us  
gathered round this table;  
that we may be fed with the  
body and blood of your Son  
Unite us in Christ and give us your hope  
that we might be strengthened to do your work  
as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer,  
in the power of the Spirit,

all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let  
us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, (Setting: Light)  
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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us  
Light in the midst of us  
Bring us light and life**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **The Communion**

#### **The Doxology**

Presider: 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.**

### **Advent Blessing:**

Presider: May the saving hope of the coming Christ fill you with expectation, the joy of Mary's song surround you and give you courage, the faith of the prophets strengthen your resolve to work for the redemption of the world, and the blessing of God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

#### **Sung Dismissal**

**Hope Shines as The Solitary Star**                      MV 220  
**Faith is the inner light;**  
**You and I together, mirror the light of lights;**  
**And illumine the pathway home (2X)**

*Various sources including a rite from St. Andrew's Church, Sidney BC, The Rev. Eric Partridge; Edited by kjg*