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ADVENT

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*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

INTROIT

O Radix Jesse;

O Clavis Davis

Great O Antiphons

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless justice now
to heal our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
thy justice on the earth.

Words: Robert B. Y. Scott (1899-1987)

Tune: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815). TIS 234

WELCOME

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

Watch, wait, hope!

Even now, the tender leaves of peace
may be growing on the trees of life.

Watch, wait, hope!

For the wonder of new love
may be moving towards its birthing.

The Christ will come.

The Word of God will not fail us.

Keep awake!

For the shadows of our doubt will be lifted
and singing sounds in the distance.

The Christ will come.

The Word of God will not fail us.¹

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Gracious God,
for division, disunity, discouragement and despair
we turn to you to overcome.

For those who seek justice and safety
we look to you to protect.

For the relentless pursuit of your peace
we light this candle.

Amen.

Please be seated.

¹ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", adapted

RECONCILIATION

Liturgist:

When peace is hard to find open our eyes to look again, O God.
Open our minds to search again for your presence and your purpose.
Loving Spirit, search our hearts and meet us in this place.

Silence

Within our darkest night, you kin-dle the fire that never dies a -
way, never dies a - way. Within our darkest night, you kin-dle the
fire that nev-er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

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We know that we are the ones who are divided
and we are the ones who must come back together.
May we learn love, compassion, and honour
that we may heal the earth, each other, and ourselves.

Priest:

May we know the grace of forgiveness
and offer that grace to others.

May the fires of hope be rekindled among us,
giving light and warmth to the world.

Amen.

SENTENCE AND PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Baruch 5:1

Living Mystery,
whose name cannot be bought or sold:
lead us from justice without compassion
and sacrifice without mercy
to a love which nurtures
and a grace without price. Amen. ³

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

Malachi 3:1-4

Let us wait,
and hope in God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Christ, your sun is rising,
and our hearts surprising,
source of all befriending,
spirit never-ending.

³ *Steven Shakespeare, adapt.*

We may find you living,
present in all giving,
human face of loving,
faithful in your moving.

In all pain and pleasure
you discern our measure,
welcoming the stranger,
facing every danger.

Take away all sorrow,
bless a new tomorrow,
guide our liberation,
join in celebration.

Words: Jenny Blood. Tune: Ravenshaw, melody by W. H. Monk (1823-1889). TIS 427

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,
chapter three, beginning at verse one.



Shine on our path -ways.

Luke 3:1-6

This is the Gospel of Christ.



May we hear wis - dom.

THE SERMON

This is the record of John

Grayston Ives

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist:

Let us pray for those far and near, people and places,
powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

We commit ourselves to live in peace as we work for it
to kindle peace within, between and beyond us.

For the peace of Jesus is an active peace
building, bridging and always dreaming.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

Please refrain from shaking hands.

OFFERTORY HYMN ⁴

**[All] To be your bread now, be your wine now,
Christ come and change us,
to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing,
gift that you gave us, to be your body once again.**

*[Solo] We come to your table with our lives as they are.
Heal us, Christ, for we are broken, make us one again.*

[All] To be your bread now, be your wine now . . .

⁴ *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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*[Solo] Christ, we stumble through the darkness of night.
Lead us now, O Christ, we follow, bring us home to you.*

[All] To be your bread now, be your wine now,
Christ come and change us,
to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing,
gift that you gave us, to be your body once again.

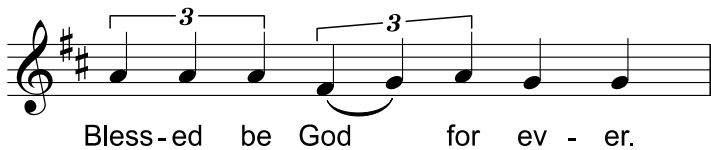
*[Solo] Give us the bread and wine that bring us to life.
Feed us and we'll never hunger, never thirst again.*

[All] To be your bread now, be your wine now . . .

Words and Tune: David Haas, Marty Haugen, Charles Knoll

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor *All*

Hope is a - mong us. We are God's__ light.

Cantor *All*

Shine then with free - dom into all the cor - ners of the world.

Cantor *All*

Lest fear overcome the bril - liance of life and light and lib - er - ty.

O God, Mystery of summer skies,
we thank you in the lengthening days
for opening our eyes to see your sunlit beauty;
for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light;
for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

Jesus was promised by those
who shared your dream of peace;
John the Baptist cleared the way
with words of desert fire;
Mary and Joseph accepted his coming
with tenderness and faith;
we know that he draws near again
to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope
that we might awaken to his coming among us
and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Love called God, the sparks of hope.

Blaze, jus-tice blaze. Blest is Je - sus

who lit up our world, who lit up our world. Ho-san - na,

ho- san - na, ho - san - na to the low-est and the least.

On the night that he was betrayed,
 your Son Christ Jesus,
 gathered with his faltering friends
 for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,
 he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

‘This is my body, which is given for you.
 Do this to remember me.’

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.’

As on that night, so here and now
 he offers himself in touch and taste
 beyond all words can hold.

We of - fer bread to eat with eyes and hands held
o - pen. We pass this cup to share. We take, break,
bless and give kind-ling hope ev' - ry where.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim him as creation's host,
transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.
We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things may symbolize for us
the body and blood of our brother, Christ Jesus.

Inspire us with the Advent hope
that one day death and greed will be no more
and people without number will come from east and west,
north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings,
for ever and ever. **Amen.** ⁵

Please be seated.

⁵ Steven Shakespeare *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, adapted

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei,
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:


Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.

We sing three times Taizé "Dona nobis pacem" (Grant us peace):



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem;



do - na - no - bis pa - cem.

TE POWHIRI

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Whatever your faith and background
all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*The bread will be brought to you - please stay seated in the pews.
If you do not wish to receive the bread the priest will offer a blessing.*

Te Taro, o te Ora. The Bread of Life.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Advent Song of Freedom

Anton Spelman

How beautiful upon the mountains

John Stainer (1840-1901)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest:

Most loving God,
we are thankful for all we have shared
around this table of love.

**We are thankful that through faith,
hope will overcome doubt,
love will overcome fear,
and light will overcome darkness.
May the blessing of light be on us:
light without and light within. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong;
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing;
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), based on Psalm 72
Tune: Crüger, melody adapted by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
from Johann Crüger's 'Gesangbuch', 1640. TIS 202*

Deacon from the rear of the church:

Go now to dream together, pray together, work together,
to build one world of peace and justice for all.

Amen. We go in the light and promise of Christ.

VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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