

ST. LUKE & ST. PAUL PENRYN

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion & Pageant



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

P. This is our Advent, the time when we remember God is urgently waiting to finally arrive.

P. God, we have been waiting for you, too.

C. Yet you often arrive before we notice: in the place we did not expect, in the word we did not hear.

P. Right before you change a life, your angels always say,
“Do not be afraid.”

C. You are here to change this place. We are not afraid.

***Invocation**

P. Peace to you and welcome, from the God who makes newness from nothing, the Savior who brought warmth to the tomb, the Spirit who innovates from the ashes.

***Confession & Forgiveness**

P. God is here, and God sees through every defense that fools the world. Since we cannot hide from God, there is nothing left to do but to be honest with each other and humble before God. So, in humility, we confess our sins.

Silence for self-examination and reflection

C. God, we have acted helpless, even when you called us to action. We have resisted your truth, even when our lies were exhausting. We have behaved as though we were alone, even when you were beside us. God, we have believed we were dying, even when you helped us grow.

P. God knows we can never undo the sins of this world.

C. The stories of a painful past still echo here today.

P. Yet before our first mistakes, God perfected the plan for salvation. God forgives your sins, all of them. Even when signs of our old lives remain, God's forgiveness is still at work.

C. God sets us free to chart a new path.

***Gathering Hymn My Lord What a Morning WOV# 627**

Lighting of the Candle

The Brandau Family

L: Today we begin the season of Advent by lighting the first of five candles in our Advent wreath. This candle is called the prophets candle. From ancient and modern prophets we hear of the coming of a Savior. Sometimes prophetic words are hard to believe. We are uncertain of their truth. We must wait and be patient. In honor of all the prophets we light this first candle.

The candle is lit

L. Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.

**C: Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and day draws near.
Amen.**

Sung Response by congregation:

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah,
let the light banish darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel
God fulfills the promise.**

Children's Message

The Blessing of the Chrismons

(Chrismon Placement: At the direction of the ushers, all are invited to place a Chrismon on the tree.)

The Crowns: Tradition and Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-7

Anna Mae Grubb

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. 3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with

justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful (v.1)

WOV #629

The Harp: Tradition and Scripture – Psalm 150 Alice Spencer

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! 2Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! 3Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful (v.2)

WOV #629

The Shell: Tradition and Scripture – Matthew 3:1-11

Donna Rhoades

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" 4Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise

up children to Abraham. 10Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful (v.3)

WOV #629

The Scroll: Tradition and Scripture – Luke 4:14-21

Shelly Gochenaur

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful (v.4)

WOV #629

The Manger: Tradition and Scripture – Luke 2:1-7

Andrea McAllister

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first

registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn (v.1)
WOV #633

AQ: Tradition and Scripture – Revelation 1:1-8 Deb Korzon

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near. 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hymn Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn (v.4)
WOV #63

***Prayer of Dedication**

P. Holy God, we dedicate these symbols of the Advent and Christmas seasons to be reminders of your promises of forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, new life, and a new heaven and earth.

C: Likewise, we dedicate our lives anew to the service of Christ and our neighbors near and far, and pray that we may be filled with your mercy and compassion, so perfectly revealed to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Hymn of the Day** Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying LBW#32

Advent Pageant: "This is Advent: Hope"

***Sharing of Peace**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering Sr. Choir Anthem
"Already Home" by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

***Offertory**

What Feast of Love

(to the tune of Greensleeves)

What feast of love is offered here
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king

The bread come down from heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

***Communion Prayer**

P. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you:

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts:

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface for Advent**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

P. Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

P. God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

* Invitation to Communion.

P. Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

*Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Communion Blessing**

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C. Amen.

SENDING

God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news

***Blessing**

P. May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** Soon and Very Soon WOV#744

***Dismissal**

P. Go in peace. Keep awake.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

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