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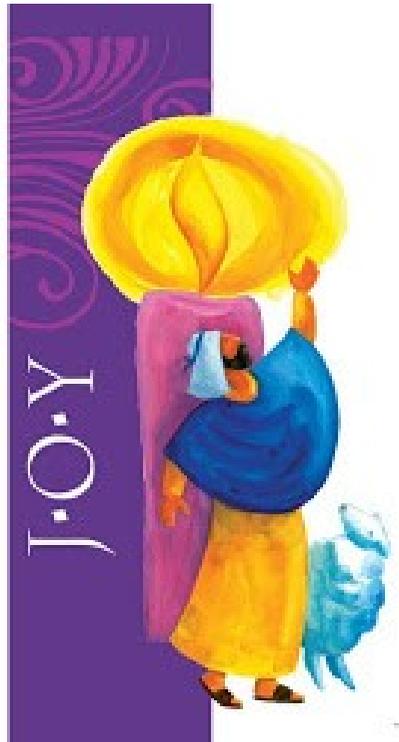
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We welcome all and especially newcomers and visitors, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith. Whenever you see this sign, + before a word or text, you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

## GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

The clergy will enter and kneel to pray. At this point, please move to your seats and conclude conversations quietly. The celebrant then welcomes the gathering informally.

### THE GREETING

*Celebrant* We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional and unceded territories of the X<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**HYMN** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

CP 379

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come  
and take his servants up to their eternal home:  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*The celebrant greets the community.*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All** **And also with you.**

### **THE COLLECT OF PURITY**

*Deacon* Almighty God,

**All** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **ADVENT WREATH**

*The third candle is lit.*

*Celebrant* We wait in hope for the Lord;

**All** **Who is our help and our shield.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our saviour,  
give us the courage to hope.

Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives,  
for this community, and for the world.

Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope.

**All** **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant* God of power and mercy,  
you call us once again

to celebrate the coming of your Son.

Remove those things which hinder love of you,  
that when he comes,

he may find us waiting in awe and wonder

for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

**All** **Our hearts and minds are open.**

### FIRST READING

Nina Shoroplova

*Reader* A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*Musical Interlude.*

### SECOND READING

Nina Shoroplova

*Reader* A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*Musical Interlude. At the conclusion, please stand as you are able for....*

## THE GOSPEL

Nina Shoroplova

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Reader* +The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. Even 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. LUKE 3:7-18

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## THE SERMON

The Revd José Luis Aranda Moyano

### **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*Celebrant* Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

**All I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drina Read

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Deacon* Most merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*The deacon will informally give directions.*

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The deacon prepares the table.*

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*The community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant* God of hope,  
renew in us the joy of your salvation  
and make us a living sacrifice to you,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.

Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,

may rejoice to behold his appearing.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**SANCTUS** *(said)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, " Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and 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,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

**All** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(said)*

*Celebrant* Now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
and each in the language in which you pray, we are bold to say,

**All**        **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 forever.  
Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen;  
**All**        **make yourself known in the breaking of bread.**

## **THE INVITATION**

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the righteous,  
but of the poor in spirit.  
It is made ready for those who love God  
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,  
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.  
Come, not because the Church invites you;  
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.  
The gifts of God for the people of God

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing. Communion is shared according to local COVID-19 protocols.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant* Merciful God,

**All** may this eucharist free us from our sins,  
fill us with unending joy,  
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

**All** 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

#### THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from before your path;  
and the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Giver of Life  
be with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

**HYMN** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CP 306

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All** Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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