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20th of December 2020
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Parish of St. Peter's Hackett's Cove
Service of Morning Prayer according to the Rite of the Book of
Alternative Services (*BAS*)

Opening hymn: CP #88 Come thou long expected Jesus

(to sing along please visit our website for music as recorded by Gina)

Come Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every lonely heart

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever: now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne

The Lighting of the fourth Advent Candle

Reader One: This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas is almost here! Today we remember how the Angel Gabriel came to Mary, to tell her about God's plan. She would have a baby, and that baby would be Jesus, the Son of God.

Reader Two: The Angel waited to see if Mary would agree. At first she wasn't too sure, but then she said: "Yes, let it happen to me just as God wants."

Reader One: As we light the fourth Advent candle we remember how Mary opened her heart to accept God's will, even though she didn't know what that would mean for her.

Reader Two: And we pray that in this Christmas season we might grow in our trust of God, and be more and more like Mary, the mother of Jesus. Let us pray:

All Together: O loving Father in heaven, we pray that in these busy days of the Christmas season, our hearts may be open to your gift of Jesus, and the love and peace he brings. We ask this in his name. AMEN

Song: Come Lord Jesus

Come, Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus
Come and be born in our hearts.

Come, O Prince of peace, come, O Prince of peace, come O Prince of peace
Come and be born in our hearts.

Come, Immanuel, come Immanuel, Come Immanuel
Come and be born in our hearts.

Officiant: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Let us confess our sins against God our neighbour.

Together:

Most merciful God, 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.

The priest: 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.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia!

The Invitatory: The kingdom of God is at hand: O come: let us worship

Jubilate, Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; *he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

PSALM 89: 1-4, 19-26 Misericordias Domini

Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; ***from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.** For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; ***you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ***I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**
'I will establish your line for ever, ***and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: **"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.**

I have found David my servant; ***with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast ***and my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him, ***nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him ***and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, ***and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

I shall make his dominion extend ***from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, ***my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Reader: A reading from Isaiah...

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 16: 25-27

Reader: A reading from Romans.....

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

Gradual Hymn: CP#89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty powers to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing night;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 26-38

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn: CP #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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 Shall Come Down Like Showers Upon The Fruitful Earth;
Love, Joy And 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.

Kings Shall Fall Down Before Him, And Gold And Incense Bring;
All Nations Shall Adore Him, His Praise All People Sing;
To Him Shall Prayer Unceasing And Daily Vows Ascend,
His Kingdom Still Increasing, A Kingdom Without End.

O'er Every Foe Victorious, He On His Throne Shall Rest;
From Age To Age More Glorious, All-Blessing And All-Blessed.
The Tide Of Time Shall Never His Covenant Remove;
His Name Shall Stand Forever, that name to us is love.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (town, village, etc.), for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Collect: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Fourth Sunday in Advent Collect:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

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

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.

Dismissal:

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn: CP #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye my People

Comfort, comfort ye My people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, And her warfare now is over.

Hark! the herald's voice is calling In the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance, since the reign of God is here.
O the warning call obey! Now prepare for Christ a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits Messiah's reign,
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

Sung Blessing

***Go now in peace never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above,
Go Now in Peace, in faith and in love.***

PRAYER CORNER

✠ We pray for Tara, Cathy, Bill, Tom, Hunter, Breayla, Judy, Carol, Laura, Lillian, Hannah, Harold, Rev. Anna, William, Gregg, Kellie, Adeline, David, Cheryl, Betty Anne, Marlene and Faye. (Want to add a name, call Rev. Taunya, 902-240-7588)

✠ **Parish Sponsor Child:** Maria Ramona Salinas Almada please pray for Maria & the Almada family.

Prayer for our Parish

Bless guide and direct O Lord, each one of us, that we may be equipped and ready to do Your will for us. Bless guide and direct our Parish that as a body of believers we may together reflect the light of God in our community. We give thanks to You Lord for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, that He sent to live within us. Help us to rely and trust always in Your Word Lord, to speak afresh to us, equipping us daily to be Your people. Amen

Prayer for St. Peter's Church

Lord we give thanks for the 150 years this Church has been a visible reminder to the community of the presence of God. As we move forward together, we ask for Your continuous blessing and guidance, that our church may continue to serve You our God in the years ahead. Amen

✠ **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Northumberland, Nova Scotia The Reverend John Morrell, Priest-in-Charge, and Kathy The Reverend Kathryn Cook, Deacon St. Andrew's, Wallace All Souls, Oxford Holy Trinity, Denmark St. John the Baptist, River John

St. John's, Truro, Nova Scotia The Reverend Lori Ramsay and Robert Cullen The Reverend Dorothy Tay, Associate Parish Priest, and Warren

✠ **Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada:**

ACC The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
ELCIC Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership

Weekly Notices/Community Events

Online services are available on SoundCloud "Taunya J. Dawson" and St. Peter's Parish, Hackett's Cove Virtual Anglican Church (Facebook Group).

Christmas Tree in St. Peter's Church Hall: Please help us decorate the Christmas Tree in St. Peter's Church Hall this year with hats, mittens and scarfs for children and adults – these will be donated to the St. Margaret's Bay Food Bank and Phoenix House before Christmas. The Christmas Tree will be in the church hall starting Sunday, November 29th

St. Peter's Parish, Weekly (usually Wednesdays @1pm) Study/Fellowship with Rev'd Taunya:

There will be no in-person Bible study this week, Wednesday afternoon December 23rd. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for the weekly distribution of study materials, which includes a reflection from **Forward Day by Day** based on our Sunday Scripture readings, e-mail tdawson@ns.sympatico.ca. We are exploring the themes of Advent, Hope, Peace, Joy and love by looking to some of the Saints of Nov. and Dec., St. Andrew (hope), St. Clement of Alexandria (peace), St. Nicholas (joy), and the Blessed Virgin Mary (love). See also **St. Peter's Parish, Hackett's Cove Virtual Anglican Church (Facebook Group)**.

The Daily Bread daily reading for January, February and March 2021 are now available: Please contact Anne Boutilier 902-823-3407 to arrange to pick up copies for yourself or friends: Anne is available Monday through Thursday to arrange for pickup of your copy of the Daily Bread.

Movie Afternoon: This event is cancelled, as it is not permitted under the COVID-19 restrictions.

Food Bank: DECEMBER MONTHLY ITEMS – Remember it is Christmas time. They will, of course, accept all donations as there is sure to be a need during these difficult times.

News from Parish Council Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4th, 2021, at 7 pm in St. Peter's Church – if you have COVID-19 concerns, this meeting can be attended/joined via Zoom meeting technology.

Book Room: A reminder that whenever the church is open, St. Peter's Book Room is available for parishioners. Payment is on the honor system. Mike tells us that we just received a donation of a large number of jigsaw puzzles that will surely occupy those who "stay the blazes home".



Christmas Eve In-person Service:

December 24th Christmas Eve

With the new COVID-19 restrictions we will be able to have in-person services on Christmas Eve –
Awaiting confirmation from the Parish and Church Wardens

Next week Services: December 27th

First Sunday After Christmas

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3
Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7

Psalm 147
John 1: 1-18