

Prayer for Illumination

All: Astonishing God, send your Holy Spirit upon us
As we await the coming of your Son.
Fill us with good things that we may conceive your reign
on earth
And glorify you according to your Word;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful VU 60

Reflection Here Am I

Closing Hymn Once in Royal David's City VU 62

We Are Sent Out

Commissioning

All: Magnify the Lord and rejoice,
For nothing is impossible with God.
And the blessing of God,
Who creates, redeems, and restores,
Be with you now and always.

Congregational Response *(Cliff Barrows)*

All: "May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust God and walk in his way.
May God's presence within
guard and keep you from sin;
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love;
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love."

The Blessing Three-fold Amen Postlude

Steveston United Church
Sunday December 24, 2023 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Candle of Love

We Gather as God's People

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Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candle for Peace

All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen"

We Welcome One Another in the Name of the Risen Christ

(Please stand if comfortable)

Opening Prayer

One: My soul magnifies the Creator

All: My spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

One: For the Mighty One has done great things,

All: We surrender to your indescribable awesomeness!
Amen

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Rejoice and be glad! God has given us new life.

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VU 2

Offering Invitation
Offertory Music TBA

Call to Confession *(please be seated)*

Offering Refrain VU 541

All: Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us,
Yet we often make plans without listening to you
And discover that our human agendas
Can drown out our ability to hear your will for us.
We repent of these faults and turn to you in love.
Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins,
That our lives may magnify your holy name forever.
Amen

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit; One. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Sisters and brothers,
By the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Blessed be the God of our salvation
Whose mercy is everlasting. Amen.

Offering Prayer of Dedication

All: Joining Mary's joyful song.
Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord.
And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
With humble and grateful hearts,
Let us bring our offerings to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer refrain VU 391
(Please remain seated)

We Hear God's Word

Christian Scripture *Luke 1:26-38* p.831

One: This is a story of our faith.
All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Today we light all four candles..

One: Today we light the last blue candle of our Advent wreath.

All: The flame of this candle completes the circle of love,

One: and is an invitation for each of us to share God's gift
of love to all, friend and stranger.

All: Let every heart prepare him room.

Congregational Response VU 37

All: "Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"

(The fourth candle is lit)

Advent Carol A Candle is Burning VU 6