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## Order of Service

*First Sunday in Advent*



*St. Catherine's Anglican Church*

**3 December 2018**

**11:15 AM**

**Celebrant &  
Preacher:** Revd Kara K Werner  
**Organist:** Stephen Brown

- ➔ CP = Common Praise (*hymnal*)
- ➔ CW = Common Worship (*prayer book*)

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## Ringling of the Bells

### Prelude

Opening Hymn CP # 32

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

## The Gathering

The Greeting CW 167

*Now it is the time to wake out of sleep  
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first be-  
lieved.*

Confession using "Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy....."

The Collect CW 376

### Advent Candle Liturgy

*God calls us out of darkness to walk in the light of his  
coming.*

*You are God's children.*

**Lord make us one as we walk with Jesus today and for  
ever.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: The Righteous Branch *Please sit.*

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25.1-9 CW 619

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my voice**

### Advent Alleluia Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his  
paths straight and all flesh shall see the salvation of  
God. Alleluia.*

### Gospel Reading: Exhortation to Be Watchful

Luke 21.25-36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who

live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*The sermon may be followed by a short period of silent reflection.*

The Creed *Please stand.* CW 173

### Prayers of Intercession

*Let us praise the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *Please stand.*

*In the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

### Preparation of the Altar

*Look upon us in mercy, not in judgment;*

*Draw us from hatred to love;*

*Make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your  
glory. Amen.*

Offertory Hymn CP # 31

*Lo He Comes in Clouds Descending*

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer D CW 194

The Lord's Prayer CW 178

*In whichever language suits you.*

Breaking of the Bread CW 179

Giving of Communion CW 181

*All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the  
Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a  
Blessing.*

*The choir sings Zion, Hört die Wächter singen.*

*(J.S. Bach, Cantata 14.)*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

## The Dismissal

### Notices

Final Hymn CP # 24

*Come thou long expected Jesus*

### The Blessing and Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Please remain seated.*

*The congregation and all guests are warmly invited to  
gather for a Refreshments following the service at the  
Anglican Centre (children to go across accompanied  
by a parent)*

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