



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu 5032

Advent 1 December 4 2024 Waikanae 10:00am

Worship Leaders: Carole Rudings and Kate Foley

Musician: Marie Smith

Reader: Don Smith

Welcome and notices

*On this first Sunday in the Church's season of Advent we light the
Candle of Hope*

The candle is lit

Hymn 'Hope is a candle' (No. 284 Church Hymnary)

**Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,
never consumed, though it burns through the
years;
dim in the daylight of power and privilege –
when they are gone, hope will shine on.**

Prayer

God of hope,
as we begin our Advent pilgrimage,

grant us the courage to hope:
hope for your presence,
hope for your peace,
hope for your promise,
hope for a more just world.
Amen.

Hymn WOV 193 '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 come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.**

**O come, thou key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.**

**O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.**

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

CWS Christmas Appeal for Advent 1
Climate hope as seas roar

Collect for Advent 1

**God of all time, past, present and future
You surround us with signs of love and justice,
this Advent, renew our commitment to watch
and pray,
so that in climate change and anxious times,
we may recognise your work of redemption,
through science and in faith,
in the name of hope, we pray, Amen.**

Hymn WOV 148 'Love divine'

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our pace,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Advent Poem 'Making the house ready for the Lord' by Mary Oliver

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice – it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat holds the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And I still believe you will come, Lord; you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that I am really speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

Readings Jeremiah 33, 14-16 and Luke 21, 25-36

Reflection

Hymn WOV 451 Lord Jesus Christ

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you,
into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
all your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

...Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Offering

We gratefully accept your gifts
of hope, love, joy and peace;
Help us give them to others;
Bless this offering,
as a tangible token of our intent. Amen.

Hymn WOV 224 Joy to the world!

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
let men their song employ
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love**

Blessing

**Let us not KEEP Christmas.
Let us GIVE Christmas.
Let us LIVE Christmas – merrily, responsibly,
with sparkling eyes, till it comes again.**

The Grace