

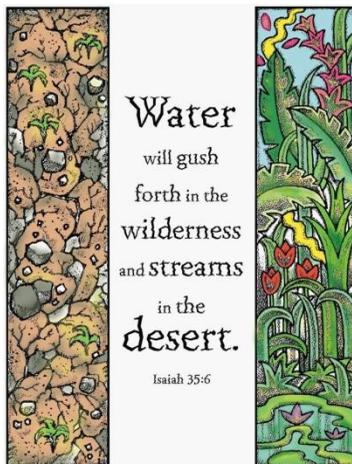
December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Processional Hymn #97 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

Text by Godfrey Thring

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| 1 Jesus came, the heavens adoring,<br>came with peace from realms on high.<br>Jesus came for our redemption,<br>lowly came on earth to die:<br>alleluia, alleluia!<br>came in deep humility.      | 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,<br>bringing news of sins forgiven.<br>Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,<br>leading souls redeemed to heaven.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Now the gate of death is riven. |
| 2 Jesus comes again in mercy,<br>when our hearts are bowed with care.<br>Jesus comes again in answer<br>to our earnest heartfelt prayer,<br>alleluia, alleluia!<br>comes to save us from despair. | 4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,<br>when the heavens shall pass away.<br>Jesus comes again in glory:<br>let us then our homage pay,<br>alleluia, alleluia!<br>till the dawn of endless day.             |

#### Greeting

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

*People* **And also with you.**

#### Lighting the Advent Candles

*Celebrant* In this season of expectation,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into our homes and situations along with friends and families,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives, we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God's people.

*Reader* With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ who will bring light and peace to all the world.

*Light the first candle.*

*Reader* With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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*Light the second candle.*

*Reader* With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice, for the Mighty One has done great things for us. How holy is God's name!

*Light the third candle.*

**Song:** "Light of Jesus" (tune Frere Jacques)

Light of Jesus (light of Jesus),  
show the way (show the way).  
Shine in us forever (shine in us forever);  
this we pray (this we pray).

#### **Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

In your Christ, O God, we discover salvation coming to all who need. Our past has been made new, our futures restored, the earth rejoices with your spiral of beauty—grant, we pray, that our lives be fulfilled in this your fulfilment for us; through Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

#### **Collect for Purity**

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*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **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.**

**Kyrie Eleison** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

*Cantor* Christe eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

#### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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. Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:1–10

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 146:4–9

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #352 New Britain

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| 1 | Happy are they whose hope is in<br>The God whom Jacob knew;<br>Who made the heavens, earth, and sea,<br>Whose promises are true.  | 3 | The Lord lifts up all those bowed down<br>And gives the blind new sight;<br>The stranger, widow, fatherless,<br>He strengthens by his might. |
| 2 | To those oppressed, the Lord our God<br>Gives justice constantly;<br>He feeds the hungry and all those<br>In prison he sets free. | 4 | God brings the wicked to their doom,<br>And he will reign always;<br>From age to age, O Zion, sing<br>To God unending praise.                |

Second Reading:

James 5:7–10

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of James.

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #107 “Prepare the Way”**

Luke 3:4,6; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see  
the salvation of our God.

***Repeat as needed.***

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 11:2–11

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he . . .”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*People* **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**

*Leader* In joyful expectation, we pray.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.****The Celebration of the Eucharist****Offertory Hymn #362 "Tell Out, My Soul"**

Luke 1:46–56 (Song of Mary); paraphrase by Timothy Dudley-Smith

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| <p>1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!<br/>Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit<br/>voice;<br/>tender to me the promise of his word;<br/>in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.</p>         | <p>3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!<br/>Powers and dominions lay their glory by;<br/>proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to<br/>flight,<br/>the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.</p> |
| <p>2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!<br/>Make known his might, the deeds his arm<br/>has done;<br/>his mercy sure, from age to age the same;<br/>his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.</p> | <p>4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!<br/>Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.<br/>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord<br/>to children's children and for evermore!</p>             |

**The Prayer over the Gifts***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **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. Amen.****Eucharistic Prayer #3**

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Proper Preface Advent

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **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

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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.

*People*

Hymn 689

**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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People*

**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 sons and daughters; 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. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #5**

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*Celebrant* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*People* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**O Lamb of God** [Hymn #690]

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

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## Communion Hymn #96 "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Translation from Latin by John Mason Neale

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| 1 Creator of the stars of night,<br>thy people's everlasting light,<br>Jesus, redeemer of us all,<br>hear thou thy servants when they call.                      | 4 At thy great name, exalted now,<br>all knees in lowly homage bow;<br>and things in heaven and earth adore,<br>and own thee King for evermore. |
| 2 Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry<br>of all creation doomed to die,<br>didst save our lost and guilty race<br>by healing gifts of heavenly grace.            | 5 To God the Father, God the Son,<br>and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,<br>praise, honour, might, and glory be<br>from age to age eternally.     |
| 3 When earth was near its evening hour,<br>thou didst in love's redeeming power,<br>like bridegroom from his chamber, come<br>forth from a maiden mother's womb. |   |

### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Merciful God, 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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*People* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

### Dismissal

*Subdeacon* Go in peace full of expectation to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## Recessional Hymn #101 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Text by James Montgomery

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| <p>1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,<br/>great David's greater Son!<br/>Hail, in the time appointed,<br/>his reign on earth begun!<br/>He comes to break oppression,<br/>to set the captive free,<br/>to take away transgression,<br/>and rule in equity.</p> <p>2 He shall come down like showers<br/>upon the fruitful earth,<br/>and love, joy, hope, like flowers,<br/>spring in his path to birth.<br/>Before him on the mountains<br/>shall peace the herald go,<br/>and righteousness in fountains<br/>from hill to valley flow.</p> | <p>3 Kings shall fall down before him,<br/>and gold and incense bring;<br/>all nations shall adore him,<br/>his praise all people sing.<br/>To him shall prayer unceasing<br/>and daily vows ascend,<br/>his kingdom still increasing,<br/>a kingdom without end.</p> <p>4 O'er every foe victorious,<br/>he on his throne shall rest,<br/>from age to age more glorious,<br/>all-blessing and all-blest.<br/>The tide of time shall never<br/>his covenant remove.<br/>His name shall stand forever:<br/>that name to us is Love.</p> |
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***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of Carter Lyttle's baptism from Clavel Lyttle.

### Today's Scripture Readings

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:4-9  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7,16-18  
Rom 1:1-7  
Mt 1:18-25

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

#### Congregation Cycle

Yan C / Cynthia C / Hugo & Carolina C / Ruby D & Ariana / Cheryl D & Matthew

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Altar Guild	
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Intercessor	Geraldine Sperling	Duty Warden	Aili Maki
Reader	Ravi Andrews	Coffee Hour Host	
Videographer	Egan Done		Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Organist	Michael Leach	Counters	John or Laura Pummell
			Felicity Leader

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

### **COVID instructions**

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition. It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to. The cup is now being offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe