

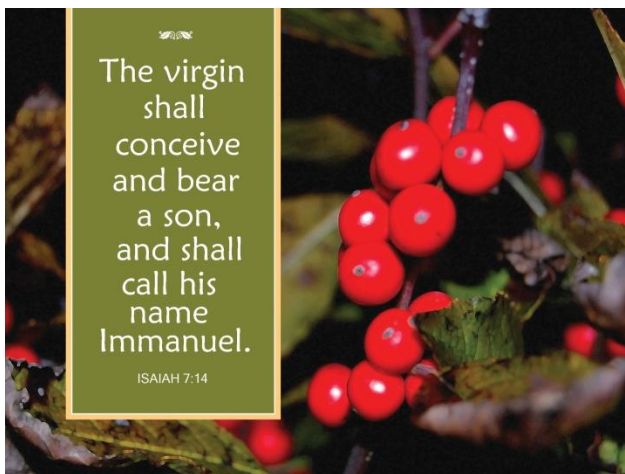
December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available
Please ask an usher for assistance*



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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #88 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Text by Charles Wesley

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| 1 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. | 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart. | 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne. |

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."

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.

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Reader With Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we tell the story of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, who came to save us, and is coming again in glory.

Light the fourth 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.

O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue coming into our lives. You shatter reasoned expectations, give wonder and awe, and fulfil promises little understood. Watching and waiting, we pray, hasten the day! 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 **Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 7:10–16

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted . . .”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1–7

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #431 Breslau

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| 1 | O Shepherd, like a flock you lead
Your people Israel; hear our prayer;
Enthroned upon the cherubim
In glory, shine on our despair. | 3 | How long will you be angered, Lord,
Although we kneel before your feet?
You give us bowls of tears to drink,
Provide us bread of tears to eat. |
| 2 | Before Manasseh, Benjamin,
And Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face. | 4 | Our enemies laugh us to scorn,
Our neighbours witness our disgrace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face. |

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1–7

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:18–25

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.**

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #93 "You Servants of the Lord"

Text by Philip Doddridge

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| 1 You servants of the Lord,
each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate. | 4 How happy shall we be
if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see
and be with honour crowned! |
| 2 Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight,
for awesome is his name. | 5 Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band. |
| 3 Watch; 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear. | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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 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.

Communion Hymn #116 “Your Kingdom Come”

Text by Frederick Lucian Hosmer

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| <p>1 “Your kingdom come”—on bended
knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom’s day.</p> <p>2 But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.</p> <p>3 And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:</p> | <p>4 the day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every heart be healed;</p> <p>5 when knowledge, hand in hand with
peace,
shall walk the earth abroad—
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.</p> |
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Prayer after Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.

People **Faithful God in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 #89 verses 1,2,3,7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1 O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 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.

Refrain

3 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.

Refrain

7 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.

Refrain

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Christmas

Isaiah 52:7-10;

Psalms 98;

Hebrews 1:1-4;

John 1:1-14

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Robin & The Rev. Carol F / Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna G

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner
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Reader	Hazel Perkin	Coffee Hour Hosts	
Videographer	Egan Done		Lorraine Baillie
Organist	Michael Leach		Priya

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