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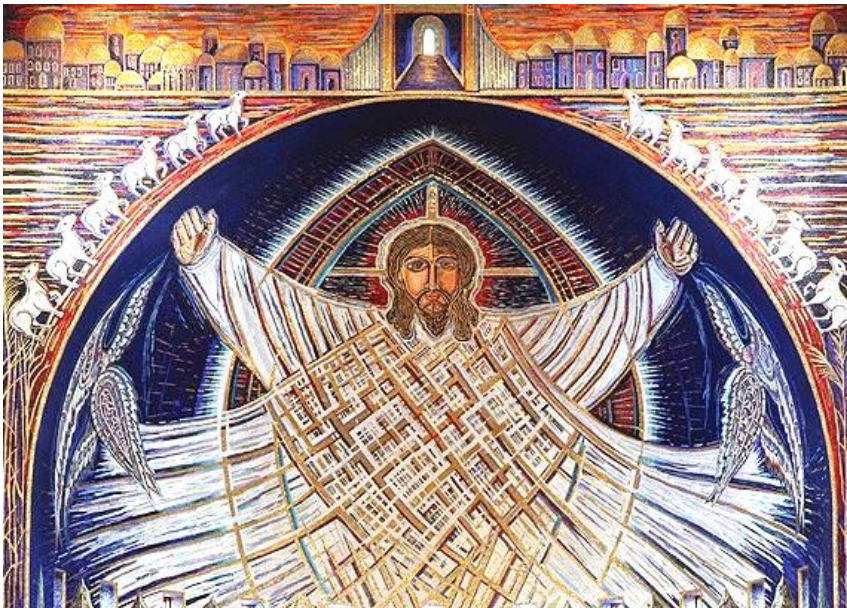
December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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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.

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #91 "People, Look East! The Time Is Near"

Text by Eleanor Farjeon

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| <p>1 People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.</p> | <p>4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is
dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.</p> |
| <p>2 Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.</p> | <p>5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.</p> |
| <p>3 Birds, though you long have ceased to
build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.</p> | |

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.**

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.**

Advent Canticale 18b The Song of Mary Tell Out My Soul Hymn # 362

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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 64:1–9

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

REFRAIN Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

REFRAIN Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

REFRAIN Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

REFRAIN Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was, in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

REFRAIN Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3–9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our 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:

Mark 13:24–37

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens

will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Apostle's Creed

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,
 Father of all things that be,
 maker of the earth and heavens,
 keeper of the sky and sea.
 I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
 now for us both Lord and Christ,
 of the Spirit and of Mary
 born to bring abundant life.</p> | <p>3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
 bonding all the saints within
 one Church, catholic, and holy,
 where forgiveness frees from sin;
 in the body's resurrection,
 for the breaking of death's chain
 gives the life that's everlasting:
 this the faith that I have claimed.</p> |
| <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
 scourged and scorned and crucified;
 taken from the cross, was buried—
 true life there had truly died.
 I believe that on the third day
 Christ was raised up from the grave,
 then ascended to God's right hand.
 He will come to judge and save.</p> | |

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 Liturgy of Healing and Anointing

Celebrant Holy scripture teaches us
that in acts of healing and restoration
our Lord Jesus and his disciples
laid hands upon the sick.
By so doing they made known
the healing power and presence of God.
Pray that as we follow our Lord's example,
you may know his unfailing love.

All are welcome to come for anointing.

Celebrant As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil,
so may our heavenly Father grant you
the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit.
Of his great mercy,
may he forgive you your sins,
release you from suffering,

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and restore you to wholeness and strength.
May he deliver you from all evil,
preserve you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting 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 #599 "Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night"

Text by J. R. Peacey

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| 1 Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,
for God has sent a glorious light,
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away. | 4 Then rise as children of the light.
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
Be careful how you live, and wise
to sift the truth from cunning lies. |
| 2 Awake and sing, with praises strong,
in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.
Let love our words and works renew
with all that's good and right and true. | 5 Through Christ give thanks to God, and
say
to other sleepers on the way:
"Awake, and rise up from the dead
that Christ may shine on you instead!" |
| 3 Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness
knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel,
that Christ may judge, and judging,
heal. | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of love and power,
**your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all
we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask
this in the name 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 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.¹**

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;**

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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

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.**ⁱⁱ

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.**

Lamb of God Common Praise #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

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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. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #89 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Translation from Latin by John Mason Neale

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

4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

Hymn #93 "You Servants of the Lord"

Text by Philip Doddridge

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| <p>1 You servants of the Lord,
each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate.</p> <p>2 Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight,
for awesome is his name.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>4 How happy shall we be
if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see
and be with honour crowned!</p> <p>5 Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.</p> |
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Hymn #98 "Hark the Glad Sound!"

Text by Philip Doddridge

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| <p>1 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour
comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.</p> <p>2 Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.</p> | <p>3 Christ comes, the broken heart to
bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.</p> <p>4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.</p> |
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Prayer After Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God for whom we wait,

People **you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.****Keep us ever watchful,****that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.****We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.**

Blessing**Recessional Hymn #95 "O Come, Divine Messiah"**

Text by Simon-Joseph Pellegrin;
translation by Sister Mary of St. Philip

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| 1 | O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away. | 2 | O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long
foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold. |
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Refrain:

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to
earth.

Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

Refrain

- 3 O come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your Godhead see.

Refrain**Dismissal**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
Second Sunday of Advent
Isiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2,8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15A
Mark 1:1-8

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Ian LaFleur	Videographer	Egan Done
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Intercessor	Margie Lyttle	Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
Reader	Aili Maki	Welcome Desk	Ravi Andrews
Music	Michael Leach	Coffee Hour Host	Lorraine Baillie

ⁱ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Common Praise # 689

ⁱⁱ Michael Leach