

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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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,<br>born to set thy people free;<br>from our fears and sins release us;<br>let us find our rest in thee. | 3 Born thy people to deliver;<br>born a child and yet a King;<br>born to reign in us forever:<br>now thy gracious kingdom bring.      |
| 2 Israel’s strength and consolation,<br>hope of all the earth thou art;<br>dear desire of every nation,<br>joy of every longing heart.   | 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,<br>rule in all our hearts alone;<br>by thine all-sufficient merit,<br>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 of the Advent Wreath

#### First Candle – The Candle of Hope

##### The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

*Leader* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Leader* Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God’s promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

*A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope.*

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

*People* **God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear**

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**your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

## 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.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14–16

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 25: 1-9

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| <p>1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;<br/>my God, I put my trust in you;<br/>let me not be humiliated,<br/>nor let my enemies triumph over me.</p> <p>2 <b>Let none who look to you be put to shame;</b><br/><b>let the treacherous be disappointed</b><br/><b>in their schemes.</b></p> <p>3 Show me your ways, O Lord,<br/>and teach me your paths.</p> | <p>4 <b>Lead me in your truth and teach me,</b><br/><b>for you are the God of my salvation;</b><br/><b>in you have I trusted all the day long.</b></p> <p>5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion<br/>and love,<br/>for they are from everlasting.</p> <p>6 <b>Remember not the sins of my youth</b><br/><b>and my transgressions;</b><br/><b>remember me according to your</b><br/><b>love and for the sake of your</b><br/><b>goodness, O Lord.</b></p> |
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7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his  
way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and  
faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and  
his testimonies.

**God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Second Reading:

I Thessalonians 3:9–13

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 21:25–36

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

<sup>25</sup> “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. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “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, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.”

*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* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

## 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.*

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*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 Lord's Prayer**

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

*People* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 forever. 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 #645 "Come Down, O Love Divine"**

Text by Bianco da Siena; translation by Richard Frederick Littledale

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| 1 | Come down, O Love divine,<br>seek thou this soul of mine,<br>and visit it with thine own ardour<br>glowing.<br>O Comforter, draw near,<br>within my heart appear,<br>and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. | 2 | O let it freely burn,<br>till earthly passions turn<br>to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;<br>and let thy glorious light<br>shine ever on my sight,<br>and clothe me round, the while my path<br>illuming. |
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3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner  
clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps  
with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human  
telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a  
dwelling.

### 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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*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, 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.

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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 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.**

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the holy sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment, I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with**



**grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### The Communion

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

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

*All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.*

### Communion 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<br/>of the crowning of the year.<br/>Make your house fair as you are able,<br/>trim the hearth and set the table.<br/>People, look east and sing today:<br/>Love, the guest, is on the way.</p> <p>2 Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,<br/>one more seed is planted there:<br/>give up your strength the seed to nourish,<br/>that in course the flower may flourish.<br/>People, look east and sing today:<br/>Love, the rose, is on the way.</p> | <p>4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is<br/>dim<br/>one more light the bowl shall brim,<br/>shining beyond the frosty weather,<br/>bright as the sun and moon together.<br/>People, look east and sing today:<br/>Love, the star, is on the way.</p> <p>5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth<br/>Christ who brings new life to earth.<br/>Set every peak and valley humming<br/>with the word, the Lord is coming.<br/>People, look east and sing today:<br/>Love, the Lord, is on the way.</p> |
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### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God for whom we wait, 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. Amen.**

### Doxology

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Dismissal

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

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

### Recessional Hymn #114 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Text by John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Madan

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| <p>1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,<br/>once for favoured sinners slain;<br/>thousand thousand saints attending<br/>swell the triumph of his train:<br/>hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!<br/>God appears on earth to reign.</p> <p>2 Every eye shall now behold him,<br/>robed in dreadful majesty;<br/>all who set at nought and sold him,<br/>pierced, and nailed him to the tree,<br/>deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply<br/>grieving,<br/>shall the true Messiah see.</p> | <p>3 Now redemption, long expected,<br/>see in solemn pomp appear;<br/>all his saints, on earth rejected,<br/>thrill the trumpet sound to hear:<br/>hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!<br/>See the day of God appear!</p> |
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### We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

#### Congregation Cycle

Nigel P

Krystal P & Family

John & Laura P

V. Selvin Raja K

Rakesh & Sangeeta & Family

The Holy Water sprinkler set is given to the Glory of God from Anne and Max Wynter.

**Today's Scripture Readings****First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings****Second Sunday of Advent**

Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79)

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes
Reader	Hazel Perkin
Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Máiri Demings
Intercessor	Doug Heyes
Videographer	Egan Done
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Altar Guild	Nancy Dodsworth
Counters	Richard Snider, Carolyn Poonwoo

**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.

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ON YONGE

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2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS** or **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
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