

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #108 “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding”

Translation from Latin by Edward Caswell

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| 1 Hark, a herald voice is sounding,
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say.
“Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.” | 4 that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near. |
| 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies. | 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run. |
| 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven, | |

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.

Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, O Promised One. Once again we come to this time of Advent and await your presence.

Give us the patience to seek the meaning of these busy days.

Give us the courage to wait in times of pain and trouble.

Give us the compassion to wait for one another.

Give us the faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.

Give us the hope to wait for the Saviour even when we cannot hear the angels singing.

Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbour.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive 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:

Malachi 3:1–4

Reader A reading from the Book of Malachi.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68–79)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set
them free.
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty
Saviour,
born of the house of his servant
David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised
of old,
that he would save us from our
enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 **He promised to show mercy to our
fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life.
- 6 **You, my child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of
salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

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7 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break
upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.

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

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3–11

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

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1–6

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Gospeller 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 #102 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"**

Text by Frans Mikael Franzen

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.

Greet one who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Saviour's rule embrace.

His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; 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, 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,

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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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and 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

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 #100 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Isaiah 40:1–5; paraphrase by Johannes G. Olearius; translation by Catherine Winkworth

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| <p>1 Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak ye peace: thus says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression’s load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.</p> | <p>3 Make ye straight what long was
crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah’s reign,
For the glory of the Lord
now o’er the earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God’s Word is never broken.</p> |
| <p>2 Hark! The herald’s voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.</p> | |

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet’s call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus 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.**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #103 "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

Text by Charles Coffin; translation by John Chandler

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| <p>1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.</p> <p>2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.</p> <p>3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.</p> | <p>4 To heal the sick stretch out thine
hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once
more.</p> <p>5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.</p> |
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Tahereh R

Craig R & Berta Z

Anne S

Ashok S

Raj & Roshni S

Today'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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-20

Canticle 3 (Is 12:2-6)

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Preacher	The Rev. Carol Friesen
Reader	Ravi Andrews
Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Máiri Demings
Intercessor	Laura Pummell
Videographer	Egan Done
Duty Warden	Doug Heyes
Ushers	Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner

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 from the Diocese to keep you safe

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time

NOTE: ONE participant at a time may remove their mask temporarily if they are a reader, intercessor, Subdeacon, doing announcements, preacher or priest but only when they are speaking. They must remain 4m away from others.

2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. **Have NO CONVERSATIONS or SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
4. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS ON THE FLOOR**
5. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service

When the ORGANIST has finished the POSTLUDE, and the CAMERA is turned off, please leave the church.

Thank you for joining us
Stay Safe