

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. –Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Processional Hymn #116 “Your Kingdom Come”

Text by Frederick Lucian Hosmer

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

#### 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

#### Third Candle – The Candle of Love

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

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

*Leader* Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

*A person lights the Candles of Hope and Peace.*

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly, and show God’s love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God’s forgiveness.

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*A person lights the Third Candle, the Candle of Love.*

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

Let us pray.

*People* **Lord God, your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. 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* **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.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14–20

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2–6)**

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,  
and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;**

make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

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**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4–7

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

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

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

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:7–18

*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>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor;’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to

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them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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 #95 "O Come, Divine Messiah"**

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

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.

#### **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**

### **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 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, 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**

*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 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.*

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## Communion Hymn #117 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Text from German and by Friedrich Layritz;  
translation by Theodore Baker & Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth

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| 1 | Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming<br>from tender stem hath sprung,<br>of Jesse's lineage coming<br>as seers of old have sung.<br>It came, a blossom bright<br>amid the cold of winter,<br>when half spent was the night. | 3 | O Flower, whose fragrance tender<br>with sweetness fills the air,<br>dispel in glorious splendour<br>the darkness everywhere;<br>true man, yet very God,<br>from sin and death now save us,<br>and share our every load. |
| 2 | Isaiah 'twas foretold it,<br>the Rose I have in mind;<br>with Mary we behold it,<br>the virgin mother kind.<br>To show God's love aright,<br>she bore to us a Saviour,<br>when half spent was the night.            |   |  |

### 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.**

### 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.**

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| <p>1 When the King shall come again,<br/> all his power revealing,<br/> splendour shall announce his reign,<br/> life and joy and healing;<br/> earth no longer in decay,<br/> hope no more frustrated,<br/> this is God’s redemption day<br/> longingly awaited.</p>                     | <p>3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees;<br/> fainting hearts, be cheerful!<br/> God, who comes for such as these,<br/> seeks and saves the fearful.<br/> Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues<br/> sing away their weeping;<br/> blind eyes, see the lifeless ones<br/> walking, running, leaping!</p> |
| <p>2 In the desert, trees take root,<br/> fresh from God’s creation;<br/> plants and flowers and sweetest fruit<br/> join the celebration;<br/> rivers spring up from the earth,<br/> barren lands adorning.<br/> Valleys, this is your new birth;<br/> mountains, greet the morning!</p> | <p>4 There God’s highway shall be seen<br/> where no roaring lion,<br/> nothing evil or unclean,<br/> walks the road to Zion:<br/> ransomed people homeward bound<br/> all your praises voicing,<br/> see your Lord with glory crowned,<br/> share in his rejoicing!</p>                             |

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

**Congregation Cycle**

Kien & Anna S  
Maurice & Aprille S & Family  
Anne-Marie Small  
Richard & Laura, Peter & Owen S  
Alan & Geraldine S

**Today’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

**Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mic 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

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Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes
Reader	Hazel Perkin
Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Máiri Demings
Intercessor	Geraldine Sperling
Videographer	Egan Done
Duty Warden	Aili Maki
Ushers	Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
Counters	Lorraine Baillie, Craig Robertson

## **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**

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1. **Be MASKED** all the time

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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

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Thank you for joining us - Stay Safe