December 11, 2022 10am

Third Sunday of Advent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Preaching: Assisting: The Reverend Patrick McManus The Reverend Brian Suggs The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron Natania Friesen Good Morning! We always provide a leaflet to assist people in finding their way through the worship service. This morning, we are narrating the third Advent service. These few moments before our formal worship are times to prepare ourselves through meditation or prayer.

We call our service the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek, meaning "thanksgiving". It is the family meal of the church. It is sort of like a family meal in our own homes. The table is set. There will be conversation and food, and we will gather together to receive our Lord's gift of himself. Then we go out to celebrate and make His presence and power known in the world.

During the season of Advent (and Lent) we do not sing the traditional "Gloria" that we would normally. Instead we sing "Kyrie Eleison", which is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy".

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY We gather with song and prayer as the People of God Prelude: Joe Orazem, organ Please stand as you are able. Kyrie Eleison: Marty Haugen (b. 1950) Sing twice Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e le - i - son, e Ky - ri - e le - i - son, e le i son. Music: Marty Haugen Copyright GIA Publications Choir: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. People: (repeat) Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us to serve you. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. People: (repeat)

Welcome:

The Greeting:

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Reflection:

Reader 1:Come, Lord Jesus,All:come and dispel the darkness of our world with the<br/>light of your love. Nurture in us expectant hearts.<br/>Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you, until<br/>that day when you burst through the heavens, and<br/>flood our horizons with your glorious splendour.

- *Reader 1*: Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives.
- *Reader 2*: We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Light the 3rd candle.

- Reader 2: As we reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world,
- All: help us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within us the hope of glory to which you beckon us. Amen.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for celebrating the birth of Jesus and for anticipating his coming again. Each week is dedicated to remembering and pondering a key biblical theme that was fulfilled in the arrival of Jesus: hope, peace, joy, and love.

We come to the Eucharist in the name of the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The celebrant greets us. We answer. *Presider:* Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.** 

> Hymn 91: People Look East (Verse 3) Tune: Besançon

*As we sing this song the children & youth will proceed to their faith formation programmes.* 

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.

~Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

> First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 Reader: Cathie Figueira

Before we read from the Word of God, we begin with the Prayer of the Day, which is also called the Collect of the Day, in which the concerns of the church are "collected up" in a short prayer. *Reader:* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

*Please keep a period of silence for reflection.* 

Do you enjoy picking up your favourite book and reading over your favourite stories? At the Eucharist we read from the Bible. It tells the story of God's love. We know the stories well and they all lead us to Jesus.



## Second Reading: James 5:7-10 Reader: Elliot Friesen

*Reader:* A reading from the Epistle of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: The Lord Is Coming South African Chant (Verses 1 & 2)

Please stand as you are able.

We sit for a reading from the Bible. This morning, it is a reading from the letter of James.



#### Holy Gospel: **Matthew 11:2-11** *Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron*

*Gospeller:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*Gospeller:* When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The highpoint of Proclamation is the Gospel reading. The four gospels in the Bible tell us about the good news of Jesus Christ. It is brought 'low' among the congregation because the Gospels tell us all about Jesus, God who came to dwell among us.

Because it is the good news, we stand as an act of praise and thanksgiving. We turn to face the reader to show we are willing to hear and do God's will. You may see some making the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips and heart to ask God to bless our thinking, speaking and living.

The Gospel is usually followed by the sermon during which the preacher speaks about the readings and helps us to understand God's word. The sermon is followed by a period of silent reflection to let the words which have been spoken sink in.

Now we stand to affirm our faith by saying the Nicene Creed. We remember that we were given the new life of Jesus at baptism. We remember all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is customary in many churches to make the sign of the cross at the end of the Creed. We do that by touching our forehead, then the centre of our chest, our left shoulder and right shoulder and then return to the centre of our chest.

All:

Gospel Acclamation: The Lord Is Coming South African Chant (Verse 3)

The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, The Lord is coming, his light will guide our path, May we all be ready for him.

Please be seated.

Sermon: The Reverend Brian Suggs

The Nicene Creed: *Please stand as you are able.* 

*Presider*: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the words of The Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Presider:* Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People: For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins.

Intercessor: Natania Friesen

This is the part in our worship where the concerns we hold as the people of God are brought to God in prayer by one intercessor. We are all praying as we respond to each petition. You may have things on your heart and mind you wish to silently name as the intercessor prays.

Confession and Absolution: A big part of being a Christian is being Presider: Human sin disfigures the whole creation, honest with which groans with eager longing for God's ourselves and more redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith. importantly, honest with God about our ~ cf. Romans 8.22,23 failings, our faults, and our Please kneel as you are able. brokenness. Presider: Almighty God, As we come before long-suffering and of great goodness: All: God, we come to I confess to you, the One, "whose I confess with my whole heart property is always to have mercy" as my neglect and forgetfulness of your the old prayer book commandments, says. God is love. my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; God is mercy. God the hurts I have done to others, has forgiven you of whatever sin might and the good I have left undone. cling to you. You O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; have freedom from and raise me to newness of life: all of that in Jesus Christ and this is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen where we speak that out for each Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, and everyone so that we can go to who in his great mercy has promised the table of Jesus forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt with a clean heart, repentance and true faith turn to him: at peace with God have mercy on you, and our brothers and sisters. pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace: Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another from where we are standing and online in the 'live chat'.

Please stand as you are able.

- *Presider:* In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- *Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People:* And also with you.

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

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#### Offertory Hymn 363: My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord *Tune: Duke Street*

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give our offerings. For those present in person, an offering plate will be passed. If online, you can click the link to give your offering through Canada Helps. <u>https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give</u>

My soul proclaims your glory, Lord my spirit sings with thankful voice, for you my lowly prayer have heard: in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

Nations unborn will bless your name, giver of boundless grace to me, in every age you are the same: you make the humble whole and free. We cannot love God and be at odds with other people. God's story can only continue in our lives if we make peace with others - brothers, sisters, parents, friends, even our enemies. The greeting "Peace be with you" is exchanged throughout the congregation.

As we prepare for Communion, or the Eucharist, we give offerings of money as a way of acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and so we honour God, and say thank you, by giving God back a portion of what He has given us. We also offer the simple vessels of bread and wine for God to use to show us Jesus. Ultimately the offering God wants is you, "your soul and body" as the old prayer book says.

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	~Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-56), para. Paul Gibson (1932-)
	Prayer over the Gifts:
Presider:	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. <b>Amen.</b>
	The Great Thanksgiving:
Presider: <b>People:</b> Presider: <b>People:</b> Presider: <b>People:</b>	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

We express our joy, our love, and our gratitude in the Great Thanksgiving. The priest invites us to give thanks. Presider:

And now we give you thanks because you sent Jesus to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

> Sanctus: Laudate Dominum

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



We all join in the sanctus (holy, holy, holy) with the gathered faithful here but also with saints before us and indeed with the whole host of heaven. Then we remember what Jesus said and did during his last supper with his friends.

Your glo - ry fills the heav'n. your glo - ry fills the earth. Ho - san - na ho - san ev - er - more, na ev - er - more, 3.Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er-more! 4.Glo - ry you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er-more! to 0 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord! ho ly Ho - ly, ho - ly, ĺý Lord! ho glo - ry, Glo - ry Glo ry, to you! A - men, A - men, А men. Music: Jacques Bertheir Taizé Community Copy right GIA Publication:

Presider: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

> Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

People: (sing verse 3)

Glory to you, O Lord, Glory for evermore, Glory, glory, Glory to you

The priest asks God to make our gifts of bread and wine holy through the power of the Spirit and says the words that Jesus said. We offer our life with Jesus for others. The priest says words such as these. "Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever." And we all respond with the Great "Amen". And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

#### People: (sing verse 4)

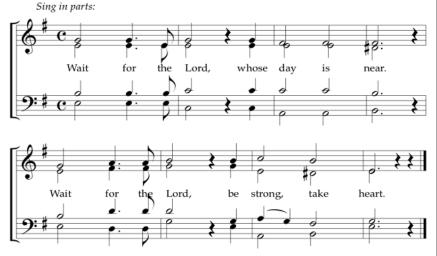
Glory to you, O Lord, Glory for evermore, Amen, amen, Amen.

We end this great prayer of Thanksgiving by joining together and praying the prayer that Jesus taught us. We pray that God's kingdom will be present among us. We pray to be forgiven. We pray to be forgiving. We pray for strength when life is hard, and for protection from evil in this world.	Presider: All:	As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, 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 for ever. Amen.
		Breaking of Bread:
We share the bread of life. The priest breaks the bread to remind us that we all have a share in the new life of Christ. The bread we use is not like the	Presider: <b>People:</b> Presider: <b>P</b> ao <b>ple</b> :	God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom. <b>Happy are those who are called</b> <b>to the supper of the Lamb.</b> The gifts of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
bread you have at home, it is unleavened. Some people like to call it a wafer. The priest invites us to share in communion.		<i>The Communion:</i> <i>come to communion this morning, we have reintroduced the</i> <i>cup. No one should feel any pressure to take of it; we just ask</i>

As we come to communion this morning, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take of it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

## Music during Communion: Wait for the Lord

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Choir:	Prepare the way of the Lord.
	Make a straight path for him.
People:	Wait for the Lord

*Choir:* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.*People:* Wait for the Lord ...

*Choir:* Rejoice in the Lord always. He is at hand.*People:* Wait for the Lord ...

*Choir:* Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.*People:* Wait for the Lord ...

*Choir:* I waited for the Lord, he heard my cry.*People:* Wait for the Lord ...

*Choir:* O Lord, show us your way. Guide us in your truth.*People:* Wait for the Lord ...

When you leave your place to go to communion, you will be going to Jesus himself. You will be answering his personal invitation. If you are baptised the priest will offer you bread. It is placed in your hand with such words as, "The body of Christ given for you." You can respond by saying "Amen".

If you are not baptised or do not wish to receive communion, you can still come to receive a blessing. To indicate that you do not wish to receive, cross your arms over your chest. Prayer after Communion: Please stand as you are able.

Presider: 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:

At the end of the Eucharist, the priests finish up the bread and wine. The Deacon helps to clean up after the meal. At home the dishes would have to be done and put away. At church the same thing must happen. Then the priest invites us to pray. We stand in silence. The priest says a prayer.

Presider: Glory to God
All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

Sending Out:

*Presider:* The mission of the Lay Pastoral Communion Visitors is to bring the presence of Christ in the sacrament to those who are sick or shut-in in our parish.

As you go out, bring Christ to those in need and go with our blessing. **Amen**.

The Blessing:

Presider: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

### Closing Hymn 109: When the King Shall Come Again

Tune: Tempus Adest Floridum

Now we are at the end of our worship service and we sing our final hymn. After the hymn, the deacon dismisses us. Our hearts are full of joy. We know Jesus is alive. We know he is with us. So, we will answer joyfully, saying "Thanks be to God."

When the King shall come again, All his power revealing, Splendour shall announce his reign, Life and joy and healing: Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustrated; This is God's redemption day Longingly awaited. In the desert trees take root Fresh from God's creation; Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit Loin the celebration;

Plants and flowers and sweetest fru Join the celebration; Rivers spring up from the earth, Barren lands adorning; Valleys, this is your new birth; Mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees; Fainting hearts, be cheerful! God, who comes for such as these, Seeks and saves the fearful. Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues Sing away their weeping; Blind eyes, see the lifeless ones Walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen Where no roaring lion, Nothing evil or unclean, Walks the road to Zion. Ransomed people homeward bound All your praises voicing, See your Lord with glory crowned, Share in his rejoicing! ~The Reverend Christopher M. Idle (b. 1938) *Leader:* As we await our coming Saviour, go forth in the joy of Christ.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Joe Orazem, organ The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of John Farncomb, given by Myrna Teskey

Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy, as they endeavour to minister to parishioners. Readers: Cathie Figueira and Elliot Friesen Sidesteam: 3 Chancel Team: 4 Chalice Bearers: Anne Layton & Jamie Isbister Intercessor: Natania Friesen Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron Production: ASK Tech Team *Incumbent:* The Reverend Patrick McManus Associate Priest: The Reverend Brian Suggs Deacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron Associate Minister for Children and Youth: Naomi Suggs *Organist:* Joe Orazem Office Administrator: Kerisha Barnes Drummond (Mat. Leave)/ Renée Bouffard-McManus Sextons: John Oliver and Phuntsok Rabten Contributions Secretary: Della Wilkie Nursery: Hanna Bridport Churchwardens: Jacquie Burkhardt, Mary Anne Huggins, and Jennifer Kelly

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