

## Second Sunday of Advent



**10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**“Glorifying God as Agents of His  
Reconciliation”**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Sentence:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3.4.6

### **Hymn #245 - O come, O come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, shall come to thee o Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe

O come, O come Thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come, and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Rev. Oz:** 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 Wreath**

**Leader:** John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by preaching a message of repentance.

**People:** John calls us to consider what hinders or limits God's visitation in our own hearts and lives. John calls us to repent.

**Leader:** John knew that his baptism of repentance was just the first step. He points us to the coming one who will baptize with spirit and fire.

**People:** We welcome Jesus' coming, looking for His baptism of Spirit and fire.

**We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready.**

**We light the second candle of Advent to remind us to repent and to be open to God's new work among us.**

**Hymns are from "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews.**

**Please stand.**

### **Refrain**

Shine on us O God Most Faithful  
Guide our path through gloom of night  
Bear within us wisdom's glory  
Come to us O Christ the light  
God of Promise, God of Comfort  
Turn our longing into sight

### **# 2 Second Sunday of Advent**

Root of Jesse, God's own Promised  
In time's fullness manifest  
John prepared your people for you  
Baptised them for sins confessed  
God who Judges, God who Heals us  
Mend us in your holiness

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## **Hymn Emmanuel**

### **Verse**

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
(Repeat)

**Please be seated.**

**Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

### **Rev. Oz**

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.

**People: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TALK**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

## THE READINGS

### First Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

**Reader:** A reading from Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat  
straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's  
den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to  
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his  
dwelling shall be glorious.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the  
oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the  
moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.**

### **Second Reading – Romans 15:4-13**

**Reader:** A reading from Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised in behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.**

**The Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And alsowith you.

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. Even now the ax 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**"Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Please be seated.**



## **THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen**

**After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.**

**Please Stand**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**Leader:** Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People:** 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.**

**Please kneel or sit to pray.  
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy,  
All: hear our prayer.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION  
Invitation to Confession**

**Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.**

**Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,  
All: 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.**

**Rev. Oz: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**Rev. Oz:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Please stand.**

### **Offertory**

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where the Lord, our God, may go!

2 O Christians, you bring good tidings;  
get up to the heights and sing!

Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their King.

Like the flow'rs of the field they perish;  
like grass our works decay.

The pow'r and pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.

3 But the Word of our God is eternal;  
the arm of our God is strong.

He stands in the midst of the nations,  
and he shall right the wrong.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,

And hold the lambs to his breast  
to pastures of peace shall lead them,  
and give to the weary rest.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Rev. Oz** 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Rev. Oz:** The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Rev. Oz:** Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Rev. Oz:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Rev. Oz:** 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.**

**Rev. Oz:** 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,

**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

**Rev. Oz:** 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 forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*sung*)

**Rev. Oz:** 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 for ever. Amen.

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Rev. Oz** “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!

## **THE COMMUNION**

**Rev. Oz:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.*

*In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received*

communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

## **Hymn I Hear A Sound**

Chorus

Prepare ye the way

Prepare ye the way

Prepare ye the way

Of the Lord

Verse 1

I hear a sound coming from the mountain

I hear it louder each day

I hear a sound coming from the mountain

And it says prepare ye the way

Verse 2

I see the King standing on the mountain

I see Him clearer each day

I see the King standing on the mountain

And He says prepare ye the way

## **We Wait In Hope**

**Verse 1**

O come to us O Holy Child

Bestow on us Your peace

We long for You this wintertime

We wait in hope

Come lead us to Your banquet Lord

So we may all renew

Our lives are longing for Your love

Come O Lord

**Verse 2**

In cold and damp our presence here

We wait for You to come

Our hearts are beating anxiously



We wait in hope  
Emmanuel the promised one  
Come show to us Your face  
Our hearts are crying out to You  
Come O Lord

### **Verse 3**

Confusion lurks within our world  
The siren sounds alarm  
Our troubled hearts are insecure  
We wait in hope  
O child to come and save us all  
From turmoil and from strife  
Your people seek Your wisdom now  
Come O Lord

### **Verse 4**

O Prince of Peace O Lamb of God  
From David's house You come  
Renew us and inspire us  
We wait in hope  
Defend our lives from want and greed  
Forgive us of our sins  
Our world is crying out to You  
Come O Lord

### **Verse 5**

We call on You Emmanuel  
God with us  
To strengthen us in unity  
We wait in hope  
Our journey leads us to this place  
To seek and call Your name  
We celebrate and wait in hope  
Come O Lord

**Please stand.**

### **Post Communion Hymn**

**Hymn # 760 While We Are Waiting Come**

### **Verse 1**

While we are waiting come  
While we are waiting come  
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel  
While we are waiting come

### **Verse 2**

With pow'r and glory come  
With pow'r and glory come  
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel  
While we are waiting come

### **Verse 3**

Come Savior quickly come  
Come Savior quickly come  
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel  
While we are waiting come

**Please stand.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Rev. Oz:** 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.

**People: Amen.**

**Rev. Oz:** 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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,

reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**Amen**

**Please be seated.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please stand.**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)**

### **Verse 1**

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

### **Verse 2**

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

## **DISMISSAL**

**Leader:** As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** In the name of Christ.

**Amen**



## **Prayers of the People – December 7, 2025**

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

This week we pray especially for:

### **OUR CHURCH**

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, Archbishop (elect) of Canterbury

### **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

The Anglican Church of Canada

#### **In our Diocese**

Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey, The Rev. Daniel Hughes  
Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House

*The Lay Ministers and Wardens*

Companion Diocese Committee

#### **In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands**

St. Patrick, Barrouallie (barrel-ee) with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent

The Rev. Hanif Johnson

#### **In the Anglican Church of Canada**

The Church of Bangladesh

#### **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

#### **The Moravian Church**

The people of the Moravian Church in Canada

### **OUR KING AND OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY**

King Charles III, Prime Minister Mark Carney,  
Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark, Councillor  
Yusuf Mohammed

## **OUR CITY CHURCHES**

St. Patrick's Catholic, Father Paolo and Father Myles

**OUR PROVINCE** *New Story* is a non-profit organization that helps indigenous women become self-sufficient within the support of a strong Christian community.

## **OUR WORLD**

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

## **OUR PARISH**

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec

Nelson & Sharon Hogg, Ed Hopper, and Avis Huffman; Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia, Jerusha in Ghana

The GriefShare Program

The Saturday Meal Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

## **OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED\***

Anne and Ric; Colleen and Philip; Betty Lou; John and Grace; Richard; Laura and their families.

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713.





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Our Mission is Glorifying God as

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"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -  
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."  
2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

**Celebrant**

Reverend Oz Lorentzen

**Lay Reader**

John Fedoruk

**Prayers of the People**

Val Browne

**Music**

Jill Gloin

**Reader(s)**

Val Browne & Veronica Blocksage

**Greeters**

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