

Third Sunday of Advent

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8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 14, 2025

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: Scripture points us to the mystery of God's work, pointing us beyond our confusion of mind and darkness of heart, reminding us of the healing and compassion of Jesus, the freedom and wisdom he brings.

People: In times of uncertainty and doubt, of anxiety and care, we will remember to prepare a way for the Lord, to welcome the fulfillment of God's promise to send a saviour!

Leader: Through John's testimony we are pointed to the Light, the Light that illuminates the darkness of the world.

People: We respond to Jesus' coming by receiving Him who is the Light of the World!

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.

We light the third candle of Advent to remind us to believe in Jesus the Light of the World.

ALL: (sung)

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

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You came to show God's love to us
True source of joy and delight
Our flesh you took upon yourself
That all wronged would be made right

God among us, God who's with us
Jesus make our darkness light

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Holy Communion

p 67 The Lords Prayer & The Collect

p 69 The Summary of the Law

BAS p. 231 Summary of the Law Response



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we bedeech thee.



BAS p.231 3. Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



p 70 Mutual Salutation

p 99 The Collect for Advent

p 95 The Collect of the Day

First Reading – Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: The Lesson is written in the 35th Chapter of Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse.

The wilderness and the desert will rejoice,
And the desert will shout for joy and blossom;
Like the crocus

² It will blossom profusely
And rejoice with joy and jubilation.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the glory of the LORD,
The majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the exhausted, and make the feeble strong.

⁴ Say to those with anxious heart,
"Take courage, fear not.
Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance;
The retribution of God will come,
But He will save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened,
And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.

⁶ Then those who limp will leap like a deer,
And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy.
For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.

⁷ The scorched land will become a pool
And the thirsty ground springs of water;
In the haunt of jackals, its resting place,
Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway will be there, a roadway,
And it will be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean will not travel on it,
But it *will* be for the one who walks *that* way,
And fools will not wander *on it*.

⁹ No lion will be there,
Nor will any vicious animal go up on it;
They will not be found there.

But the redeemed will walk *there*,

¹⁰ And the redeemed of the LORD will return
And come to Zion with joyful shouting,
And everlasting joy will be on their heads.
They will obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Psalm 146:4-9

4 BLESSED is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, /
and whose hope is in the LORD his God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is
who keepeth his promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; /
who feedeth the hungry.

7 The LORD looseth men out of prison: /
the LORD giveth sight to the blind.

8 The LORD raiseth up them that are fallen: /
the LORD loveth the righteous.

9 The LORD careth for the strangers; he upholdeth the
fatherless and widow: /
**as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside
down.**

10 The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, /
and throughout all generations.

Second Reading – James 5:7-11

Reader: The Epistle is written in the 5th Chapter of James
beginning at the 7th verse.

Therefore be patient, brothers *and sisters*, until the coming
of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the
soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late
rains. ⁸ You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Do not complain, brothers *and
sisters*, against one another, so that you may not be judged;
behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. ¹⁰ As an
example, brothers *and sisters*, of suffering and patience,
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We
count those blessed who endured. You have heard
of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the
Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion
and *is* merciful.

Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

Please stand.

Hymn # 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 Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

² Now *while* in prison, John heard about the works of Christ, and he sent *word* by his disciples, ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for someone else?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ *those who are* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and *those who* limp walk, *those* with leprosy are

cleansed and *those who are* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, and *the* POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. ⁶ And blessed is any person who does not take offense at Me.”

⁷ As these *disciples of John* were going away, Jesus began speaking to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ palaces! ⁹ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and *one who is* more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

‘BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’

¹¹ Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

p 71 The Creed

The Message - The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

p 72 The Offertory

Please stand

Hymn # p292 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (Margaret)

Verse 1

Thou didst leave Thy throne
And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity
O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 2

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang
Proclaiming Thy royal degree
But in lowly birth
Didst Thou come to earth
And in great humility
O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 3

Thou camest O Lord
With the living word
That should set Thy people free
But with mocking scorn
And with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary
O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 4

When the heavens shall ring
And the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory
Let Thy voice call me home
Saying yet there is room
There is room at My side for thee
My heart shall rejoice Lord Jesus
When Thou comest and callest for me

p 74 Prayer over Gifts
Please kneel or sit.

p 75 The Intercession

p 76 The Invitation

p 77 The General Confession and Absolution

81 The Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

The musical score for 'Sursum Corda' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The parts alternate between the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts.

People
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

p 81 "Therefore with Angels ... "

Preface

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.

p 82-83 The Prayer of Consecration

p 84 "O LAMB of God"

The Communion

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.

p 85 The Lord's Prayer

p 85 "... And here we offer ..."

Please stand.

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.

Announcements

Hymn # p244 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

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

In the name of Christ.

Amen

Prayers of the People – December 14, 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

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In our Diocese

St. Cuthbert & St. George, Sundre,

Mr. Gerald Ingeveld, Lay Minister

Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (BARDS)

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. David And St. Paul on Grenada

The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark, Priest-in-Charge

In the Anglican Church of Canada

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration

The Moravian Church

Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of
Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian
Church Northern Province.

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III; Prime Minister, Mark Carney; Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark; Councillor Bill Cocks

OUR CITY CHURCHES

St. Paul Lutheran, Ken Edel

OUR PROVINCE

CMHA Alberta Division. Community Mental Health Association in Alberta.

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

OUR WORLD

The country of Somalia and the International Rescue Committee.

OUR PARISH

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

Ike & Ugo Ikechukwu Osuagwu; Roger & Bev Jaeger; Lloyd & Donna Jesse

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;

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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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Communion

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