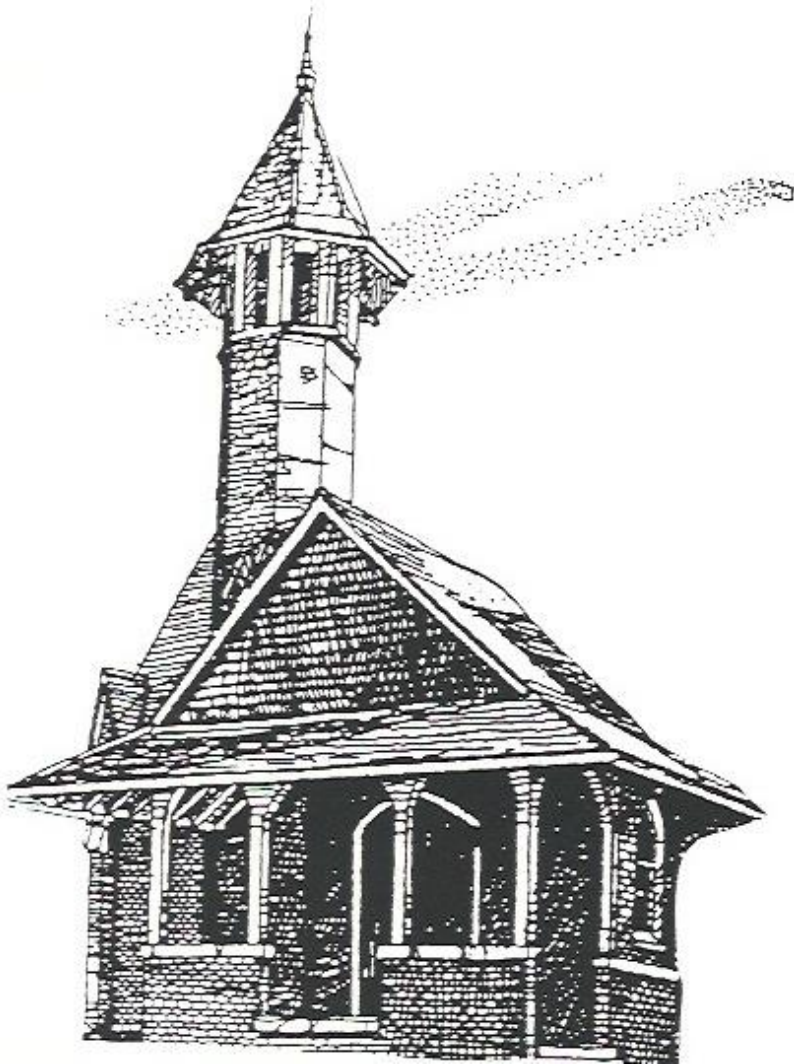


**IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
COME AND ENTER INTO SABBATH REST**

The Sunday Next Before Advent

November 22, 2020



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To Begin: A time of quiet prayer

(Please remain seated)

BE UNTO YOUR NAME

IN GATHERING:

(Please stand)

I have come, O Lord, that I might find myself in you.

You are the shepherd of the sheep.

When you look for me, Lord, where will you find me?

Bring me into the peace of your presence, O Lord, I pray.

Help me to let go of those things that hide you from me.

Help me to see you.

Help me to be still and to know your love.

Fill my heart with your gentleness and help me to rest in you.

Still me, O Lord. Calm me.

Enfold me within your peace.

Fill me with your life giving Holy Spirit.

THE GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord, so that we may produce abundantly the fruit of good works and receive your abundant reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS: WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN? *(Please be seated)*

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 23: 5-8

(Please be seated)

Read by Claire Olorenshaw.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.” (ESV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #85

(Beginning and ending with a musical accompaniment "The Steadfast Love of the Lord.")

**LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

**You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.**

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

**Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.**

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase. *Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way. *Alleluia!* (ESV)**

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 1: 13-20

[God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

THE GRADUAL HYMN: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1: 35-45 *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found

Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (ESV)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE GRADUAL HYMN: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

SERMON: REV. CHRIS DOW *(Please be seated)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (From 1 Corinthians 15: 3-7) *(Please stand)*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please be seated)*

Led by Liliana Hernandez.

(Beginning and ending with musical accompaniment “What a Beautiful Name”)

In response to prayers: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING THE PEACE OF THE LORD *(Please stand)*

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY:

Blessed are you, LORD God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

(1 Chron. 29:10, 11, 14)

THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

(Please be seated)

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Sung)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD:

(Sung)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

Thank you for joining us today via livestream. While those gathered in-person are receiving Communion, you may wish to do the following:

Reflect on the past week and on your relationships.

- What good things have I received from God?
- Where have I fallen short?
- What might I do tomorrow and this upcoming week?

You may wish to say or pray:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You may wish to read and meditate on the Scripture lessons read earlier in the service.

To make your Spiritual Communion, say the following prayer:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen. (Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)

You might then add one or more of the following prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful; in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you; in these days of emptiness, take possession of us; in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

Glory to God, 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

BLESSING:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: DAYS OF ELIJAH

THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace and enter into Sabbath rest.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for the music provided by:

Joanne Redhead

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Thank you to

Trudy Messer, Chancel Guild

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NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER NOVEMBER 29

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Organist: Mary Judge

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Those in Need: Hal & Barb, Shireen & Irik, Anne, June, Marjorie, Muriel, Lois, Ross & Joan, Stan & Edna, Alex & Pam, Laurie, Caleigh, Rachael, Lee & Robin, Carey, Liz, Paul.

Our Deanery: Rev. Julie Meakin and the people of Holy Family, Brampton.

Our Parish: Sue Hollinger, Andy & Sue Irons, Muriel Jackson and their families.

The World: including schools and public health authorities and the United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Time with Fr. Chris - Fridays at 7:00pm on Facebook Live.

Carols & Christmas Tree lighting at the home of Todd & Chris - Saturday 28 November, 5:45 pm. In the event of inclement weather, we will reschedule to the next day.

Be a Christmas Angel to a friend at St. James - shop and deliver a package of cheer to a fellow St. James parishoner. We will supply ideas and the name & address of the recipient. Please let us know by December 1st. **OR** send a cheque or e-transfer marked '*Parish Outreach*' to St. James by December 1st and we'll do the shopping and delivery.

Be a Christmas Angel to the community - send a cheque or e-transfer marked '*Community Outreach*' to St. James and we will see that it goes to the Bridge Prison Ministry, Choices Youth Shelter or the Elizabeth Fry Society. Please send your contribution by December 6th. For more information on our Christmas Angel initiative, please contact our Outreach Coordinator Valerie Jones <valerie.jones@live.com>

Watch for the Light - join us as we read this remarkable book of Daily Devotions for Advent. The book is available from Amazon. We will meet online weekly in December for discussion. Please register with Fr. Chris.