

Holy Communion The Sunday Before Advent

St. James, Caledon East 21 November 2021, 10:30am

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Welcome

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

Please remain seated

Verse 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth its successive journeys run His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more

Verse 2

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name

Verse 3

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
The prisoners leap to lose their chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all who suffer want are blest

Verse 4

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honours to our King Angels descend with songs again And earth repeat the loud Amen

Common Praise #383

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

Almighty God, 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.

The Two Great Commandments

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8

[5] "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. [6] 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.'

[7] "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,' [8] 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)

Psalm 85 Please remain seated

- [1] LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- [2] You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
- [3] You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- [4] Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
- [5] Will you be angry with us forever?

 Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- [6] Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- [7] Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- [8] 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.
- [9] Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- [10] Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

- [11] Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- [12] Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- [13] Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way. *Alleluia!* (ESV)

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.

[35] The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, [36] and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" [37] The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38] 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?" [39] 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. [40] One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41] He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). [42] 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).

[43] The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [45] 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.

Sermon The Rev. Chris Dow Please be seated

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

Claire Olorenshaw

Please be seated

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, 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.**

The Peace Please stand

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

cf Colossians 3.14,15

Offertory Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Please be seated

Verse 1

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless king

Verse 2

Crown him the Lord of love Behold his hands and side Rich wounds yet visible above

Through all eternity

In beauty glorified All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

Common Praise #378 v. 1, 4

The Offertory

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Finch's sister Glenys Margaret Finch, who passed away on 19 November 1997. May she rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of Treaty 19, also known as the Ajetance Purchase. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land and are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community. As members of a church that has a conflicted history with Indigenous peoples, we commit ourselves to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

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 Chronicles 29:10, 11, 14

Thanksgiving & Proper Preface

Please remain seated

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 our 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
His life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace.

The Communion

If you would like to receive Communion, please come forward and stop at the front pew. Wait for the priest to say, 'The Body of Christ...' Then step forward, cup your hands, and extend your arms. The priest will place a wafer in your hands using tongs. Then move to your left and while facing forward, pull your mask to the side and eat the wafer. Put your mask on again and immediately sanitize your hands before returning to your pew. If you prefer a blessing instead of the bread, please cross your arms over your chest.

Please remain seated

Communion Hymn#1: How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
I hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

But when I think
That God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And claim his own
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
'My God how great Thou art!'

Common Praise #423

Communion Hymn #2: I Come With Joy

Verse 1

I come with joy, a child of God Forgiven, loved, and free The life of Jesus to recall In love laid down for me

Verse 2

I come with Christians far and near To find as all are fed The new community of love

In Christ's communion bread

Verse 3

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share Each proud division ends The love that made us makes us one And strangers now are friends

Verse 4

The Spirit of the risen Christ Unseen, but ever near Is in such friendship better known Alive among us here

Verse 5

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done
We'll go with joy to give
The world the love that makes us one

Common Praise #60

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.

Doxology 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements Please be seated

Closing Hymn: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Please remain seated

Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again Loving counsels guide uphold you With a shepherds' care enfold you God be with you till we meet again

Verse 2

God be with you till we meet again Unseen wings protecting hide you Daily manna still provide you God be with you till we meet again

Verse 3

God be with you till we meet again When life's perils thick confound you Put unfailing arms around you God be with you till we meet again

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ways to Give

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- ~Move to Pre-Authorized giving. Form available on the 'Donate' page of website
- ~Mail your cheque or arrange a time to drop it off at the office
- ~Make a credit card payment at www.canadahelps.org

Please remember in your prayers this week:

World: The people of Afghanistan and Haiti

Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh

Diocese of Toronto: FaithWorks, Peter Mentis (Director)

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Don Davidson and the people of Christ Church, Bolton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Monika Plewes, Neil & Cobina, Nataile and Veronica Price-Jones; Irma & Bryan Proctor and their families

Those in need: Stephanie, Shireen & Iric, Anne, June, Marjorie, Pam, Stan, Carey, Liz, Paul, Mary-Katharine, Joseph, Dennis, Harry & Marjorie

