



Holy Communion

The Second Sunday of Advent

St. James, Caledon East
5 December, 2021, 10:30am
You can call in to the service by phone:

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Welcome

Advent 2

Donna Roberts and grandson Riley

Reader 1

O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

Reader 2

We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

People: **Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn #89

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]**

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]**

**O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them**

**that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]**

The Greeting

Please remain standing if you are comfortable doing so

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.

The Collect for Purity

**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

**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.

First Reading: Mal 3: 1-4

John Heighton

Please be seated

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Song of Zachariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

Please remain seated

Howard Jones

Refrain

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for He has redeemed his people
and has given us a wonderful salvation.

Verse 1

He spoke through the prophets to save us from our enemies
and guide, our steps in the path of righteousness.

Refrain

Verse 2

He was mindful of his covenant to keep us without fear
To serve him in holiness for now and ever more.

Refrain

Verse 3

We will call you, o child, the prophet of the Highest
Who goes before the Lord to give knowledge of salvation.

Refrain

Verse 4

Sins will be forgiven and dawn will break up on us, ah,
Shining in the darkness and guiding us to ways of peace.

Refrain

Second Reading: Phil 1: 3-11

John Heighton

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1- 6

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Michelle Jones

Please be seated

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

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

Please be seated

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 if you are comfortable doing so

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

Please be seated

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Land Acknowledgement

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.

The Offertory

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

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

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;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to 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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread forever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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 into your hands. 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.

Communion Hymns:

Please be seated

People, Look East!

Hymn #91

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

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.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim on mor light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn #96

**Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.**

**Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.**

**When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a maiden mother's womb.**

**At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.**

Prayer after Communion

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

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. Amen

Doxology

**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: Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

#114

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the triumph sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ways to Give

It's easy and important to support St. James right now:

- ~Send an e-transfer to treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca
- ~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. The people of British Columbia.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocese of Toronto: Project Ploughshares – the peace institute of the Canadian Council of Churches

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Julie Meakin (Regional Dean), the Rev. Canon Judy Allen and the people of Holy Family, Heart Lake

St. James Cycle of Prayer Elizabeth Sime, Ruth Sowery, Lois Taylor, Alex and Ann Wasyliw and their families

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

'Tis the season, for giving!

Advent Conspiracy – Your gift of funds helps the Indigenous community of Mishamikoweesh and blesses whomever you grace with the gift announcement card.

Giving Tree – Your gift of the items on the tag warms the hearts and souls of men, women and youth in our community. Dec. 12 is the deadline for the return of gifts

St. James Christmas flowers – Your financial gift of any amount helps defray the costs of poinsettias and the Chrismon Tree. Please tell us if your gift is in honour or memory of someone and we will include the name/names in the prayers at Christmas. Donations will be accepted until Christmas. Just mark the envelope 'Christmas' and place it on the offering plate. Or send a cheque by mail or use etransfer; using the note field to stipulate Christmas.

The flowers at the Alter - The Forbes Family in memory of Margaret Forbes. Robin and Phil Holder in memory of Wilbert and Ruth Speers and Art and Rena Holder.

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