



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## **First Sunday of Advent** **November 27, 2022, Holy Eucharist, 10:30am**

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Lay Reader: John Howard  
Organist: Charles Strimas

Reader: Katharine Peat



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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# Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## OPENING SENTENCE

**INTROIT HYMN** Let There Be Light #572 (Blue hymn book)

## Gathering of the Community

**Presider:** 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Presider:** Almighty God,

**All:** 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 TRISAGION

(Sung 3 times, #707 blue hymn book,)

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,

ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lighting of the Advent Candle – *the first candle is lit.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*At the end of the reading,*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 122



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God."

*The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.*

- (1) I was glad when they said to me,
- (2) "Let us go to the house of God."
- (3) Now our feet are standing
- (4) within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

- (1) Jerusalem is built as a city,
- (2) that is at unity with itself.
- (1) To which the tribes go up,
- (2) the tribes of God,
- (3) the assembly of Israel,
- (4) to praise God's holy name. **R.**

- (1) For there are the thrones of judgement,
- (2) the thrones of the house of David.
- (3) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
- (4) "May they prosper who love you. **R.**

- (1) Peace be within your walls
- (2) and quietness within your towers.
- (1) For my kindred and companions' sake,
- (2) I pray for your prosperity,
- (3) Because of the house of our God,
- (4) I will seek to do you good." **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Reader: A Reading From The Letter Of Paul To The Romans

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia / Amen

Repeat ad lib.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

Drum

al - le - lu - ia, al le - lu - ia.  
a - men, a - men, a - men.

*Please turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

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

*At the end of the Gospel reading:*

Gospeller:           The Gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia / Amen

*Alleluia is sung once and **Amen** verse is sung once by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

### **THE HOMILY**

The Rev'd Brendon Bedford

Assistant Curate

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

Presider:   Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All:       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 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard, Lay Reader

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing if you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** God of Mercy, God of Grace #341

(blue hymn book)

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 – BAS page 198

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **Preface for Advent**

Presider: 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.

### **THE SANCTUS (HOLY)**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;

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..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All:** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;

.....  
..... 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 for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF BREAD (Fraction Rite)**

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

*In the Anglican tradition, we believe Christ to be equally present in both the bread and the wine. Therefore, if you are not comfortable drinking from the common cup at this time, it is perfectly acceptable to receive only the bread.*

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION** Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts #70  
(Blue hymn book)  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

**All: 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 FINAL BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** God, Whose Almighty Word #560  
(blue hymn book)

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE POSTLUDE**

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Advent Wreath liturgy attributed to The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski.

## **This Week's Prayer List**

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of St. James, Ingersoll; Christ Church, Oxford Centre; St. John's, Eastwood; St. Paul's, Princeton.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Gayle Holmes, Barb & Ron Horne, Sarah Howard and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Fraser, Gary, Isabel, John, Katharine, Linda, Patricia, Rob, Stan, Lorna & Bill, Deanie & Garry and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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### *Memorial Flowers*

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Jack Ormsby, a gift of his wife Lois and family.*

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### **Next Week**

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the **Second Sunday of Advent**. The second candle of peace on the Advent wreath will be lit. **The readings are: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.**

## Announcements

**Today, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall following the service.**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Christ Church is hosting a CHORAL EVENSONG at 4:00pm. On this the Second Sunday of Advent we will be joined by the choirs of St. George's the Parish of the Blue Mountains and St. George's Owen Sound. You won't want to miss this! Come out and support our combined music ministry.**

**ADVENT BOOK STUDY will begin next Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and continue for the four weeks of Advent.** The topic of study will be *Being Christian*, sections titled Baptism, Bible, the Eucharist and Prayer. This publication is by the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. Books can be purchased at Amazon online for about \$13.00.

**Chancel Guild** meets on Wed., November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Meaford Foodbank's Christmas Hampers and Stars programs -** please consider contributing to this very worthwhile cause. The Christmas hampers need canned meat, canned vegetables and juice. The Great Mandarin Orange Fund asks for cheques of \$10 made out to the Meaford Foodbank and Outreach and mark "oranges" in the subject line.

The Children's Christmas Star program has a list of items to be included so that each child from the local area receives a similar bundle for the holidays. You may pick up a copy of the list at the back of the church. Please note that the deadline for receiving items at the Foodbank is TOMORROW, Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Foodbank is open Mondays 9:30am-11:30am and Thursdays 5-7pm for direct delivery or call the Foodbank for info. 519-538-4550.