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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



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## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Prelude:** Advent Meditation (A. Hesse)

**Opening Hymn:** 88 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

One: Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

**All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Collect for Purity**

One: 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.**

### **Trisagion**

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us. (x3)**

### **The Collect of the Day**

One: Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Advent Wreath Lighting**

One: We light a candle each of the four Sundays in Advent. The light of the candles grows brighter each week as we wait in joyful expectation for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

**All: Each candle reminds us of the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus brings to the world. We receive these gifts, and we are called to share them with each other, and in our world. We light the candle of hope this week.**

## **Advent Song**

He came down that we may have hope, (sung 3x)  
Hallelujah for evermore.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Kim Chadsey)

One: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

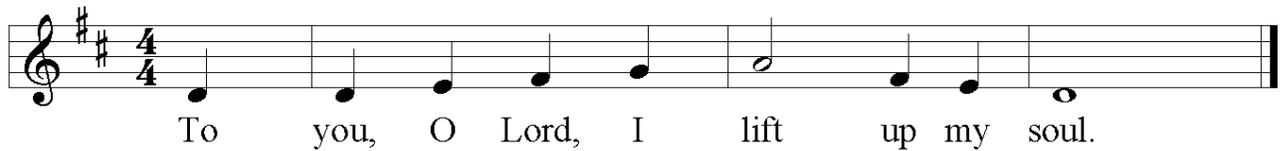
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25

Setting: Gordon Johnston



1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Flo Cheesman)

One: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** 712 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not

pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

One: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

One: 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 again 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 (Liz Scobie)**

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**One: 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.**

*Silence*

One: 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.**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

**Hymn: 95 O Come, Divine Messiah**

1 O come, Divine Messiah,  
the world in silence waits the day

when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.  
Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah,  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.

2 O Christ, whom nations sigh for,  
whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
come, break the captives' fetters,  
redeem the long-lost fold.  
Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah,  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.

3 You come in peace and meekness  
and lowly will your cradle be;  
all clothed in human weakness  
shall we your Godhead see.  
Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah,  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

One: God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

One: We gather at the table of the Lord.  
So come to this table,  
you who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here long;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who feel you have failed;  
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## **The Great Thanksgiving** (Supplementary Prayer 2)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

One: Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore, we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

One: At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.

Jesus touched lepers, and the sick,  
and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us

in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

One: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One: 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 the Bread (P.212 #5)**

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

**All: Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

## **Holy Communion**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Lamb of God (sung)**

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.

### **Communion Hymn: 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring**

1 Jesus came, the heavens adoring,  
came with peace from realms on high.  
Jesus came for our redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy,  
when our hearts are bowed with care.  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to our earnest heart-felt prayer,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
bringing news of sins forgiven.  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,  
leading souls redeemed to heaven.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Now the gate of death is riven.

4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,  
when the heavens shall pass away.  
Jesus comes again in glory:  
let us then our homage pay,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
till the dawn of endless day.

**Anthem:** People Look East - traditional

### **Prayer after Communion**

One: God for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Doxology**

One: Glory to God,  
**All: 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 DISMISSAL**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn: 599 Awake Awake Fling Off the Night**

1 Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,  
for God has sent his glorious light,  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

2 Awake and sing, with praises strong,  
in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.  
Let love our words and works renew  
with all that's good and right and true.

3 Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel,  
that Christ may judge, and judging heal.

4 Then rise as children of the light.  
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.  
Be careful how you live, and wise  
to sift the truth from cunning lies.

5 Through Christ give thanks to God, and say  
to other sleepers on the way:  
"Awake, and rise up from the dead  
that Christ may shine on you instead!"

### **Dismissal**

One: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Postlude in F (W. Volkmar)

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