



**Order of Service for November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
9:30 am
Service of Holy Eucharist
Officiating: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles
Preaching: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson**



MAY I HAVE A WORD?

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Matthew 24:35

It is through the incarnation of the Word in us that we enter eternal life. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus says, "but my words will never pass away." Jesus is the Word, and his words are everlasting life. His Word is the bread that takes our hunger away, the light that dispels our darkness, and the life that allows us to face death without fear. (The Selfless Way of Christ, 80)

Before the advent of even creation itself, God eternally speaks but one Word. This one Word, this one image, this one idea of God is perfect as he is perfect and thus is nothing less than God himself. All of creation comes to be through this Word, and all that ever will be will be finally summed up again in this same Word. In the time and space between "what was" and "what will be," we live. We live, always listening for the Word throughout all of our days.

In a special way, as we now enter this new season of Advent, let us quiet ourselves so that we can attentively listen for that one Word that is the fulfillment of all things. In history, that one Word became flesh. In our lives now, let's make room for that Word to be incarnate anew in us. In doing so, we prepare ourselves to have the fulfillment of all our most heartfelt longings.

Lord, at the beginning of this season, quiet my heart and my mind so that I may listen for your Word. Amen.

From: And the Word was God: Advent Devotions; Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen, p.3



Service of Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introduction to Advent from the Archbishop
(screens)

Great Litany (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

Children's Time (Advent Candle Lighting)

Prayer for the Advent Wreath (screens)

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

Canticle 7 (screens)

The First Reading

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I have promised them. In those days, at that time, I shall make a righteous Branch spring from David's line; he will maintain law and justice in the land. In those days Judah will be kept safe and Jerusalem will live undisturbed. This will be the name given to him: The Lord our Righteousness.

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

(The Revised English Bible)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King
(screens)

The Holy Gospel

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

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth the nations will be in distress and confusion because of the roaring and swelling of the sea and its waves. People will faint from fear, and from imagining all that's going to happen to the world. The powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the son of man coming on a cloud' with power and great majesty. When all these things start to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because the

time has come for you to be redeemed." He told them this parable. "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they are well into leaf, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is upon you. In the same way, when you see all these things happening, you will know that God's kingdom is upon you. I'm telling you the truth; this generation won't be gone before all of this happens. Heaven and earth may disappear, but these words of mine won't disappear. Watching for the Son of Man "So watch out for yourselves," said Jesus, "that your hearts may not grow heavy with dissipation and drunkenness and the cares of this life, so that that day comes upon you suddenly, like a trap. It will come, you see, on everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Keep awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the son of man."

LUKE 21:25-36

(The Kingdom N.T.—N.T. Wright)

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (screens)

The Prayers of the People

World AIDS Day Prayer (screens)

Prayer For Those Facing Flooding (screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory (screens) Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (Instrumental)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread (screens)

The Communion (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)
Even So, Lord Jesus, Come; Blessed are You,
Lord; Wait for the Lord

Prayer after Communion (screens)

The Blessing (screens)

Closing Hymn: How Great Thou art (screens)

Dismissal (screens)

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At present, the Diocese hasn't given us the green light to have a post-Service Coffee Time in the Hall. But you're invited to join us for a Virtual Coffee Time today at 11:30 am. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjJZdUZ4MjFHWFdQdz09>. We'd love to share this time of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Monday to Friday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partaking during the Service, a written copy of the "Prayer for Communion" is available on our website in the same location as this Order of Service.



Prayers for This Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.*

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and in the Lutheran Church we pray for the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the *St. John, Olds*; and their clergy *Robert Sears, Inez Hannett (Hon.), and Jeanne Hunter.* We also pray for all *Vocational Deacons and Lay Ministers in our Diocese.* We also pray for *Parish staff and volunteers.*

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray for the safety and well-being of all the saints of St. Paul's, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, *Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Bob, Betty, and their families;* and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the COVID-19 front lines.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you *the family of Joy (Abby's sister); Herb & the family of Debbie;* Antony; Judy; Kai; *Roger and Helen (parents of Paul); Dinah; Bill; the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie;* Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); *Bill & Pat; Sean, Shannon, & Steve;* the family of Bob; *the family of Carmen and Sonny;* John; *the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Brian; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian); the family of Simon; the family of Anne; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Donna; Jo; the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Janet; Julia; Vern (brother-in-law of Rick); the Herritt family in their bereavement; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick, Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Dorothy, the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella); Max & Rebecca; Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla; the family of Kathy; Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn); Dennis; Mike; Val; Alyssa (granddaughter of Betty), Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Linda; Melissa and her family; Adriana; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; Ian; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacquie; Gwen (aunt of Julie), Jackie (cousin of Julie), Ellen; Pauline; Tucker (M'Laurel & Scott's child); Monika (mother of Dennis); Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); Her Majesty The Queen, & all the Royal Family in their bereavement; Trudy (cousin of Iona); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Marlene; the family of James (father of Allison); Ginny; the Rev'd Tim Webster; Lorrie & the family of Wayne; and Cindee (sister of Rick Coller).*

We pray for COP26 and for us all to live out our calling to be faithful stewards of creation.

We pray for containment of COVID-19 worldwide; rapid and successful vaccinations; actions guided by the safety of others; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters, particularly our neighbours in B.C and all on the East Coast. We remember also all who are struggling economically, We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by the Residential Schools' system, and for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to Islamophobia and all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation; and for new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's most precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We pray for protection for all places of worship, and remember all those whose places of worship have been burned down. We remember the people of the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for the 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for the improving COVID-19 case numbers; the gift of effective vaccines for this disease; and the commitment shown by all those giving of themselves to care for others.

We thank you for the opportunity to resume worshipping you together in-person..

We thank you for your healing touch, which sustains us every day, and all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.