



Joined by Faith, recalling the Past, embracing the Future

December 4th, 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent

“This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it”

Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

The wearing of a mask is optional

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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.

The Greeting

Green 185

Kyrie Eleison

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all

my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

(Isaiah 11:1-10)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

(Romans 15: 4- 13)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: "Prepare the Way"

Blue 107

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

(Matthew 3: 1-12)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: "Prepare the Way"

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Sermon:

Rev Michelle Jones

Our Response to the Word

Hear, O Israel *Please stand* Green 53

Prayers of the People *Please be seated*

Confession and Absolution Green 191

The Peace *Please stand* Green 192

Offertory Hymn: "Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement" Blue 111

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 Green 193

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.**

The Lord's Prayer *Please stand, sit or kneel as is your preference* Green 211

Breaking of the Bread # 5 Green 212

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **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 your peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymns

“Creator of the Stars of Night” Blue 96

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Blue 101

Prayer after Communion *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Doxology Green 214

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding” Blue 108

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Ponder this... Questions to help you delve deeper into today’s readings.

1. Can you think of a time when you experienced God’s peace?
2. Can you think of a time when God’s peace was restored through forgiveness?

Announcements

- **Blue Christmas** *Saturday December @ 2:00 pm.* Because Christmas isn’t always easy... A quiet service with music, readings and prayers.

- **Calendars have arrived!** 2023 St. James Anniversary calendars for purchase @ \$15.00.
- **Wednesday Mid-day Eucharist** @ noon. Bring a bag lunch.
- **Candles at 6** Wednesday evenings 6-7pm. The sanctuary is open for private prayer.
- **Prayers at the End of the Day** Facebook live Thursday nights at 9:00pm.
- **Lectio Divina** continues on Fridays at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

World: People of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Philippines, Yemen, Israel, Palestine and Taiwan.

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

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Diane Allengame and Jim Farmer, George and Linda Berney, Stan and Debbie Cameron and their families.

Those in need: Anne, Marjorie, June, Pam, Ross & Joan, Lois, Anthony, Heather, Glen, Bella, Roslynn, George, Mary, John, Christina, John, Heather, Ellen, Dorothy, Lyle and Rosemary, Ruth and her family, Lesley and Diana.

Ways to Give

St. James' Church depends on parishioners' offerings to cover a substantial portion of its expenses. Thank you to everyone who generously supports our parish through their financial gifts.

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



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