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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon, Rector The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
10:30 am

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Stephane Potvin

Hymn #622 How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Opening Prayers BAS p. 185

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10 Lori Colbeck

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 *BAS p. 797*

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13 *James Noble*

Gradual Hymn #105 When Jordan Cuts the Wilderness

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Canon Rob Lemon

The Nicene Creed BAS p. 188

Prayers of the People Pam Ayres

Response: Creator, hear and have mercy.

Confession and Absolution BAS p. 191

The Peace BAS p. 192

Peal of the BellsPeter Ryde

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #95

O Come, Divine Messiah

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS p. 198

The Lord's Prayer BAS p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #5 BAS p. 212

Agnus Dei

Heritage Mass

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of Life, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, please come forward. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands to which you may wish to respond "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. In the Anglican tradition, it is completely acceptable to receive communion by only the bread or only the wine. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #94 Wait For the Lord, Whose Day is Near

Prayer After Communion

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 BAS p. 214

The Blessing

Hymn #100 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Dismissal

Postlude Stephane Potvin

Please join us for a special coffee hour and time of fellowship to welcome our new Rector, the Reverend Canon Rob Lemon and his family to St. James!

<u>Christmas Memorial Flowers – 2022</u>

Parishioners wishing to donate towards the 2022 Christmas Memorial Altar Flowers for the church, may contact either:

- Susan LeBrun at susan.lily@wightman.ca
- Kelly Strasler at 519-271-3572 or <u>office@stjamesstratford.ca</u>

Please provide your dedication, and the amount you wish to contribute by December 12th.