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## *The Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 11, 2022  
10:30 am*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**Prelude**

*Stephane Potvin*

**Hymn #306**

*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

**Opening Prayers**

*BAS p. 185*

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

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading**                      Isaiah 35: 1-10                      *Carrie Bockus*

**Canticle:**                      Blessed Be the God of Israel                      *Hymn #11*

**Second Reading**                      James: 5:7-10                      *Louise McColl*

**Gradual Hymn #105**                      *When Jordan Cuts the Wilderness*

**The Gospel**                      Matthew 11:2-11

*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**                      *Dianne McCabe*

*Response:*                      **Creator, hear and have mercy.**

**Confession and Absolution**                      *BAS p. 191*

**The Peace**                      *BAS p. 192*

**Peal of the Bells**                      *Peter Ryde*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn #91**                      *People, Look East! The Time Is Near*

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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 #78**      *Deck Yourself, My Soul With Gladness*

## **Prayer After Communion**

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Doxology**

*BAS p. 214*

## **The Blessing**

## **Hymn #362**

*Tell Out, My Soul*

## **Dismissal**

## **Postlude**

*Stephane Potvin*

The flowers on the Altar are given to  
The Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
~ **Bob Jones** ~  
Fondly remembered by:  
Marie Jones & Family

### **Christmas Memorial Flowers – 2022**

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

- Susan LeBrun at [susan.lily@wightman.ca](mailto:susan.lily@wightman.ca)
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**Please provide your dedication, and the amount  
you wish to contribute by December 12<sup>th</sup>.**