



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Sunday, November 30th, 2025
The First Sunday of Advent
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PRELUDE

SERVICE SETTING

Land of Rest Mass

by Richard Proulx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

♪ OPENING HYMN

#114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the triumph sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

THE GREETING

Leader 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.

Leader 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.

♪ KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy
Christi eleison, Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

In this first week of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

God of Hope, as we walk through the door of the season of Advent, watching and waiting for your Son, journey with us. Give us a sense of wonder at your works and in your love for all creation. Give us courage to deepen our faith as we face the busy schedules and heightened expectations of the season. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

♪ Waiting, Watching, Longing for You

Prophets foretold the return of a King to sit on David's throne.
They spoke of a servant who'd suffered
and died for those He calls His own.
That Yahweh Himself would shepherd the flock
that had wandered far from home.
Little did they understand that You would be all three in one.

We are waiting, watching, longing for You
Our Shepherd, our Saviour, our King.
May our lives be found ready to welcome You here
Lord Jesus Emmanuel.

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COLLECT

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.**

Hearing God's Word to Us

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2: 1-5

PSALM 122

Reader I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

All Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Reader Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

All To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Reader For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

All Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Reader Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

All For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Reader Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

Reader Let us pray: **Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 11-14

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, praise to God.
Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises,
We bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24: 36-44

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader 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 is kept.

Leader 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.

Leader 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

Leader God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #3

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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

Leader We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #5

Leader 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.

THE COMMUNION

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

♪ AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, Miserere nobis

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Dona nobis pacem

Dona nobis pacem.

God of all time, all seasons of our living,
 source of our spark, protector of our flame,
 blazing before our birth, beyond our dying—
 God of all time, we come to sing your name.

Here in this place, where others have been building,
 we come to claim the legacy of faith;
 take, in our turn, the telling of your story;
 and, though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.

Spirit, who draws our fragile selves together;
 Spirit, who turns a stranger to a friend:
 be at the table where we greet each other;
 be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.

Let us not die from poverty of caring;
 let us not starve, where love is to be shared.
 Come, break us open to receive your healing;
 your broken body be our wine and bread.

#94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Repeat 5 times

#645 Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Leader 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 BLESSING

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing that you may overflow with confident hope; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT

♪ CLOSING HYMN #88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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.

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

Leader As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE