



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Sunday, December 7th, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Andrea Christensen
Deacon & Preacher: Pastor Elaine Vanderwerf

Those Assisting in our Worship Service

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PRELUDE

SERVICE SETTING Land of Rest Mass *by Richard Proulx*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

♪ OPENING HYMN #89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. [Refrain]

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

As we gather on the second week of Advent, we light the candle of
peace. Holy God, kindle the flame of peace within us today.

God of Peace, as we walk further into the season of Advent, watching and
waiting for your Son, journey with us. Help us to repent For what we have
done or left undone. 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

Angel told Mary she'd carry a child
The Holy son of God
She willingly welcomed you into her womb
The fear and the pain entailed.
But the prince of peace she carried inside
Gave her courage to prevail.
She patiently waited the fullness of time to see God come to earth.

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, 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.**

Hearing God's Word to Us

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11: 1-10

PSALM 72: 1-7, 18-19

Reader Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son;

All That he may rule your people with righteousness, and the poor with justice;

Reader That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

All He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Reader He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

All He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

Reader In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

All Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

Reader And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.

Reader Let us pray: **O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4-13

♪ 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 3: 1-12

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

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Leader Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,

not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

♪ OFFERTORY HYMN #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:

prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

THE 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.**

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

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

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

Dona nobis pacem

Dona nobis pacem.

♪ COMMUNION HYMN #73 One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless-
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

#100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace: thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark! The herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's Word is never broken.

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

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 Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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 #103 On Jordon's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

