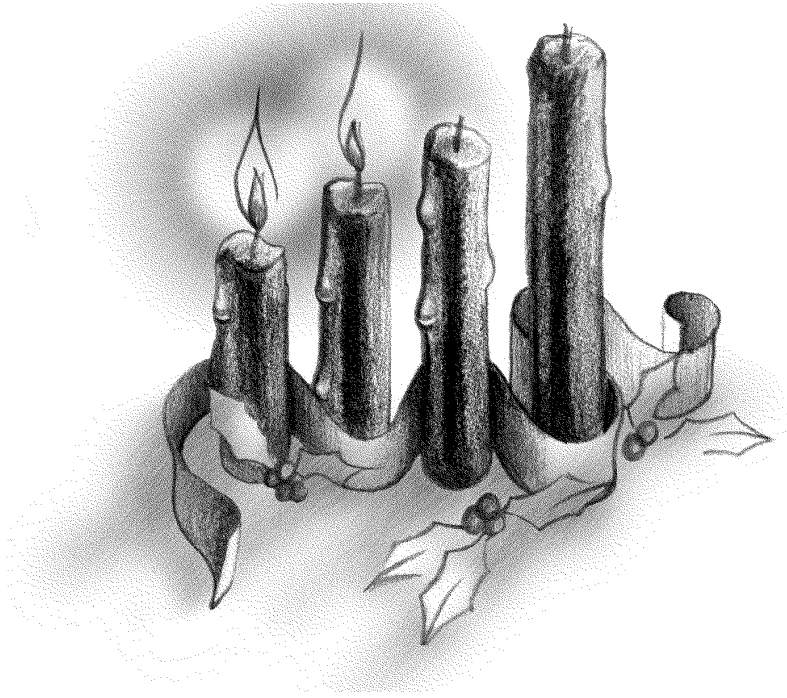




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## Second Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 7, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell, Hon. Asst't

Homilist: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

Lay Reader: John Howard

Organist: Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer

Reader: Toni Bothwell

Cantor: John Howard

Server: Lynn McTaggart

Greeter: Garry Minielly



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

**Prelude**                      Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom by Johannes Brahms

*Please stand as you are able.*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Verse 4** CP#89

**Cantor:**     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.

**All:**            **Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel**  
                 **shall come to you, O Israel.**

## OPENING SENTENCE

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry #103

## Gathering of the Community

**Presider:**    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:**      **and also with you.**

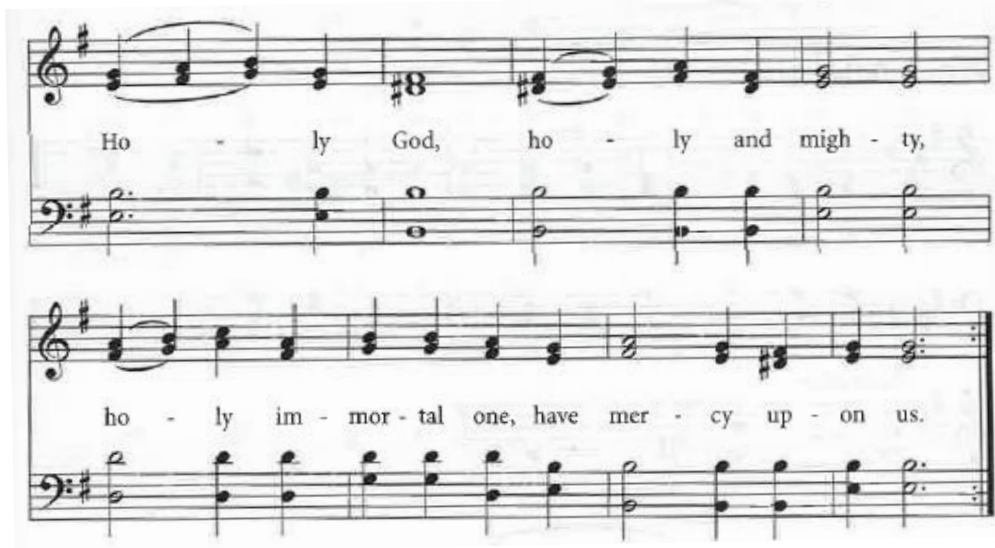
## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Presider:**    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.**

## THE TRISAGION

(Sung 3 times, #707 blue hymn book,)



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

### Children's Time / Advent Wreath

#### Candle 2 -- Peace / John the Baptist

Presider: Jesus said, "No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

People: **Amen, Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The second candle is lit.*

Presider: Jesus is the light of the world!

People: **A light no darkness can ever put out.**

We sing (tune: CP #325)

All: **Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
"Come, Lord, soon," we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness on that Day.**

**John the Baptist, by his preaching and by water poured,  
brought to those who heard his teaching news of hope  
restored: “Keep your vision strong and steady, and be ready  
for the Lord.”**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of Isaiah

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19**

*The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.*



In his time shall — peace and just - ice flou - rish.

- (1) Give the king your justice, O God,  
(2) and your righteousness to the king's son;  
(1) that he may rule your people righteously  
(2) and the poor with justice;  
(3) that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
(4) and the little hills bring righteousness. **R.**
- (1) He shall defend the needy among the people;  
(2) he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
(1) He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
(2) from one generation to another.  
(3) He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
(4) like showers that water the earth. **R.**
- (1) In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
(2) there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
(1) Blessed be God, the Holy One of Israel,  
(2) who alone does wondrous deeds!  
(3) And blessed be that glorious name for ever!  
(4) and may all the earth be filled with God's glory. Amen. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation twice.*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987. © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.



*Please turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel is read.*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*As before the Gospel, repeated by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOMILY**

The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Priest & Rector

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Lay Reader:

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 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.**

## **COMMISSIONING OF AN INTERCESSOR**

Presider:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one

.....

Therefore, is it your will that Lynn fulfill this ministry?

**People:**

**It is.**

Presider: Lynn, you have been called to this ministry. ....  
to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

**Intercessor: I will.**

Presider: Will you, the congregation of Christ Church, uphold Lynn  
in this service?

**People: We will.**

Presider: Let us pray, .....

*Please sit or stand, as you're able.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lynn McTaggart

Intercessor

*Please stand as you're able.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Lay Reader: 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.

Lay Reader: 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.**

Presider: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE PEACE**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**



*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Hail to the Lord's Anointed #101

(blue hymn book)

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS, pg 198) with preface for Advent.

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface for Advent** (p. 219)

**Presider:** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

.....  
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.

### **THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - sung**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, 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.**

BAS pg 198

**Presider:** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation; .....

.....

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all: .....  
... 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

#684 (blue hymn book)

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)**

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) sung

**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 peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.*

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #117  
(blue hymn book)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **THE DOXOLOGY (Said)**

**All:** Glory to God, 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 FINAL BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness #385  
(blue hymn book)

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Presider:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

### **THE POSTLUDE**

Toccata on "VENI EMMANUEL" by Page C. Long

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### **This Week's Prayer List**

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. Andrew's, Harrow; St. Mark's-by-the-Lake, Tecumseh; All Saints', Windsor; Church of the Ascension, Windsor.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Isabel Almond, Vernon & Shirley Almond, David Appleyard and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK, as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Doug, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Rachel, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

**Rest of the Soul of the Departed:** Paul Almond.

### *Memorial Flowers on the Altar*

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild.*

### **NEXT WEEK**

**December 14, 2025, Third Sunday of Advent**

**The readings are:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9 Or Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We thank Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer for offering her musical talent today.**

After the service, **please join us** for refreshments and fellowship in the Hall.

**The Midweek Eucharist** (said BCP) is offered **every Wednesday at 12:00noon** in the chapel.

**Advent Project – Wednesdays at 1:00PM, immediately following the Midweek Eucharist (said) service, continuing the reading of the Gospel of Luke.** See posters on bulletin boards.

#### **Christmas Hampers & Adopt-a-Star programs**

Every Christmas season, the Adopt A Star program provides packages of much needed and desired items to registered youth (ages 1-18 years) to add a little extra joy to the season, Please bring in items listed here (**by December 14<sup>th</sup>**) and leave them in labelled bins at the back of the church.

**Items are: pajamas, hygiene packages, socks, underwear, treat bag, book, hobby item or toy, hat, gloves and/or scarf.** Monetary donations are also welcome.

**Repair Cafe** – the next one is **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, going from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Bring in your item(s) needing repair and join us for a cup of coffee.