



Order of Service for December 14, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating: The Rev'd Sean Devlin

Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



St. Paul's  
Anglican Church

Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



For waters  
shall break forth  
in the wilderness,  
and streams  
in the desert

**ISAIAH 35:6**

**Pre-Service Music:** Therefore the Redeemed  
(Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare  
for the Service.)

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Processional Hymn:** CP #88 Come Thou Long  
Expected Jesus (screens)

**Greeting** ..... p 230 (Book of  
Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

**The Collect for Purity** ..... p. 230 (screens)

## The Summary of the Law (screens)

Trisagion x 3 ... p. 231 (screens)

**Collect of the Day** ..... p. 270 (screens)

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle** (with the  
children)

**Light a Candle in the Night (Joy)** (screens)

*Children can now go out to Sunday School*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

#### **A reading from the book of Isaiah**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground

springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

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

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

**CANTICLE 18, (LUKE 1:46-55)** ... p. 86 (screens)

## The Epistle Reading

### **A reading from the letter of James**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**James 5:7-10**

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

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

**Gradual Hymn:** CP # 91 People, Look East! The  
Time is Near (screens)

## The Holy Gospel

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

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

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

**People:** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

### **Matthew 11:2-11**

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

### **Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed** . . . p. 251 (screens)

**The Prayers of the People** (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

**Confession and Absolution** . . . p. 238 (screens)

**The Peace** . . . p. 240 (screens)

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

**Offertory Hymn:** The Holy One of Israel (screens)

**Prayer over the Gifts.** . . . . p. 271 (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer B**.... p. 243 (screens)

**Proper Preface for Advent** ... p. 252 (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer** .... p. 245 (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread.** ... p. 246 (screens)

**Agnus Dei** ... p. 247 (screens)

**The Communion** . . . . . p. 246 (screens)

**Communion Hymns** (screens):

CP # 94 Wait for the Lord

Worthy is the Lamb

CP # 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

**Hymn after Communion** (Please stand) Give Thanks (screens)

**Prayer after Communion** . . . p. 248 (screens)

**The Blessing**

**Announcements** (screens)

**Closing Hymn:** CP # 312 Sing a New Song Unto the Lord (screens)

**Sending**

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall.

### **Traditional Land Acknowledgement**

**Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.**

## Prayers for this Week

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for *Dr. Andrea Mann, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office*. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for *Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration*. In the Moravian Church we pray for *Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church Northern Province*.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for *St. Cuthbert & St. George, Sundre and for Mr. Gerald Ingeveld, Lay Minister*. We pray for *Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (BARDS)*. We also pray for our *Companion Diocese Committee*. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for *St. David and St. Paul on Grenada and Rev. Fr. Edward Mark, Priest-in-Charge*.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes.

We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord by  
Peter and Sarah Ramsey.*