

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

**In the Anglican Church of Canada**, we pray for our Primate, the Most Rev Linda Nicholls; for our Provincial Metropolitan and Diocesan Archbishop, the Most Rev Anne Germond; for the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin, and our Archdeacon, the Ven Glen Miller, and for our parish of the Church of the Ascension and our parish clergy, Rev Jeff and Bishop Andrews.

**In the Diocese of Algoma**, we pray for the Synod Office Staff: the Most Rev'd Anne Germond, Archbishop of Algoma; Mrs Liz Hamel, Archbishop's Administrative Assistant; the Ven Dr Jay Koyle, Diocesan Archdeacon; Mrs Jane Mesich, Diocesan Treasurer; Ms Jennifer Baron, Assistant Treasurer; Mr Ken Lawson, Property Coordinator.

**We pray for** reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of this land: Merciful God, be with us as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in our relationships. Replace all hearts of stone with hearts of flesh; give us gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace.

**We pray for** the following people for God's healing and strength during the coming week, especially – Tamara, Marshall, Kay, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Catherine, George, David, Dan & Marc, Gary, Lucette, Estelle, Richard, Maggie, Carol, Marjorie Morton, Rob Caines, Del, Vince, Chris, Connie Lee, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Lori, John P, Ivan, Audrey and her friends, companions, and neighbours at L'Arche, James, Darryl Keen, Heather, John, Sonia, Nancy, Victoria P, Mark, Craig, and Dana.

**We pray for** those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes: Milt Fleming, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan, Sybil Crawford, Marlene Moulton, Betty Bonas, Del Gates, and Daryl Keen; may they always feel God's presence in their lives.

**We pray for** those who have died, and especially for Nora Derbyshire; Rest eternal grant unto Nora, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her; grant her thy peace, and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in her the good purpose of thy perfect will. We pray for all Nora's family, friends, neighbours, and companions, and especially for the Germond family; we pray also for all who mourn or are bereaved, that they might be upheld in prayer and know the consolation of God's love.

**In our parish**, we pray for our wardens, board members, and lay leaders; we pray for parents, grandparents, and godparents, for spouses and siblings, for children and dependents, for all families and friends; and especially we pray for those with whom we are hurt, angry, or at cross-purposes; that by Christ's example, and through His grace, all hearts may be turned to your purpose, O Lord.



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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5.17) Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

**Welcome to our worship!** *Please know that the Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are welcome to participate in the sacrament at the time of Communion.*

### Second Sunday in Advent

#### Holy Eucharist

Sunday morning 10.00 am  
*live-steamed on Facebook*

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Liturgy, BAS, pp. 185—215

(readings are per *Revised Common Lectionary*, NRSVA translation)

**Opening Hymn** 103; *On Jordan's Bank*  
**Lighting the Advent Wreath**  
**Gathering** BAS, p. 185  
**Gloria** *not used in Advent*  
**Collect of the Day** BAS, p. 269  
**First Reading** Isaiah 11. 1-10  
**Psalm 72**, vv 1-7, 18-19 BAS, pp. 797-8  
**Second Reading** Romans 15. 4-13  
**Gradual** 101; *Hail to the Lord's...*  
**Holy Gospel** St Matthew 3. 1-12  
**Sermon**  
**Confession of Faith** BAS, pp. 188-9  
**Prayers, Confession**  
**Absolution, Peace** BAS, pp. 190-2  
**Offertory Hymn** 117; *Low How a Rose...*  
**Prayer over Gifts** BAS, p. 270  
**Eucharistic Prayer #3** BAS, pp. 198-200; 219  
**The Lord's Prayer** BAS, p. 211  
**Breaking of the Bread #5**; BAS, p. 212  
**Communion Hymns** #50; #61  
**Prayer after Communion** BAS, p. 270  
**Doxology, Dismissal** BAS, pp. 214-15  
**Closing Hymn** 116; *Your Kingdom Come...*

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**Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent:** 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.

**First Reading** (*Isaiah 11. 1-10*)

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Psalm 72**, vv 1-7, 18-19 (*BAS, pp. 797-9*)    **Refrain: *In his time shall peace and justice flourish.***

**Second Reading** (*Romans 15. 4-13*)

*A Reading from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might

glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Holy Gospel** (*St Matthew 3. 1-12*)

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**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.

**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.