

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**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 parish of St James', Goulais River; and for the ministry of the Ven Dr Jay Koyle and the Rev Dr Bill Steadman.

**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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**December 11, 2022**

"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.

### Third 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** 88; *Come Thou Long...*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**Gathering** BAS, p. 185

**Trisagion** BAS, p. 187

**Collect of the Day** BAS, p. 270

**First Reading** Isaiah 35. 1-10

**Psalm 146**, vv 4-9 BAS, pp. 902-3

**Second Reading** James 5. 7-10

**Gradual** 123; *Once in David's...*

**Holy Gospel** St Matthew 11. 2-11

**Sermon**

**Confession of Faith** BAS, pp. 188-9

**Prayers, Confession**

**Absolution, Peace** BAS, pp. 190-2

**Offertory Hymn** 486; *Love Divine, All...*

**Prayer over Gifts** BAS, p. 271

**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** #78 ; #113

**Prayer after Communion** BAS, p. 271

**Doxology, Dismissal** BAS, pp. 214-15

**Closing Hymn** 114; *Lo He Comes*

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**Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent:** God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading** (*Isaiah 35. 1-10*)

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

**Psalm 146**, vv 4-9 (*BAS, pp. 902-3*)    **Refrain: Come, Lord, and save us.**

**Second Reading** (*James 5. 7-10*)

*A Reading from the General Epistle 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.

**Holy Gospel** (*St Matthew 11. 2-11*)

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

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."

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer after Communion:** Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.