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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*



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Processional Hymn

88 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Bidding for Advent

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
in these days of shadow and of hope
let it be our duty and delight
to listen to the story of our faith,
and hear again the prophets’ words of blessing and doom.
And, as we prepare to celebrate again
the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby,
let us remember that he also comes
to judge the just and the unjust,
and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

As we hear the reading of God’s holy word, let us...

await with eagerness the creation of the new heaven and the new earth.
Isaiah 65.1

join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer ourselves in service to
God’s holy and saving purpose for the world *Luke 1*

magnify the God of mercy who breaks the power of tyrants and exalts the
humble *Luke 1*

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life
and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the
anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever,
let us pray for the rulers of the nations,
for peace and justice on earth,
for the unity and mission of the Church,
that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God’s reign of peace,
let us hear again the story of Christ’s coming,
and join with Mary and Joseph,
and all our forebears in faith,
in offering our worship.

Silence may be kept before the first reading.

The Readings

1. Micah 5.2–4 (*From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel*)

Prayer

God of small beginnings,
you bring strength out of weakness
and hope out of fear.

By the power of your Spirit
make us, your children, followers and partners
in the grand design of your kingdom of love,
rooted and revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

2. Isaiah 65.17–25 (*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth*)

Prayer

God of gentleness and peace,
teach our hands to shun the tools of violence
and our minds to conceive the paths of peace,
that we may know with thanksgiving
the joy of your generosity,
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

3. Luke 1.5–25 (*Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard.
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John*)

Prayer

Almighty God
you called John the Baptist
to give witness to the coming of your Son
and to prepare his way.
Give your people wisdom to see your purpose,
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may witness to Christ's coming
and so prepare his way;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

95 O Come Divine Messiah

4. Luke 1.26–38 (*Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you!*)

Prayer

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,
that we who have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ,
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,
may by his cross and passion
be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

5. Luke 1.39–46 (*My soul magnifies the Lord*)

Prayer

Almighty God,
who looked with favour on your servant Mary,
and called her to be the mother of your Son,
nurture in us the humility and gentleness
that found favour in your sight,
that with her we may proclaim the greatness of your name
and find the mercy you show to those who fear you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

**Luke 1:45-45: Holy Is Your Name
Kaitlyn Hooper**

My soul is filled with joy
as I sing to God my savior:
you have looked upon your servant,
you have visited your people. **Refrain**

Refrain

**And holy is your name
through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy
to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.**

I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed. **Refrain**

I proclaim the pow'r of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud hearted
and destroy the might of princes. **Refrain**

To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen. **Refrain**

In your love you now fulfill
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my savior,
everlasting is your mercy. **Refrain**

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6. Luke 1.57–80 (*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them*)

Prayer

Almighty God,
you called John the Baptist
to give witness to the coming of your Son
and to prepare his way.
Give your people wisdom to see your purpose,
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may witness to Christ's coming
and so prepare his way;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

7. Matthew 1:18-25 (*Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit*)

Prayer

Father of all,
you chose Joseph, a son of David
to be the adoptive father of your Son Jesus
and husband to Mary
give us courage and grace to love those who are not our own
but loved by you.
We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen**

Joseph's Song

Rev. Jeff Hooper

8. John 1.1–14 (*The Word became flesh and lived among us ... full of grace and truth*)

Prayer

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving,
we give thanks that we have seen you
in the selfless love of Jesus Christ.
Now reign within our minds and hearts,
and mobilize our wills,
that by your power and through our hands
this world may be re-made
to be the garden and the city of your glory.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A brief sermon or reflection on the readings may be given.

Prayers of the People

Litany #12 for Advent

BAS 119

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BAS 191

Offertory Hymn

122 In the Bleak midwinter

*Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of
Don McLeod by his family.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

BAS 196

Lord's Prayer

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*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.*

Communion Hymns

89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

BAS 214

Recessional Hymn

109 When the King Shall Come Again

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

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 St. James', Gravenhurst, The Rev.
Heather Manuel, The Rev. Canon Tom James (Hon.), The Rev. Jim Schell
(Deacon)

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 and
Trudy Gores; Rest eternal grant unto Nora and Trudy, O Lord, and let light
perpetual shine upon them; grant them thy peace, and in thy loving wisdom and
almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will. We pray for
all of Nora's and Trudy's families, friends, neighbours, and companions, and
especially for the Germond and the Gores 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.