

**ALL:** Loving God, through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know Your presence in the sharing of this bread so that we may know Your touch in all bread, all matter... we celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us ..... may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **ALL:** Amen.

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

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Celebrant:* Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine. The gifts of God for the people of God. **ALL** Thanks be to God.

#### **THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**COMMUNION SONG:** *Here I Am to Worship*

#### **BLESSING - ADVENT 1**

*Celebrant* We are pilgrims always, journeying homewards.

**ALL:** May God walk with us along the roads

*Celebrant* We look for peace and we cry for justice.

**ALL:** May God make us peacemakers all our days.

*Celebrant:* We wait and long for the coming of Jesus.

**ALL:** May God fill us with wonder and with great hope.

*Celebrant:* May the Bright God of Peace bless us, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. **ALL:** Amen

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BIRTHDAY SONG**

Happy Birthday to you - to Jesus be true

May God's richest blessings, fall fresh upon you ...

**CLOSING SONG:** *We Are Walking in the Light of God*

#### **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace, in joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## **ADVENT 1 - DECEMBER 1 2019**

**OPENING SONG:** *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!*

**GATHERING SONG:** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* CP 114

#### **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship this morning. For many thousands of years, the Algonquin people have walked gently on this land. We acknowledge their stewardship and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

#### **OPENING RESPONSES - ADVENT 1**

*Leader:* Children and elders, friends and strangers...

**ALL:** We come to God's house.

*Leader:* In good times and bad times, in joy and in sorrow...

**ALL:** We come to God's house.

*Leader:* Seeking God's wisdom, asking God's blessing...

**ALL:** We come to God's house.

*Leader:* In darkness and light...

**ALL:** We will walk with God.

*Leader:* In peace and in danger...

**ALL:** We will walk with God.

*Leader:* In living and dying...

**ALL:** We will walk with God.

*Leader:* We will live in God's light...

**ALL:** We will walk in God's ways.

#### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**

*Leader:* Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**ALL:** Jesus is the light of the world; a light no darkness can extinguish.

*Reader (and candle-lighter):* We light the candle of hope as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus.

**Leader:** Come, Lord Jesus, into our world, into our church, into our homes

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

**SONG:** *Hope is a Star (v. 1)*

#### **READINGS INTRODUCTION -- IONA**

*Celebrant:* Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**ALL:** Our hearts and minds are open.

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 2: 1-5*

## PSALM 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \* "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \* **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* **that is at unity with itself.**
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \* **the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgement, \* **the thrones of the house of David.**
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \* "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \* **and quietness within your towers.**
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \* **I pray for your prosperity.**
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* **I will seek to do you good."**

### PRAYER AFTER THE PSALM

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem.  
Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
Amen

### 2ND READING: Romans 13: 11-14

#### SONG BEFORE THE GOSPEL: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* CP 620

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

**ALL:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*Matthew 24: 36-44*

...this is the Gospel of Christ

**ALL:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

### REFLECTION

#### AFFIRMATION -- IONA

*Celebrant:* With the whole church

**ALL:** We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

*Celebrant:* With people everywhere

**ALL:** We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

*Celebrant:* With all creation

**ALL:** We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *As directed by the intercessor*

#### INVITATION -- LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Celebrant:* At the end of the next song, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself, ...  
... Come for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

#### HEALING SONG:

*As the Deer*

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS -- IONA

##### Prayer Before Laying on of Hands:

*Celebrant:* Living God, breathe your Spirit upon us and surround us with your love. Giving Jesus, grant us your compassion. Healing Spirit, come and bring us peace.

##### Prayer for Laying on of hands: (repeated with each person)

**ALL:** Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind and spirit, and heal you of all that harms you, in Jesus name. Amen.

##### After Laying on of Hands,

*Celebrant:* O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who fashioned the earth and all who live there

**ALL:** We praise you

*Celebrant:* That the eyes of the blind be opened, the broken hearted healed, the poor hear good news and the captives be brought out of darkness,

**ALL:** Your Kingdom come O Lord, Your will be done. Amen.

#### THE PEACE -- IONA

*Celebrant:* Many grains were gathered to make this bread, many grapes were mixed to make this wine. So we who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

#### OFFERING SONG:

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* CP 374

#### INVITATION - COMMUNION IONA

*Celebrant:* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready...

...-- Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

#### COMMUNION -- IONA

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to God.

**ALL:** It is right to give both thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* We offer You praise, dear God, with hearts lifted high...

... And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of Your unending greatness.

**ALL (spoken):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

*Celebrant:* Blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us ...

Let us pray: