



## Advent 3 – December 13 2020

### TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**PRIEST** We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship. 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.

### GRACE

**PRIEST:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**ALL:** And also with you.

### GATHERING - COLLECT FOR PURITY

**PRIEST:** Almighty God...

**ALL:** to you all hearts are open all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

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

**PRIEST:** We light the candle of joy as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus.

*[Candle is lit]*

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

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

### COLLECT ADVENT 3

**PRIEST:** 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 for ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 64: 1-4, 8-11*

**SECOND READING** *1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24*

### GOSPEL

**PRIEST:** The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to John, chapter 1, beginning at verse 6.

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

*John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

**PRIEST:** This is the Gospel of Christ...

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

### REFLECTION

#### HEAR O ISRAEL

**ALL:** Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LITANY 12

**PRIEST:** In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

**PRIEST:** O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to

Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

**PRIEST:** O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

**PRIEST:** O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you Open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

PRIEST: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

PRIEST: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

PRIEST: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, come soon!

### CONFESSION

PRIEST: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**ALL:** ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

PRIEST: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

### COMFORTABLE WORDS BCP

PRIEST Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11. 28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3. 16)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1. 15)

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 2. 1, 2)

### THE PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - ADVENT 3

**ALL:** 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. Amen.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER BCP

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And with thy spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**PEOPLE:** It is meet and right so to do.

PRIEST: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**ALL:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory

be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the  
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

**PRIEST:** Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be  
unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who  
of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son  
Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to  
suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there, by his one oblation of himself  
once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient  
sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of  
the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy  
Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual  
memorial of that his precious death, until his  
coming again

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly  
beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy  
creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in  
remembrance of his death and passion, may be  
partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took  
bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it;  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this  
is my body which is given for you: Do this in  
remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when  
he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the  
new covenant, which is shed for you and for many  
for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall  
drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church,  
remembering the precious death of thy beloved  
Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious  
ascension, and looking for his coming again in  
glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of  
the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of  
everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath  
commanded:

**ALL:** We praise thee, we bless thee, we  
thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God

**PRIEST:** And we entirely desire thy fatherly  
goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching  
thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy  
Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission

of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion;  
And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit,  
all we who are partakers of this holy communion  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly  
benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by  
whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father  
Almighty, world without end.

**ALL:** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** Gathering our prayers and praises into  
one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.

### **PRE-COMMUNION**

**PRIEST:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

### **DOXOLOGY**

**ALL:** Glory to God whose power, working in  
us can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

*Priest blesses the congregation.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

*Priest dismisses the Congregation*

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!