



## Advent 4 December 20 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.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**ALL:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OPENING RESPONSES - ADVENT 4 B

PRIEST: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of a child,

**ALL:** Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

PRIEST: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

**ALL:** Suddenly, love was overflowing.

PRIEST: I knew God, but when you showed me grace, when you forgave me, when you loved me, when you raised me,

**ALL:** Suddenly, God was overflowing.

PRIEST: So, let us worship Holy God together as a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

**ALL:** This is community.

PRIEST: This is the body of Christ.

**ALL:** Welcome home.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

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

PRIEST: We light the candle of love 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 4

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

### FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING Romans 16: 25-27

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL

PRIEST: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Luke 1:26-38*

PRIEST: The Gospel of Christ...

**PEOPLE:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### REFLECTION

#### NICENE CREED

PRIEST: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**ALL:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRIEST:** Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people:

We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Shane our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory, world without end.

**ALL:** Amen.

#### **THE CONFESSION**

**PRIEST:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God...

**ALL:** ...we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

#### **THE 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.

**ALL:** Amen

#### **THE PEACE**

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

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**PRIEST:** Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever.

**ALL:** All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER S3**

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you

**PEOPLE:** And also with you

**PRIEST:** Lift up your hearts

**PEOPLE:** We lift them to the Lord

**PRIEST:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give our thanks and praise

**PRIEST:** It is indeed right to give you thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures forever. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your name, evermore praising you and saying

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

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

**PRIEST:** We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because, in your tender love, You gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you know by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it forever.

In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon You have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,

And when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**ALL:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**PRIEST:** Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we make partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**PEOPLE:** Amen

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

**PRIEST:** And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

### **PRE-COMMUNION**

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PRIEST:** Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his

mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**ALL:** And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.

And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

**BLESSING**

*Priest blesses the congregation.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest dismisses the Congregation*

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!