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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional: People Look East #91 HB

The Greeting Pg. 185

Lighting of the Advent Candle with Children

Third Sunday of Advent Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Today we light the candles of Peace and Hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring everlasting peace to the world.

Light the candles of Hope and Peace

Celebrant: Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy and we light the pink candle to remind us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her – a child who would save and deliver his people.

People: **We know that God wants us all to have his joy in our lives for the angel gave that message to the shepherds: “I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people: to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”**

Celebrant: We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life – a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that he alone brings true and everlasting joy.

Light the pink candle – the candle of JOY

Celebrant: *Let us pray,*

People: **Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for this gift. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day (Prayer of the Day)

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. Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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: 146:4-9

REFRAIN: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; **R**

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading:

A READING FROM THE LETTER 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.

The Gradual: *Wait for the Lord* (2x)

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The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO 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."

The Gradual: *Wait for the Lord* (2x)

#94 HB

Sermon: Fr. Simon

(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)

The Apostles Creed

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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (#12)

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(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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

Lord Jesus, come soon!

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: ***Lo He Comes***

#114 HB

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. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: (#3)

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The Lord's Prayer:

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People: 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.

Breaking of Bread #5

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Lamb of God

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns: ***Lord Enthroned in Heavenly
Let All Mortal Flesh***

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#48 HB

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. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

The Blessing

Reminders: *Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements*

Recessional: ***When the King Shall Come Again*** #109 HB

The Dismissal

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Assisting Father Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Simon Bell
Bread	Fr. Simon, Margaret Paradis
Chalice	Doug Court, Beth Steffler
Anointers – 8:30	n/a
10:00	n/a
Prayer Team:	n/a
First Reading	Celine McCarthy Beckett
Second Reading	Doug Court
Prayers	Doug Court
Gospel	Margaret Paradis
Readings (8:30):	Lequita Adkins, Neil Purcell, Michelle Sinclair
Server: 8:30	Michelle Sinclair, Neil Purcell
10:00	Beth Steffler, Sharon Zacchigna
Audio/Visual	David Paradis
Music:	Gayle Haley
Chancel Ministry:	Michelle Sinclair, Margaret Paradis
Sunday School:	Eileen Cunningham,
Sidespersons	Randall Townsend, Bob Cheesman

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Trevor & Jordan; Margie Mills; Marilyn F.; Nancy B.: Michael Cassin; Lorraine H; Joshua; Jane; Amy P. & Family; Margaret & Husband; Noah; Cathy & Robert; Robert Jessem; Brenda Jessem; Kathy & Brian; Karen Smithers; Bernard Lacey; Brian; Ken & Sheila; Barb Munshaw; Marg Abbott; Doug Shutter.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God' s healing touch and grace:

Jay; Lorraine W; Carrie Snow; Adara; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Martin Bertelsen; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Michelle Sinclair & family; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Gloria Connolly; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Keith Calendar; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; Jack & June Osolin; Neil & Livia Purcell; Ian Sinclair; Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Sokoto (Nigeria) & El Salvador (San Salvador)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee