

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 2024  
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Invitation to Worship

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the  
Algonquin Anishinaabe nation.

All: **In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history,  
spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing  
responsibility as treaty people.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **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.**

Kyrie

All: **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen**

### Advent Wreath Lighting

One: We light a candle each of the four Sundays in Advent. The light of the candles grows brighter each week as we wait in joyful expectation for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

All: **Each candle reminds us of the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus brings to the world. We receive these gifts, and we are called to share them with each other, and in our world. We light the candle of hope this week.**

### The Proclamation of The Word

Reader: A reading from the Book Of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Our Psalm is Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;

All: **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Reader: Let none who look to you be put to shame;

All: **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Reader: Show me your ways, O Lord,

All: **and teach me your paths.**

Reader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

All: **for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Reader: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

All: **for they are from everlasting.**

Reader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

All: **remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Reader: Gracious and upright is the Lord;

All: **therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

Reader: He guides the humble in doing right

All: **and teaches his way to the lowly.**

Reader: All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness

All: **to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Reader: A Reading From The First Letter Of Paul To The Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LUKE 21:25-36

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

Reader: 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!**

Reader: 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, and you have called us  
from the peoples of the earth to gather in Jesus' name. Help the leaders of our  
church to make our communities of faith places of true freedom, safety, and joy.

We pray for our diocesan leaders: Shane, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan,  
and the Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as for our  
sister diocese, The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum.

Beyond our tradition we pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada,  
and Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Carla Blakley. We also pray for our the  
Parish of South Dundas and The Reverend Mark Lewis: come with outstretched  
arm and ransom us.

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

Reader: 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!**

Reader: 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!**

Reader: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness, we set before you those for whom we have been asked to pray: Liesa, Art, Marjorie, Kelly, Richard, Deb, Louise, Randy, Beth, Howard, Irene, Jeanette, Cheryl, Zachariah, and those known to you alone: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

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

Reader: 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!**

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

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

### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.

Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.

Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,  
may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,

this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.  
All: **Amen.**

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

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.**

Celebrant: God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Glory to God,  
All: **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.**

Celebrant: May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.  
May Christ,  
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.  
May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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