

Holy Trinity Anglican Church- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist

**Advent - Week One: Hope**

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbours, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

Reader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

Reader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Reader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.)

Reader One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Reader Two: May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader One: Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

## Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptists cry, announces that  
the Lord is nigh,  
Awake and hearken for he brings, glad tidings of the  
King of Kings.
  
2. Then cleansed him every beast from sin, make  
straight the way for God within,  
Prepare we in our hearts and home, where such a mighty  
guest may come.
  
3. For thou art our salvation Lord, our refuge and our  
great reward,  
Without the grace we waste away, like flowers that  
wither and decay.
  
4. To heal the sick stretch out thy hand, and bid the  
fallen sinner stand,  
Shine forth and let thy light restore, earth's own true  
loveliness once more.
  
5. All praise eternal son to thee, whose advent doth thy  
people free,  
Whom with the father we adore, and Holy Ghost forever  
more.

**Welcome**  
**Children's Time**

**The Gathering of the Community (BAS pg.185)**

All stand.

**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:** (together) **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.**

**Glory to God (BAS pg.186)**

**Celebrant:** *Glory to God in the highest,*

**All:** and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive

our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

(Together) 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 forever.

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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."

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**A Reading of PSALM 25:1-9**

**REFRAIN:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies' triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are

love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

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.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel**

**1. O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,**

That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God  
appears.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

2. O come thy rod of Jesse free, thine own from  
Satan's tyranny,

From depths of hell thy people save, and give them  
victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

3. O come thy dayspring come and cheer, our spirits by  
thine Advent here,

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark  
shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

4. O come thou key of David come, and open wide our  
heavenly home,

Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the  
path to misery.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

5. O come O come thou Lord of might, Who to thy  
tribes from Sinai's height,

In ancient time didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty  
and awe.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

## The Gospel Reading - LUKE 21:25-36

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**  
**(BAS Pg.189-190)**

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.

## The Prayers of the People

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unit, service, and praise. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution (BAS pg.191)

**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.**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## The Peace (BAS pg.192)

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Offertory Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord my refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust.

### Chorus:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear,  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

### Chorus:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Thou thousands fall around you,  
Near you it shall not come.

Chorus:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which each has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

**ALL:** 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer 2 (BAS pg.196-197)

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.211)**

**Officiant:** 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread #2 (BAS pg.212)**

**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.**

### **Communion Instrumental**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: 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.**

**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.

## The Blessing

### CLOSING HYMN: WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN

(TO THE TUNE OF GOOD KING WENCESLAS)

WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN, ALL HIS  
POWER REVEALING,  
SPLENDOUR SHALL ANNOUNCE HIS REIGN, LIFE AND  
JOY AND HEALING,  
EARTH NO LONGER IN DECAY, HOPE NO MORE  
FRUSTRATED,  
THIS IS GOD'S REDEMPTION DAY, LONGINGLY  
AWAITED.

IN THE DESERT, TREES TAKE ROOT, FRESH FROM  
GOD'S CREATION,  
PLANTS AND FLOWERS AND SWEETEST FRUIT, JOIN  
THE CELEBRATION,  
RIVERS SPRING UP FROM THE EARTH, BARREN  
LANDS ADORNING,  
VALLEYS THIS IS YOUR NEW BIRTH, MOUNTAINS  
GREET THE MORNING.

THERE GOD'S HIGH-WAY SHALL BE SEEN WHERE NO  
ROARING LION,  
NOTHING EVIL OR UNCLEAR, WALKS THE ROAD TO  
ZION,  
RAN SOME PEOPLE HOMEWARD BOUND ALL YOUR  
PRAISES VOICING  
SEE YOUR LORD WITH GLORY CROWNED, SHARE IN  
HIS REJOICING.

**Leader:** The worship is over.

**All:** Our Service begins.