



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020



### INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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**Organist & Music**                      **Warden on duty today**  
 Gordon Brown                      Diane Stecher

10:00 a.m.      **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

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### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional **Hymn #521 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME**

**1.**  
 All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
 Let angels prostrate fall;  
 bring forth the royal diadem  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 bring forth the royal diadem  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**2.**  
 Hail him, the heir of David's line,  
 whom David Lord did call,  
 the God incarnate, life divine,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 the God incarnate, life divine,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**4**  
 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**5**  
**Let every tongue and every tribe,**  
**delivered from the fall,**  
**to Christ all majesty ascribe,**  
**and crown him Lord of all;**  
**to Christ all majesty ascribe,**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**

**3**  
 Crown him, you martyrs of your God,  
 who from his altar call;  
 praise him whose way of pain you  
 trod,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 praise him whose way of pain you  
 trod,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**6**  
 O that, with heaven's sacred throng,  
 we at his feet may fall,  
 lift high the universal song,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 lift high the universal song,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

### Lighting of the Advent wreath

### Advent 4

*Leader*      Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

*All*      **Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."**

*Leader*      Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one.  
 Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish.  
 Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

### *The fourth candle in the wreath is lit.*

*Leader*      We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus

*All*      **Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen**

### Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Tune: Away in a Manger*

A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
 a candle to point us to heaven above,  
 A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
 for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

## THE GREETING

*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* 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.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. Amen

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 84:1-4, 19-26**

*Refrain:* I will keep my love for him for ever.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – LUKE 1:26-38**

“Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ”

“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Canon Gloria Master**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

*All 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**      **Healing Litany**      (Please sit or kneel)

**LEADER**      Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People name those for whom they are interceding, either aloud or in silence.*

**LEADER**      God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**PEOPLE**      **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

**LEADER**      God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**PEOPLE**      **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

**LEADER**      God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

**PEOPLE**      **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

**LEADER**      Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**PEOPLE**      **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

**LEADER**      Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

**PEOPLE**      **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

**LEADER**      Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**PEOPLE**      **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

**LEADER**      Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**PEOPLE**      **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

**LEADER**      Bless physicians, nurses, Lay Pastoral Visitors and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**PEOPLE**      **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

**LEADER**      Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**PEOPLE**      **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
**PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER You are the Lord who does wonders:  
**PEOPLE You have declared your power among the peoples.**

LEADER With you, O Lord, is the well of life:  
**PEOPLE And in your light we see light.**

LEADER Hear us, O Lord of life:  
**PEOPLE Heal us, and make us whole.**

LEADER Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Lay Reader* 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.*

*Lay Reader* 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. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*All stand, Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*(The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

### Offertory Hymn # 394 ETERNAL, UNCHANGING

1.	Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise; your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways; your servants proclaim the renown of your name. You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.	2.	Again we rejoice in the world you have made, your mighty creation in beauty arrayed; we thank you for life and we praise you for joy, for love and for hope that no power can destroy.
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### 3.

We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,  
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,  
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,  
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Prayer over the gifts

**Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

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*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* It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **SANCTUS**

Hymn Tune #732

**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.**

**(please sit or kneel)**

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Celebrant** 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.**

### **BREAKING OF BREAD # 5 Advent**

**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.**

### **LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. **X2**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Music during Communion –**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

### **DOXOLOGY**

**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

### **Recessional Hymn #154 JOY TO THE WORLD**

**1.**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature  
sing.

**2.**

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**3.**

No more let wrongs and sorrows  
grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as our sin is found.

**4**

He rules the world with truth and  
grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

The word of the Lord.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 84:1-4, 19-26**

***Refrain:* I will keep my love for him for ever.**

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R** "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: 'I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R** You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R** My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong. No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down. **R** I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name. **R** I shall make his

dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River. He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'" **R**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – LUKE 1:26-38**

**"Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ"**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

**"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ"**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS NEXT WEEK**

ISAIAH 61:10—62:3; PSALM 148; GALATIANS 4:4–7; LUKE 2:22–40