

# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM

### We Gather As God's People

**P**ROCESSIONAL HYMN # 88  
COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS STUTTGART

*Celebrant* Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

**WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!**

*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.

### ✚ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

*Reader* Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world

wisely and bless all nations.

On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his Kingdom over all things on earth.

As the followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

**All We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.**

*(LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE)*

*A moment of silent reflection is observed.*

† **GLORIA**

*(Please Stand)*

**All Glory to God in the highest, 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**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**All 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. Amen.**

## **We Listen To God's Word**

**Reader**

A reading from the book of **Isaiah**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. ISAIAH 64:1-9

**Reader**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reader** A reading from **Psalm 80**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the  
cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and  
Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help  
us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your  
countenance, and we shall be saved.

**O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be  
angered despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have  
given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your  
countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right  
hand, the son of man you have made so strong for  
yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life,  
that we may call upon your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of  
your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good  
shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your  
Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to  
your loving care for all your creatures, and  
remake us in the likeness of your new and risen  
life. We ask this in your name. Amen.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-28

**Reader** A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the  
**Corinthians**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for  
you because of the grace of God that has been given you  
in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched  
in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as  
the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among  
you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as  
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He  
will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is  
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of  
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**G** **RADUAL HYMN # 476**

**GOD, YOU HAVE CAUSED TO BE WRITTEN** CAUSA DIVINA  
(VS 1-2 before the Gospel and VS 3 after the Gospel)

† **THE GOSPEL**

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you, (Please stand)  
*People* **and also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to: **Mark**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** (sung)

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the  
sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its  
light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the  
powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will  
see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power  
and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather  
his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth  
to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson:



as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." MARK 13:24-37

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(sung)*

† **SERMON** Rev. Bryce Sangster  
*A moment of quiet reflection.*

**ANTHEM** WEXFORD CAROL

† **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand)*

*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.

## **We Respond To God's Word**

### † **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Intercessor* Lord, have mercy upon us.

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Saviour may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's

agonies, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That parishioners weakened through illness of mind or body, especially Albert, Anne-Marie, Brian, Caroline, Connie, David, Drew P., Francois, Jennifer, Jenny, Karen, Marie-Eve, Mike, Morgan, Ottley, Pearl, Rick, Susan and Yvonne, feel your protective hand and our tangible care, we stand in need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for, All Saints, Collingwood, its weekly CO3 drop-in, Entrees to Go and monthly Friendship Dinner, preparation of meals for the Busby Centre, refugee sponsorship, parish garden, and the work of its Green Team. for All Saints, King City, its provision of meals for residents of Cross-links Housing, support of King Township Food bank, participation in local community outreach, and support for reconciliation initiatives with First Nations; and for All Saints, Kingsway, its community garden, Out of the Cold program, outreach among the poor and disenfranchised of their

neighbourhood, and its involvement in programs at All Saints, Sherbourne Street and Stonegate Ecumenical Ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

**Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Saviour, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

#### † **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....*

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.**

## † THE PEACE

*(Please Stand)*

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN # 93

YOU SERVANTS OF THE LORD NARENZA

## † PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

### † PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* God of love and power,  
*All* 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.  
Amen.

## We Celebrate At God's Table

### † EUCHARISTIC PRAYER # 2

*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* *(Sung)*

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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 for ever.

*People* 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 THE BREAD # 5

*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.

## † THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to come to the altar to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms at the rail.*

## † COMMUNION HYMNS

#112 BEHOLD! THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD BISHOPTHORPE !

#104 JOY SHALL COME JOY SHALL COME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* God for whom we wait,

**All** 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. 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.

## † THE BLESSING

## † BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious be gracious unto you

The Lord lift His countenance upon you

And give you peace. Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN # 103

ON JORDAN'S BANK, THE BAPTIST CRY WINCHESTER NEW

~ Dismissal ~

On Tuesday, December 5th, at 7pm, We are holding a Community Family Christmas Carol Sing-along at St. George's Anglican Church. Our address is 38 Bridge St. S. in Hastings. Everyone is invited and there is no charge ( a free will offering will be appreciated). All are welcome.



**December 17th Lesson & Carols**  
**Christ Church Campbellford 9:00am**  
**St. George, Hastings 11:00am**

**Christmas Eve Services**  
**December 16th 5pm St. James Roseneath**  
**December 24th, Holy Communion**  
**St. George, Hastings ~ 4pm**  
**Morning Service Advent 4 11:00am**  
**Christ Church, Campbellford ~ 7pm**

## The Voice

**Please pick-up your copy of the Christmas  
Edition of the newsletter.**

## THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD, HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

**Next Sunday December 10th, 2023 ~ Rev. Bryce Sangster**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Holy Communion**

### Readings

**ISAIAH 40:1-11    PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13    2 PETER 3:8-15A**

**MARK 1:1-8**

*Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.*



**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday - Friday**  
**Closed between 12:00pm—1pm**

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