



CHRIST CHURCH  
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DECEMBER 10TH, 2023~ 9:00 AM

We Gather As God's People

**P**ROCESSIONAL HYMN # 109  
WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Celebrant* Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

**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 PEACE**

**Reader** Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us.

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith. The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that he may come in.

**All Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.**

*Light the Second 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 who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn**

**our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive 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**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. ISAIAH 40:1-11

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* A reading from **Psalm 85**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.** PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

*Reader* A reading from the 2nd letter of **Peter**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to

come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 PETER 3:8-15A

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*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**G** RADUAL HYMN # 106

**THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS** ASCENSION  
(VS 1-2 before the Gospel and VS 3 - 4 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)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the

wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." MARK 1:1-8

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

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

**ANTHEM** GOOD KING WENCESLAS

† **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.

In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need especially Albert, Anne-Marie, Brian, Caroline, Connie, David, Drew P., Francois, Jennifer, Jenny, Karen, Marie-Eve, Mike, Morgan, Ottley, Pearl, Rick, Susan and Yvonne. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for, All Saints, Peterborough, its Food Security program, community garden, refugee sponsorship, partnership with Kawartha Food Share, snack program for those living rough on the street, and its youth ministry reaching children in the city with programming and fun all free of charge. for All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop-in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade, and its community agency connections; and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, community garden and Christmas outreach ministries. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for Christ Church. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray**

**in the name of the one who came, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

### **O**FFERTORY HYMN # 108

**HARK, A HERALD VOICE IS SOUNDING** MERTON

### † **PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

## † PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* God our strength,

**All** we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We Celebrate At God's Table

### † EUCHARISTIC PRAYER # S1

*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* Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

**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* Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All** Christ has died.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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

#147 BREAK FORTH, O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT

ERMUNTRE DICH

#131 LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS HERMITAGE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Faithful God,

**All** we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus 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 # 117

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~ Dismissal ~





**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 PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,  
 HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH**

**Next Sunday December 17th, 2023**  
**Nancy DeKuyper**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent ~ Lessons & Carols**

**Memorial Flowers:**  
 Anyone wishing to order memorial/dedication flowers for the altar please contact Shelli Jeffs at 905-242-1358



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