

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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DECEMBER 11TH, 2022 ~ 9:00 AM

We Gather As God's People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 306
O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING RICHMOND

Celebrant The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring
good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 JOY

Reader Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We
light it and the candle of hope again as we remember
that Christ will come again and bring to the world

everlasting peace.

(Light the Candles of Hope, and Peace.)

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her; a child who would save and deliver his people.

God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord."

All: We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that He is the one who brings true and everlasting joy.

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 God of power and mercy,

All you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they

shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ISAIAH 35:1-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading from **Psalm 146**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 146:4-9

Reader A reading from the letter of **James**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing

at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. JAMES 5:7-10

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G RADUAL HYMN # 102

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

(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: **Matthew**

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." MATTHEW 11:2-11

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

† **SERMON** Rev. Bryce Sangster

ANTHEM THE PRAISE OF CHRISTMAS

† **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.

Jesus said that the signs of God's dominion were to be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life, and the preaching of good news to the poor. Let us pray that our lives may be the instruments of God's work in the world, saying: O God, most worthy of praise, hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need especially Anne-Marie, Brian, Caroline, Connie, Drew P., Francois, Jennifer, Karen, Laura, Marie-Eve, Mike, Ottley, Susan, and Vanessa. We pray for those who have died. Grant us the grace to

accept suffering with patience and to be strengthened by our common life in the body of Christ. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you for your countless gifts. Above all, we thank you for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, and for our unity in him through baptism. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for, the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, its Café 65 program for seniors and support of the Community Share food bank; for the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry, its support of local outreach initiatives, education for reconciliation, stream regeneration project with Kawartha Conservation, and refugee sponsorship; and for the Parish of Belmont, and its support of the Asphodel-Norwood and Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Food Banks. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor In our own Deanery of Peterborough we pray for, Retired Clergy Rev. William Montgomery, Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe and Rev. Rob Ross. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for Seymour United Church. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving and prayers to you, the one God and the source of light and life, now and for ever. 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 # 312
SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD SING A NEW SONG

† PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

† PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant God of hope,

All renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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

(said)

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**

#100 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE PSALM 42

#110 "SLEEPERS, WAKE!" A VOICE ASTOUNDS US WACHET AUF

† **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant Merciful God,

All may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. 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.

R ECESSIONAL HYMN # 320 YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES LASST UNS ERFREUEN

~ Dismissal ~



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Edition of *The Voice*

Today's Readers are:

1st Lesson OT	Joy Goemans
Psalm	Nancy DeKuyper
2nd Lesson	Margaret Eley
Gospel	Rev. Bryce Sangster
Prayers	Nancy DeKuyper

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

Next Sunday December 18th, 2022 ~ Nancy DeKuyper
4th Sunday of Advent ~ Lessons & Carols

Readings

ISAIAH 9:2-7	MICAH 5:2-5	LUKE 1:26-38
LUKE 2:1-7	LUKE 2:8-16	MATTHEW 2:1-12 JOHN 1:1-14

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