

THE AREA PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent – 10:00 AM

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Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to find a candle you can light and prepare a space where you can join us in worship from wherever you are. Please have your candles already lit and prayer spaces ready before we begin.

We acknowledge that:

We gather today on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

This land has been cared for and inhabited by indigenous people since the beginning. For those who gather from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymn numbers in Common Praise are as indicated.

Copies of this booklet are available for people to use in church on Sunday. For those familiar with Anglican liturgies, you may prefer to use a copy of the Book of Alternative Services, and simply listen for the parts that change:

- *Hymns as announced*
- *The Collect of the Day*
- *The Readings*
- *The Prayers of the People (the response is announced)*
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The Collect of the Day and Readings can be found at <https://lectionary.anglican.ca>.

Before the service begins, candles may be lit for each Sunday of Advent.

The Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

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Announcements may be offered at this time. The people stand.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Common Praise 94

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

(repeated 3 times before the Collect, twice after)

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First reading

A reading from the book of Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5: 2-5a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10: 5-10

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Gospel

The responses will be sung. Music can be found on p 920 of the BAS.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. And Mary said,

Luke 1: 39-45

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Canticle 18a (The Song of Mary)

Luke 1: 46-55

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one, with the words 'Hear our prayer'.

O Wisdom from on high, you come and dwell among us, granting strength and sustenance for all. Feed the flock of your whole creation, that the ends of the earth may rejoice in your abundant supply.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we join with others in the Anglican Communion as we pray The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership

In our Diocese, we pray for the Staff of our Diocesan Office: The Rt. Reverend Shane Parker, The Venerable Linda Hill, The Reverend Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs, Sanjay Grover, Ringo Morella, Jane Scanlon, Heidi Fawcett, Ishita Ghose, Bill Gilbert, Glenn Lockwood, Patricia Myles, Titalayo Oyefi, Heidi Pizzuto, Sandra Purdy, Safiyah Rochelle.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Key of David, you unlock your gates of glory and splendour, and even the trees of the field clap their hands and the mountains and hills ring out their joy. Strengthen our commitment to care for your whole creation, that it may continue to sing your praises. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Lord of might, you stir up your power and come, revealing yourself to us in lowliness and service. Inspire all who serve your church as bishops, pastors, and associates in ministry, that they may serve faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Branch of Jesse, your arms reach out with healing and wholeness. Grant this healing to all nations, that violence and destruction would give way to peace and harmony among all the peoples of the earth. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Dayspring from on high, your presence spills over like a fountain, bringing light for all in any darkness. Comfort those for whom the burden of anxiety and depression is heavy, that they may see your light and know your love. We pray for the sick, especially remembering **Rob** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning (*short silence*). Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Ernie Trimble who has died and his family and friends who mourn. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O Emmanuel, you are with us, offering comfort for our sorrows and healing for our souls. We bless you for our beloved who are now at rest in you. Keep us one with them in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at office@stjamescarletonplace.ca or 613-257-3178.

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

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Common Praise 88

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope,
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.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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The responses will be sung. Music can be found on p 920 of the BAS. At other services, the responses will be said.

(sung) The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface for Advent, p 219

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Common Praise 735

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
(said) we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

When sung, the text below is used. When said, the traditional version on p 211 will be used.

David Haas

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread 5

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God of promise,
You prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called
To the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (sung)

Common Praise 745

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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

If you are watching this service online and not able to receive communion with us today, you may use this prayer at home. Others in the church may wish to use this prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hearts;
now we put our lives into your hands.

Take us, renew us and remake us.

What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you.

In your name we pray. Amen.

*Adapted from A Wee Worship Book,
Wild Goose Resource Group*

Those present receive communion. The choir may sing an anthem.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
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.

Dismissal

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope,
and untiring in love all the days of your life;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn **Hark! The Glad Sound!**

Common Praise 98

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare throne,
and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.

**Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.**

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