

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida  
Parish of Ida and Omemee**

**December 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
Service of Holy Communion**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3: 4, 6*

**Opening: CP103 – On Jordan's Bank**

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh:  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed he every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

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**The Second Sunday of Advent – Peace**

Last week was the First Sunday of Advent, which was the Sunday of Hope. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent – the Sunday of Peace.

*Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. Luke 1:68*

*Reader:* Our peace is found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and all the prophets remind us – that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

*Reader:* We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace – he is the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

*Light the First and Second Candles.*

Let us pray.

**O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray that you will send your light into our hearts during this season of Advent. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts and help us to prepare for the peace that he brings – the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you – and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Amen.**

### **Children's Hymn: Light One Candle**

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to ev'ry heart,  
He comes! He comes!  
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace. He brings peace to every heart.  
He comes! He comes!  
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

*Children leave for their Program and will return at the Passing of the Peace.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God, 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.**

**The Word**

The First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19**

**Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;**

**That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and  
the little hills bring righteousness.**

**He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.**

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

**In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.**

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

**And blessed be his glorious name for ever!**

**And may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.**

**Psalm Prayer**

**O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 3: 1-12

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**CP116 – Your Kingdom Come—On Bended Knee**

**“Your kingdom come”—on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom’s day.**

**But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls;  
proclaim the day is near:**

**the day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;  
when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad—  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.**

**The Sermon: – Rev. Peter**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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

### **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for the World, the Church and Ourselves.*

The response to the Intercessions will be:  
Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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.**

*The offering plate will not be passed during the service but will be available at the back and front of the church.*

## **Offertory: CP109 – When the King Shall Come Again**

**When the King shall come again,  
all his power revealing,  
splendour shall announce his reign,  
life and joy and healing;  
earth no longer in decay,  
hope no more frustrated,  
this is God's redemption day  
longingly awaited.**

**In the desert, trees take root,  
fresh from God's creation;  
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit**

**join the celebration;  
rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.  
Valleys, this is your new birth;  
mountains, greet the morning!**

**Strengthen feeble hands and knees;  
fainting hearts, be cheerful!  
God, who comes for such as these,  
seeks and saves the fearful.  
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues  
sing away their weeping;  
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones  
walking, running, leaping!**

**There God's highway shall be seen  
where no roaring lion,  
nothing evil or unclean,  
walks the road to Zion:  
ransomed people homeward bound  
all your praises voicing,  
see your Lord with glory crowned,  
share in his rejoicing!**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**God our strength, 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.**

*All who are baptized in any Christian Church are welcome to  
receive the bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please  
indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*We stand throughout the Eucharistic prayer as a joyful sign that  
we have been raised to the new life in Christ.*

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist (3)**

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.**

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.

**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.**

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,

**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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Here is Bread, Here is Wine**

**Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace.  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find His peace.  
Feast on Jesus here.**

*In this bread, there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
We'll proclaim, 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified.

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In this cup there's life forever  
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Christ is with us here.*

### You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless Your name:  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup;  
You are my all in all.

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### Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be,  
it doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.  
And I feel that same sweet Spirit that I've often felt before.  
Surely I can say I have been with the Lord.

***Refrain:***

**There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place.  
I've touched the hem of His garment  
and I can almost see His face.**

**And my heart is over-flowing with the fullness of His joy,  
I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.**

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

***I can feel His mighty power and His grace.***

***I can hear the brush of angel's wings***

***I see glory on each face;***

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

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**Prayer after Communion**

**Faithful God, 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.**

*Please stand.*

**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.**

**The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing: CP106 – There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

**There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!**

**The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places**

**where the Lord our God may go!**

**O Zion, give voice to good tidings,  
ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
The works of pride all perish,  
like flowers they shall decay;  
the power and pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.  
But your word, O God, is faithful,  
your arm, O Lord, is strong;  
you stand in the midst of nations,  
and you will right the wrong.  
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,  
and fold the lambs to your breast;  
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,  
and give to the weary rest.**

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### **Dismissal**

**As we await our coming Saviour  
go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.**

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