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A Service of Morning Prayer
for

The 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4th, 2022

Proper Sentences & Penitential Rite

One Most merciful God,
All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your
will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

One 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.

Welcome, Advent Wreath Lighting & Invitatory

Opening Hymn CP 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

All O come, let us worship.

Venite (Psalm 95,1-7)

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of
our salvation. Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand
are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his
also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded
the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and
kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are
the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that
today you would hearken to his voice!

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The Psalms

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
All *REFRAIN* **In his time shall peace and justice flourish.**
One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading Romans 15:4-13
Gradual Hymn CP 109 **When the King Shall Come Again**
Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

The Rev'd Robert Clifford All Saints' Anglican Church, Windsor ON
Responsory Hymn CP 101 **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Affirmation of Faith

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 & 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition with the sung response.

Collects

One 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.

All Amen.
One Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn CP 529 **God, My Hope on You is Founded**
Prayer Over the Gifts

One 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.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Announcements & Blessing

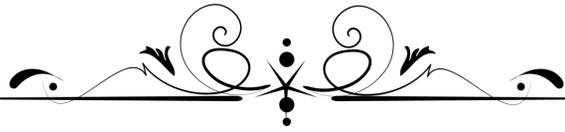
Closing Hymn CP 106 **There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying**
Dismissal and Apostolic Grace

One Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

All Amen.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. The simplest way to support this ministry is c/o St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church with "The SENT" in the memo line or notes field.

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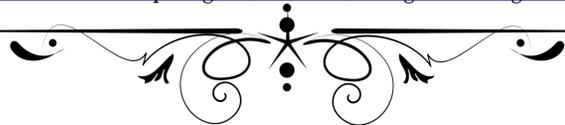
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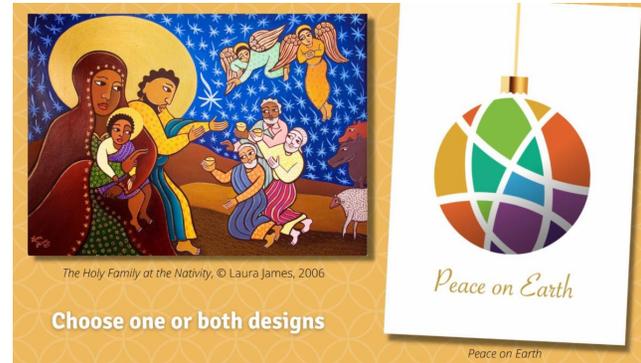


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PWRDF joins Anglican response to floods

PWRDF has contributed \$20,000 to a flood response in Pakistan with three other Anglican agencies: Episcopal Relief and Development in the U.S., Anglican Board of Mission in Australia (both fellow members of the Anglican Alliance), and the U.K.-based United Society Partners in the Gospel. The contributions total approximately \$66,000 CDN. This project will respond to the emergency relief appeal of the Church of Pakistan, a member of the Anglican Communion, to assist the flood affected communities in Punjab Province. **Read more at:**

<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supports-anglican-flood-response-in-pakistan/>



Raising awareness of gender-based violence

November 25 - December 10 The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that is bookended by the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Human Rights Day. The global theme is "UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls."

Learn more at: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day/background>

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.

REFRAIN In his time shall peace and justice flourish.

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. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

1st Lesson ISAAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson ROMANS 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one

another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson MATTHEW 3:1-12

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 125

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet tomorrow:
Christ the babe was born for you,
Christ the babe was born for you!

Gradual Hymn CP 109

When the King Shall Come Again

1 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.

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!

Responsory Hymn CP 101

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,

his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

Offertory Hymn CP 529

God, My Hope on You is Founded

1 God my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide
me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust; though
with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds arise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

Closing Hymn CP 106

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

1 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!

2 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.

3 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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