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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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15TH DECEMBER, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha, and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation.

The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923 and applies to lands east of Woodbine Avenue. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous people on this land.

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Prelude:

Announcements

A moment of silent prayer (*Please stand*)

**Processional Hymn: There is a Voice in the Wilderness Crying
CP106**

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.

4. 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!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(Please remain standing)

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God,

**People: 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison
Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison
Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison
Lord, have mercy.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

As the third candle of Advent is lit:

Officiant: We light the third Advent candle as a sign of joy – a testimony to the Light of God coming into our world that will shatter the darkness and bring healing to all who suffer and mourn.

All: Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for this gift. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Please stand)

Collect of the Day:

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: God of power and mercy,
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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(Please be seated)

1st Reading: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3: Isaiah 12:2-6

Refrain: Ring out your joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in your midst.

2. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."
3. **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**
4. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
5. **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**
6. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Refrain: Ring out your joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in your midst.

2nd Reading PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

_(Please Stand)

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. CP 709 (X 2 sing)**
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord
has anointed me to bring good tidings to the
afflicted.

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. CP 709 (X 2 sing)**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Andrew Kaye

Silence for personal reflection

**Choral Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter. Text by Christina Rossetti,
music by Harold Darke**

The Nicene Creed (*Please Stand*)

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Officiant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Officiant: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to
offer our prayers to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (LITANY)

(Please kneel or sit)

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of this love, let us lift our prayers to God for the needs of all people saying : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For the Church throughout the world. May we all grow together in our understanding of mission. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For all of us in the St. Margaret in-the-Pines Church community, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christlike in the world. We pray and give thanks for our Clergy and Ministry team, Andrew, Jim, Colin and Salma. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember Christine Bynoe , Shanyssse Bynoe , Sophia Cadien-Wilmot , Gloria Cadien , Andrew & Faye Campbell , Rhoneita Campbell , Carl & Francis Cappell , Vasney Chandler , Wilma Chase , Mary Ellen Chater & Justin Berwick. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For the wider community, our family, friends, neighbours, co-workers and all others. Guide and strengthen us in all our lives that we may know the gifts of grace and love. In the Deanery Cycle of Prayer, we remember and pray for Church of Holy Wisdom; Rev'd Gerlyn Henry ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For the leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada, that they may be enlightened with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth. We pray for Anne our Acting Primate and Metropolitan, Chris our Indigenous Archbishop, Andrew our

Diocesan, Riscylla and Kevin our Suffragan, Theadore our Archdeacon, Greg our Regional Dean and for all Bishops and Clergy. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills; for the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry; *and for* the Parish of Belmont and the services they provide to their respective communities. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For our country and its leaders Charles our King, Mary our Governor General, Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, Olivia our Mayor and for leaders everywhere, that they may have the wisdom and compassion to choose what serves the common good. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For peace in the world that instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace. We remember especially the victims of war, violence, terrorism and prejudice. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For those who are sick in body and mind, give skill to those who take care of them. Let us pray for those known to us and others known only to God. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

For those who have died and those who mourn. May they find consolation in the knowledge of your love. ♦ We pray : **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

O God, send the spirit of Jesus on us that we may be the song of hope, peace, love and joy in the world. **Amen.**

Confessions and Absolution

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Officiant: 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

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: 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: BAS Page 192

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding CP 108

1. Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,
4. that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Prayer Over the Gifts:

Officiant: **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.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant: 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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might. *(Sung)*
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.**

CP 735

(Please kneel or sit)

Officiant: 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,

**All: we remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;**

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

**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

Officiant: 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.**

THE COMMUNION

Officiant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

CP 690 (sing)

All: 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel, according to your ability and custom.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the altar rail.

Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the Priest.

Communicants who do not wish to drink from the chalice should not dip the bread into the cup. Instead, after the bread, cross your hands over your chest as a sign of reverence by gently touching the base of the cup when it is presented to you. Those drinking from the cup are asked to assist the minister by grasping it at the base and guiding it to their lips.

Communion: Wait for the Lord

CP 94

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

1. We hail thee now, O Jesus:
thy presence here we own,
though sight and touch have failed us,
and faith perceives alone.
Thy love has veiled thy glory
and hid thy power divine,
in mercy to our weakness,
beneath an earthly sign.

2. We hail thee now, O Jesus:
in silence hast thou come,
for all the hosts of heaven
with wonderment are dumb –
so great the condescension,
so marvellous the love,
which for our sakes, O Saviour,
have drawn thee from above.

3. We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for law and type have ceased,
and thou in each communion
art sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial
in union, Lord, with thee,
and plead thy death and passion
to cleanse and set us free.

4. We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for death is ever near,
and in thy presence only
its terrors disappear.
Dwell with us, living Saviour,
and guide us through the night,
till shadows end in glory,
and faith is lost in sight.

Communion Hymn: Hear, O Lord

Refrain:

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy.

My soul is longing for the glory of you.

O hear, O lord, and answer me.

1. Ev'ry night before I sleep I pray my soul to take,
or else I pray that loneliness is gone when I awake.

Refrain:

2. Why do I no longer feel like I've a place to stay?
O take me where someone will care so fear will go
away.

Refrain:

3. In you, Lord, I place my cares and all my troubles too.
O grant, dear Lord, that some day soon I'll live in peace
with you.

Refrain:

Prayer after Communion:

(Please stand)

Officiant: **Merciful God,
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.**

The Doxology:

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Officiant: 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

Recessional Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling CP 485

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
2. Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
4. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
5. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
6. changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal:

Officiant: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Participants in the liturgy:

Readers: Timothy Victor
Susan Bradshaw

Intercessor: Toni Terbenche

Lay Administrators: Marcia Winterbottom
Iveleen Thomas

Prayer for Parishioners

Prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Eternal God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you:
grant *name* to know you
that *name* may truly love you,
so to love you that *name* may truly serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas 2024-2025 (Large copies) now available for sale from the church office for \$10.00.

Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettia donations should be placed in the collection plate and will be accepted until this **Sunday, December 15th**.

Please put your donation in an envelope clearly indicating the amount, who the donation is from, and dedication to appear in the bulletin.

For example: \$25.00 Donated by "Full Name", given in loving memory of "Full Name" etc.

Caring Hands Ministry

We have been very busy this fall season. In October after having the hats and mitts blessed at the Altar we distributed 100 sets to 9 local schools and agencies.

This week Fr. Andrew and I walked along Lawrence and put 16 free scarves in the bus shelters for those that need them.

We will resume again **Jan. 8** in the J.R. Room. We invite anyone interested in learning how to knit or crochet to come and join us in January.

Susan Humphreys

ONLINE COMPLINE SERVICE - EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

We will take a break for Christmas and will resume Compline Service on **January 8th**.

After which Online Compline Service will continue to be held every **Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.**

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY - IN PERSON EVERY THURSDAY

We will take a break for Christmas and will resume Bible Study on **January 9th**.

After which Morning Prayer and Bible Study will be held **every Thursday**, and this is **in person at the church**. Morning Prayer will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Advent Food Drive Dates

The Outreach community would like to announce the dates for the Advent Food Drive on **15th December**.

Thank you for all your generous donations.

Pastoral Emergency Contact

For pastoral emergency please contact Fr. Andrew Kaye at **416-709-6381**.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF: NOVEMBER

- Total Attendance (in person and online) 411
- # of financial donors 157
- Total Donations Received \$18,968.75
- November Budget \$17,000



Christmas Service Schedule

Wednesday, 18 th December @ 7:00 p.m. In Person Service only	Longest Night Service
Tuesday, 24 th December @ 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday . 25 th December @ 10:00 a.m. In Person Service only	Christmas Day Service
Sunday, 29 th December @ 10:00 a.m.	Lessons & Carols
Sunday, 5 th January @ 10:00 a.m.	Epiphany with Christmas Pageant with potluck



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PARISH PURPOSE

and all are encouraged to lovingly share their gifts, both with one another and with the larger world in which we serve. The community centres itself on biblical teaching, prayer and the ministry of healing. It stresses lay involvement and the family, and open communication.

