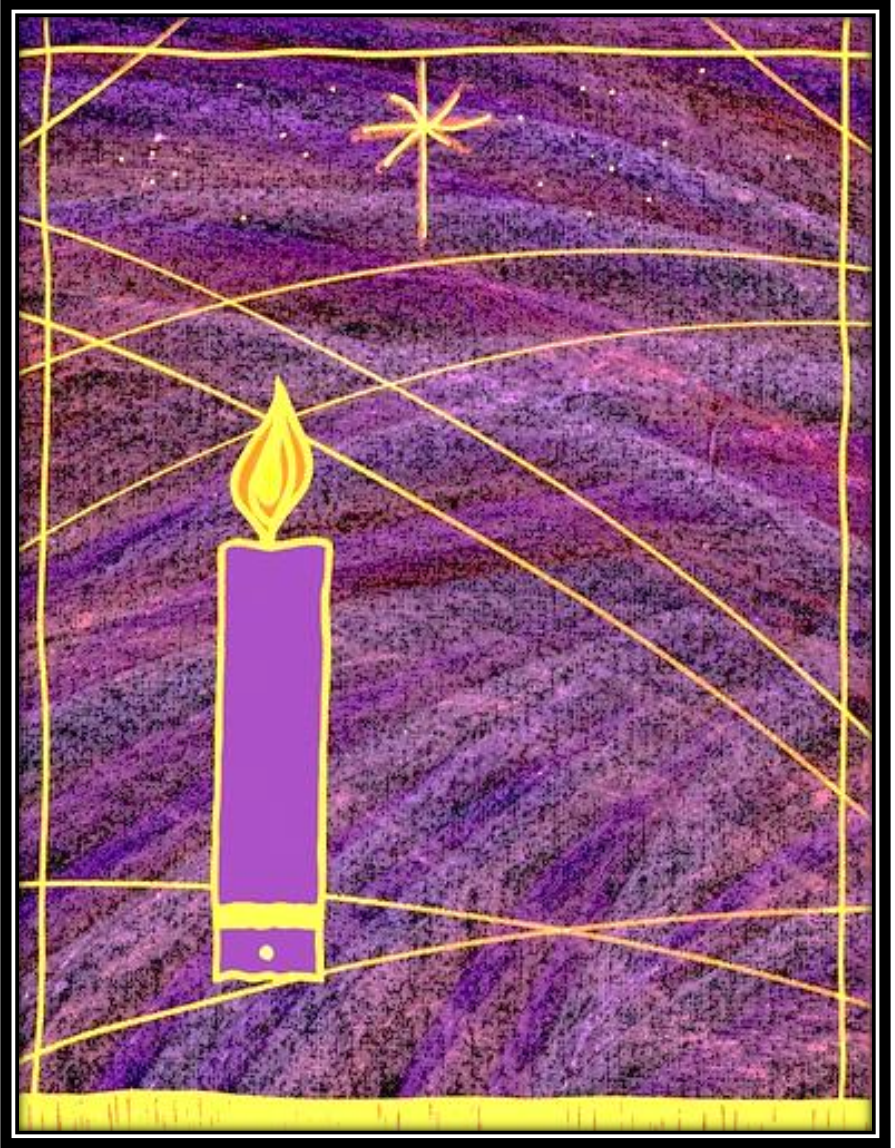


First Sunday of Advent



10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 1st, 2024

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: The Son of Man is Coming. After generations and generations of God's people who have come and gone, we know full well that no one knows when He will come.

People: Like His first coming, only God the Father knows the day of His return.

Leader: Since we do not know the day, scripture calls us to keep awake, to be alert.

People: We will be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready.

ALL: (sung)

Chorus:

**Christmas is coming
the Church is glad to sing
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.**

**The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*

Hymn is from the blue "Common Praise Hymnal" in the pews.
Please stand.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight Chorus

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. Chorus

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Chorus
John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Rev. Oz: 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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Isaac Watts/John Hatton

Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

First Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

33 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch of David sprout; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety; and this is the name by which it will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;

**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

² Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from Romans

⁹ For what thanks can we give to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice because of you before our God, ¹⁰ as we keep praying most earnestly night and day that we may see your faces, and may complete what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; ¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel – Luke 21:25-36

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting from fear and the expectation of the things that are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees: ³⁰ as soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. ³¹ So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But be on your guard, so that your hearts will not be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that this day will not come on you suddenly, like a trap; ³⁵ for it will come upon all those who live on the face of all the earth. ³⁶ But stay alert at all times, praying that you will have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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

People: 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.**

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: 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.**

Rev. Oz: 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

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I AM",
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,

I bow before the cross of Christ,
And marvel at this love divine,
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know,
But I can glory in its flood:
The Lord Most High has bowed down low,
And poured on me His glorious love,
And poured on me His glorious love.

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Please be seated.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: 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.

Rev. Oz: 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;**

Rev. Oz: 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 forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**People: 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

Rev. Oz: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. You may receive communion at either the front or at the rear of the church, when available. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Hymns are from "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews.

Organ- Bas Ouwehand

Please stand and sing.

Post Communion Song

The Power Of The Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. Chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry. Chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross. Chorus
Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,
People: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn is from the blue “Common Praise Hymnal” in the pews.
Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
while in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Ignaz Franz/Clarence Alphonsus Walworth

DISMISSAL

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself.

People: Let us go forth as ministers of His
reconciliation. Alleluia.

Prayers of the People – December 1, 2024

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)
This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of
the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land &
Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The
Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our
Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

St. John, Olds, St. Cyprian, Lacombe, with the Rev. Dr.
Robert Sears; Vocational Deacons.

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan, Stubbs and St. Mark,
Greggs on St. Vincent; with the Rev. Deacon Kenwick Lewis.

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The people of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The People of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

The Moravian Church in Canada

The people of the Moravian Church in Canada.

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,
Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark
MP Glen Motz, Medicine Hat Cardston Warners

OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship
Persecuted Christians everywhere

OUR CITY CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Anglican, with the Rev. Glenn Galenkamp

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec
The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family
Andy, Rhonda and Matthew Birtle; Veronica Blocksage;
Peter Boote & Nico Avery-Weitzel; and their families.
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Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The SMART Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry
Medicine Hat College Nursing Students - Senior Home Visits

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Kathy; Jim; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Tobin; Lorna; Scott;
Kevin; Wade; Helen; Harvey; Arleen; Becca; Chase; Alicia;
and their families

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"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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Reader(s)	Val Browne & John Fedoruk
Greeters	Brian & Barb Klein
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