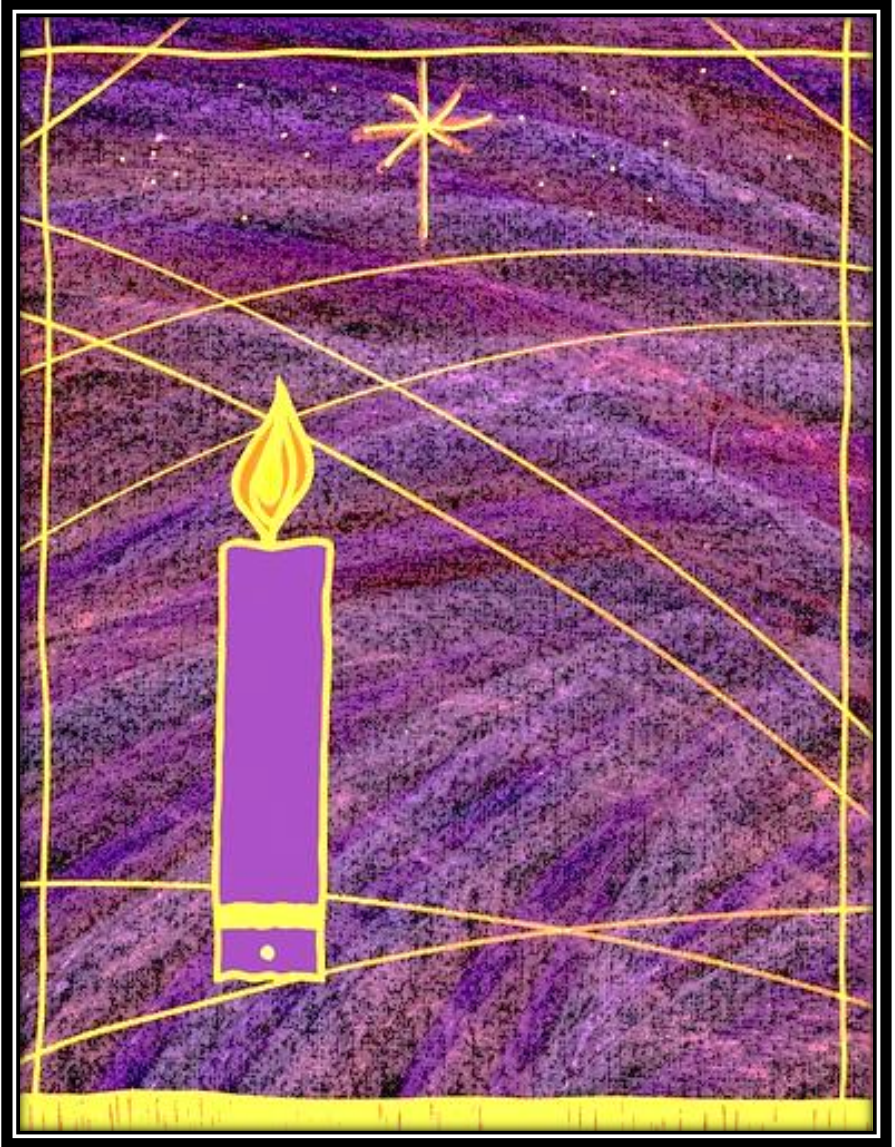


# First Sunday of Advent



**8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion**

**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.**

## Holy Communion

**Introit – Psalm 25:1-7**



- <sup>1</sup> UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul; /  
my God, I have put my trust in thee.
- <sup>2</sup> O let me not be confounded, /  
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>3</sup> For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; /  
but such as transgress without a cause  
shall be put to confusion.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me thy ways, O LORD, /  
and teach me thy paths.

- <sup>5</sup> Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me: /  
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is  
my hope all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies, /  
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- <sup>7</sup> O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; /  
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,  
O LORD, for thy goodness.

**p 67 The Lord's Prayer & The Collect**

**p 68 The Ten Commandments**

**p 70 Kyrie & Mutual Salutation**

**p 95 The Collect of the Day**

**p 104 The Collect of Christmas Day**

**Please be seated.**

**First Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Reader:** The Lesson is written in the 64th Chapter of Jeremiah beginning at the 1st verse.

**33** <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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:** Here endeth the Lesson.

**Psalm 25:1-9**

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O Lord, for thy goodness.**

.<sup>8</sup> GRACIOUS and righteous is the Lord;  
**therefore will he teach sinners in the way**

.<sup>9</sup> Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement;  
**and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.**

### **Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**Reader:** The Epistle is written in the 1st Chapter of 1  
Thessalonians beginning at the 9th verse

<sup>9</sup> 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,

<sup>10</sup> as we keep praying most earnestly night and day that we  
may see your faces, and may complete what is lacking in  
your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father Himself, and our  
Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; <sup>12</sup> 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; <sup>13</sup> 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  
saints.

**Reader:** Here endeth the Epistle.

**Hymns are from “The Celebration Hymnal” in the pews.  
Please stand.**

## **Hymn #244 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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 Gospel – Luke 21: 25-36**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the 25th verse.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> “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, <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees: <sup>30</sup> as soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. <sup>31</sup> So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I say to you, this

generation will not pass away until all things take place. <sup>33</sup>  
Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass  
away.

<sup>34</sup> “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; <sup>35</sup> for it will come upon all those who  
live on the face of all the earth. <sup>36</sup> 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## **p 71 The Creed**

### **The Message – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen**

**Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.**

## **p 72 The Offertory**

**Please stand.**

### **Hymn #245 - 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.

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.

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

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

**p 74 Prayer over Gifts**

Please kneel or sit.

**p 75 The Intercession**

**p 76 The Invitation**

**p 77 The General Confession and Absolution**

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

**p 81 The Thanksgiving**

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.

**p 81 “Therefore with Angels ... “**

**p 82-83 The Prayer of Consecration**

**p 84 “O LAMB of God”**

**The Communion**

*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. 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.*

**p 85 The Lord's Prayer**

Please kneel or sit.

**p 85 "... And here we offer ..."**

**p 86 Blessing**

**Hymn #754 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear;  
All His saints, on earth rejected,  
Thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!



Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

## **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 Mattew 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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2 Corinthians 5:19

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