



## Second Sunday *of* Advent

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*December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

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**Advent II**

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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee Hour  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**At the Chancel Steps**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we are  
moved with awe at the way you use little  
things to accomplish greatness. You chose  
a little city and from it sent a great leader -  
your only Son. You chose fishermen and  
made them your spokesmen, and you have  
chosen us. Even though we are little before

the greatness of your universe, use us to work your eternal greatness. We pray in the name of your Son. Amen.

## **Light 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting 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 Wisemen Journey Onward**

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.** (11:1-10)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

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

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### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.** (15:4-13)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**GRADUAL HYMN 382 “Praise to the Lord”**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (3:1-12)

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

**THE READING**

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**HYMN 103 “On Jordan’s Bank , the Baptist Cry”**

**SERMON**

**HYMN # 30 CC Song Book “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

**The Creed**

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**The Intercessions**

*Get the road ready for the Lord!*

Our God is always ready to hear our prayers.  
Let us be still, and pray to him now.

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for all those who remind us  
to be kind and loving by their words and example.  
We pray that as a church  
we may get ready to welcome you  
and put right whatever blocks us from your love.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

We pray that the lines of communication  
between people and nations  
may be kept open, respected and honoured,  
and that where communication has broken down  
there may be a new desire for healing.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

Heavenly Father,  
we pray for all those making and repairing roads,  
travelling on them and stuck in traffic jams;  
we pray for the towns and villages linked by roads,  
for a public transport system that protects the  
environment and serves the community.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

We pray for those we see and talk to  
every day or week;

for those we often argue with or misunderstand;  
for those who brighten our lives and make us smile;  
for a greater thankfulness and appreciation  
of those we usually take for granted.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

We pray for those we have hurt or upset;  
for those who feel isolated and alone;  
for the ill, the frail, the stressed and the bitter.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

We pray for the dying  
and those who have died to this earthly life.  
May they know the eternal peace of your heaven,  
and may those who miss them be comforted.

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for helping us  
to get ourselves ready to receive you.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** p. 191

**The Peace** p. 192

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 358 “Earth and All Stars”**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1** p. 193

**The Lord’s Prayer** p. 211

**The Breaking of the Bread #5** p. 212

### **The Agnus Dei**

**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.**

## The Communion

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*The Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All communicant members of other Churches are welcome to make their communion with us. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen".*

### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:**

**#20 CC Song Book "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"**

**#35 CC Song Book "They Cast Their Nets"**

### **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.**

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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**CLOSING HYMN 460 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"**

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## **THIS WEEK**

### **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

### **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

### **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Advent III**

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist/Children's Christmas  
Happening

## **UPCOMING**

### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 p.m. - Packing of Christmas Cheer Boxes

### **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. - Delivery of Christmas Cheer Boxes

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## **Christmas Cheer Program**

### **Next Week - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Please Bring:**

- \* Mayonnaise
- \* Jello

**If you forgot these are the items we have been collecting:**

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| * Soup          | * Peanut Butter (500 g) |
| * Apple Juice   | * Cereal                |
| * Soda Crackers | * Sugar                 |
| * Jam           | * Canned Vegetables     |
| * Brown Beans   | * Canned Fruit          |
| * Tuna Fish     | * Kraft Dinner          |
| * Tea           | * Canned Sandwich Meat  |

**Why not adopt a box as a family? Cost of a box is approximately \$85.00. Receipts will be given.**

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St. Martha's Christmas closing pot-luck December 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

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The Children's Christmas Happening will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 am service. Immediately following the service everyone is invited to join Santa Claus in the Parish Hall.

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Bible Study Christmas Closing and Pot-luck is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**The Christmas closing for St. Monica's ACW and Men's Club** of Christ Church will be held in the Parish Hall on **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will be having Chinese Food. All women and men of the parish are welcome to attend. An evening of fun, fellowship and food. Please contact Eleanor, Dorothy or the Church Office by December 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

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### **Christmas Silent Auction**

**Check out all the items in the Narthex we have for the Christmas Auction and place your bid. New things coming in all the time. Final bids will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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**Church calendars** are now available in the office for \$5.00. Get yours today!

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### **Connect: Sharing Stories**

Join youth leaders from across the diocese as we get to know each other better and learn from the Rev. Nicole Uzans about the power of sharing stories. December 10, from 1-3 pm at Christ Church Lantz. For more information [acolp@nspeidiocese.ca](mailto:acolp@nspeidiocese.ca) 902-789-3481.

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