



**Order of Service for December 7, 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**

**Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling**

**Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak**



**St. Paul's  
Anglican Church**

*Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace*

## **Matthew 3:2**

# **Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near**



**Pre-Service Music:** Ready My Heart (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Processional Hymn:** CP #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (screens)

**Greeting** . . . . . p 230 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

**The Collect for Purity** . . . . . p. 230 (screens)

**The Summary of the Law (screens)**

**Trisagion x 3** ... p. 231 (screens)

**Collect of the Day** . . . . . p. 269 (screens)

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle** (with the children)

**Light a Candle in the Night (Peace)** (screens)

*Children can now go out to Sunday School*

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**The First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Isaiah**

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.

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**... p. 797 (screens)

**The Epistle Reading**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

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.

**Romans 15:4-13**

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn:** CP # 103 On Jordan's Bank (screens)

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

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

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

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."

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## **Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed** . . . p. 251 (screens)

**The Prayers of the People** (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

**Confession and Absolution** . . . p. 238 (screens)

**The Peace** . . . p. 240 (screens)

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn:** A Journey Just Begun (screens)

**Prayer over the Gifts.** . . . . p. 270 (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer B....** p. 243 (screens)

**Proper Preface for Advent** ... p. 252 (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer** .... p. 245 (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread.** ... p. 246 (screens)

**Agnus Dei** ... p. 247 (screens)

**The Communion** . . . . . p. 246 (screens)

**Communion Hymns** (screens):

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Father, I Adore You

I Love You Lord

Alleluia

**Hymn after Communion** (Please stand) Refiner's Fire (screens)

**Prayer after Communion.** . . p. 248 (screens)

**The Blessing**

**Announcements** (screens)

**Closing Hymn:** CP # 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness (screens)

**Sending**

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall.

## **Traditional Land Acknowledgement**

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bears paw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

## Prayers for this Week

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Church of Bangladesh***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***the Primate Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***national Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***the Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America***. ***TOGETHER: For those who have died in war, and for renewed commitment to work for peace.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and their Incumbent the Rev. Daniel Hughes***. We pray for ***Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House and their Lay Ministers and Wardens***. We also pray for our ***Companion Diocese Committee***. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***St. Patrick, Barrouallie (barrel-ee) with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent and their Incumbent The Rev. Hanif Johnson***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

**We pray for the special child** our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

**Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

**We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

**We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil** by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

**We pray for** the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

**We pray for** forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

**We pray for** peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord by Betty Nadurak, in loving memory of her husband, John, and her parents, Joan and Hans.*