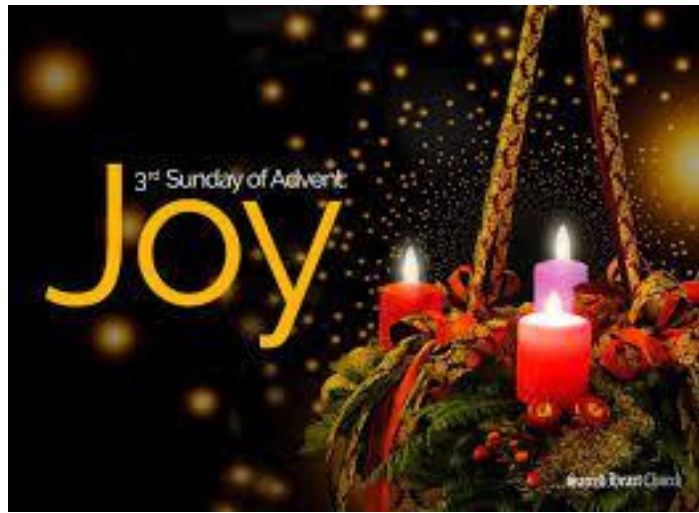


**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Diocese of Ottawa



**Third Sunday of Advent**  
December 12th, 2021 at 10.15 am

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You are welcome to participate in smudging as you enter the church to worship. Smudging is a sign of purification and peace offered to anyone who would like to participate. When the weather is too difficult to offer smudging outdoors – and at any time that you are in the church building, dry smudge is available. The sacred medicines – tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar – are provided at the side chapel. Rub the medicines in your hands and place them in the shell bowl; after use these will be respectfully burned. St John's is grateful to Indigenous members of our community for offering smudging.

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**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 108**

Hark! A Herald Voice is Sounding

**WELCOME**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.  
**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**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.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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 FIRST READING**

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*


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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CANTICLE 3**

*Isaiah 12:2-6*



Cry out for joy, \_\_\_\_\_ for God is a - mong you.

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,  
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

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.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 105**

*Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:7-18*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they

asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**HOMILY**

**ANTHEM**

*Great Day A-Comin' (David Lantz)*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 132**

*Of Eternal Love Begotten*

**THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

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.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. — Ho-san - na in the high-est. — Bless ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. — Ho-san - na in the high-est, — ho-san - na in the high - est.

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,

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

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.

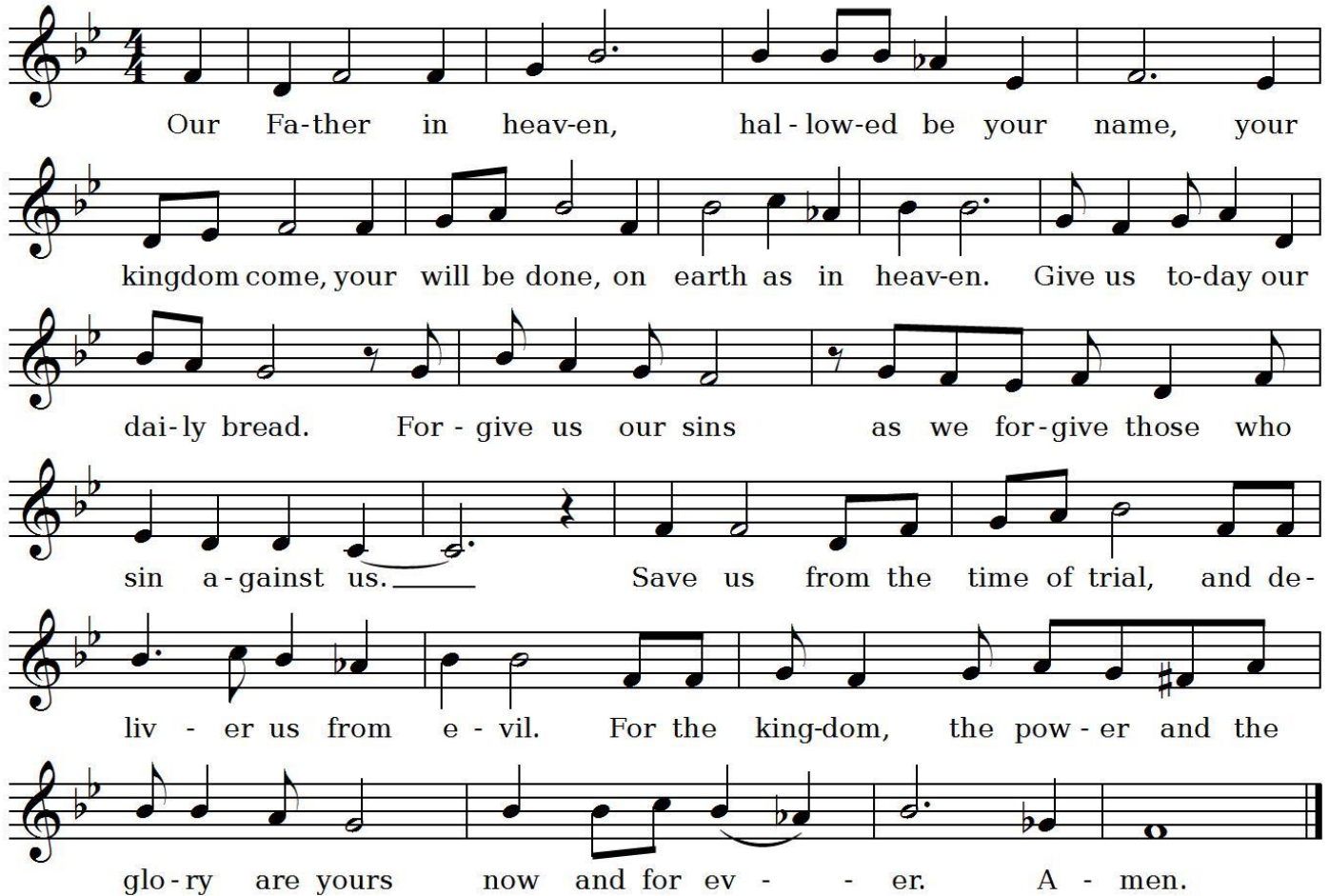
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who  
sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-  
liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er and the  
glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

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

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*O Come to My Heart (Gordon Johnston)*

*Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

## **DOXOLOGY**

Glory to God,

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 114**

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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<i>Preacher &amp; Presider</i>	The Right Reverend Shane A.D. Parker
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston
<i>Crucifer</i>	Wendy McCutcheon
<i>Servers</i>	April Dickson, Jill Moll
<i>Readers</i>	Bill Broughton, Ken Goodhue
<i>Cantor</i>	Carolyn Streich
<i>Intercessor</i>	Vicki Milnes
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Kimberly Johnson-Breen, Monica Patten
<i>Sidespeople</i>	Alex Bissett, Gay Richardson
<i>Tower Bell</i>	Vicki Robinson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Margot & Brian Cameron
<i>Audio Tech</i>	Bruce Marshall
<i>Registrar</i>	Laura Doehing
<i>Children's Ministry</i>	Margot Cameron & Pat Turner

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