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WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S
faithful, welcoming, inclusive

Advent 1
November 29 , 2020

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (89)

RECEIVING THE ADVENT STONES

In this holy season of expectation as the darkness draws in and as we look forward to the coming of the light let us remember that most holy of journeys as Mary and Joseph travelled together to Bethlehem. On that sacred journey, two people travelled forth in faith, knowing yet not knowing. This year as we begin our own Advent journey, may we remember all who travel with us, those whom we meet on the road and those who travel with us.

In particular we keep our sister parishes of All Saints' Westboro, St Luke's, St Martin's and Julian of Norwich in our heart. This week we pray especially for our own parish who have offered this week's Advent stones. We give thanks for these gifts. May we keep them as touchstones on our own Advent journeys and may they be symbols of hope and comfort that offer us a reminder of the everlasting light and love that came to us in the form of a babe in a manger.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2,6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think in new ways, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant Dear friends, we are gathered here this morning on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

All **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

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,

All **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.

Collect:

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our

Lord. He was

conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "**Lord Jesus, come soon!**"

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for Shane our bishop, and for all bishops: Anne our metropolitan, Linda and Mark our national archbishops and all other ministers. May these and all other ministers remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

For Elizabeth our Queen, the leaders of nations, and all in authority and especially our own leaders: Justin, Doug and Jim and for our public health officers. We ask that they may take just decisions and that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for this city of Ottawa and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all. We uphold all our neighbours and the places where those we love and care for live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We ask your blessings on those gathered here and we remember especially those who worship in other places. May your blessings be upon us all as we gather in body and spirit.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

For our own needs and those of others. This morning we remember especially all those for whom our prayers are asked: those who are on our hearts and those whose names have been brought before us including Eloise, Michael, Sue, Julie, Tony, Sid and Grace, Nigel, Graham, Diane, Ren, Sarah remembering them in our hearts.

We remember all who have departed this life in faith; We uphold all who have died and are dear to us and those who known to you alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We give thanks for blessed Martin and all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Please greet one another with a nod or another distanced greeting

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts:

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.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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 proclaim this hymn to the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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;

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.**

Celebrant Gathering all our prayers into one, we are bold to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: You prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.

Celebrant. The Gifts of God given for us, the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

Communion Hymn: Wait for the Lord (94)

Prayer after Communion:

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.

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.

Benediction

Be steadfast in faith, be joyful in hope, and be untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn: Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending (114)

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in love and peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People **Thanks be to God**

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- If you wish to have a name included in the intercessions please contact the Rev'd Mary-Cate by phone or email.

- The office and church will remain closed during the coming weeks. The office phone is checked regularly for messages. For all urgent pastoral needs please contact the Rector at 416.709.3487 (mobile) or at home 613.231.7451
- The weekly newsletter will continue to be available via email. If you would like to receive a copy and do not currently please contact the office.