

Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

*Third Sunday
of Advent*



Eucharist #1

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 2020



Greetings and Announcements:
Rev. Rob Henderson

Opening Hymn



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.**

Trisagion (said 3 times)

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

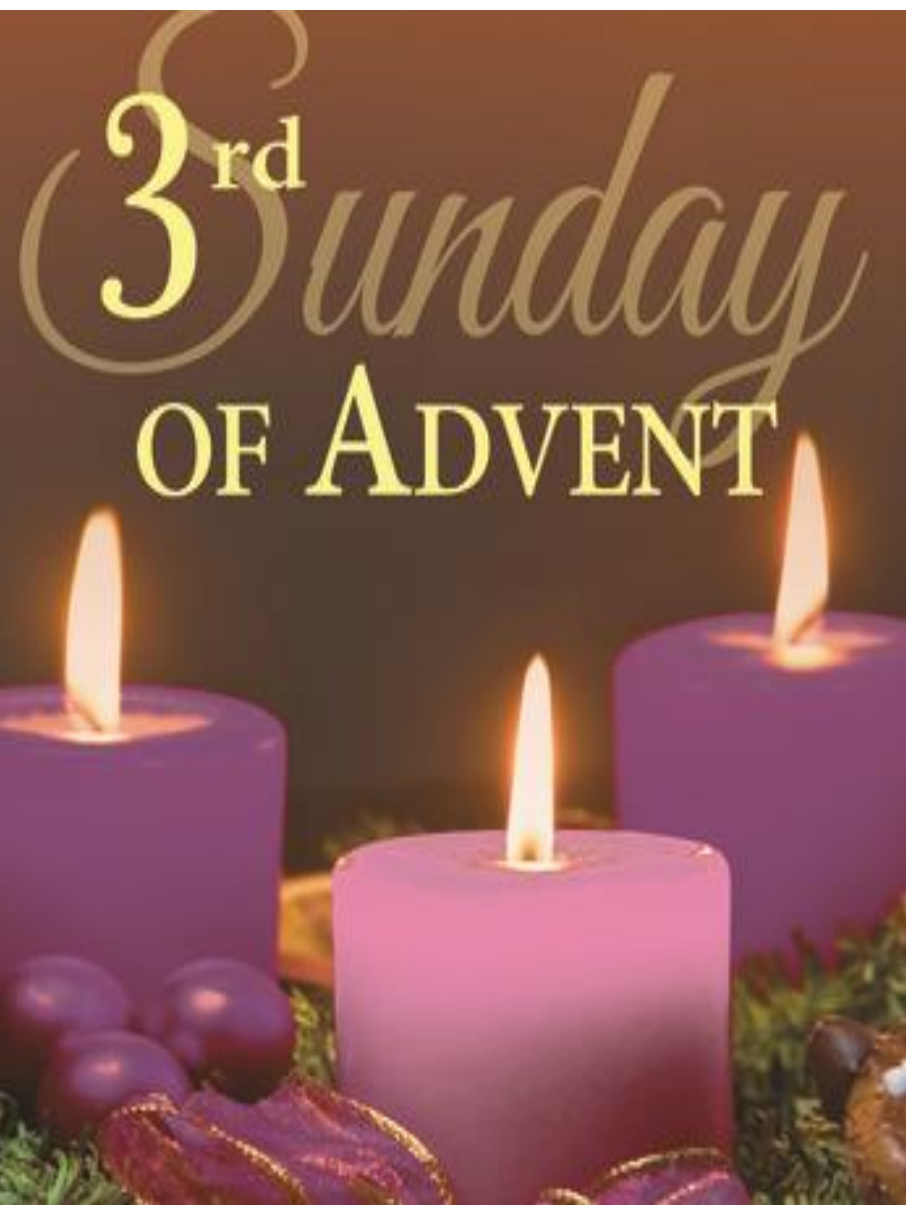
Repeat twice

We say together the Collect for today:

**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.**



Celebrant: **Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit.**



Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen



THE READINGS

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The Proclamation of the Word

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The foreground shows a grassy field with some trees, and the middle ground is filled with dense evergreen forests. The word "Isaiah" is superimposed in a large, bold, black serif font, centered over the image.

Isaiah

A Reading From The Book of Isaiah

(61:1-4, 8-11)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

**to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor, and the day of vengeance of
our God; to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in
Zion -- to give them a garland instead
of ashes, the oil of gladness instead
of mourning, the mantle of praise
instead of a faint spirit.**

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

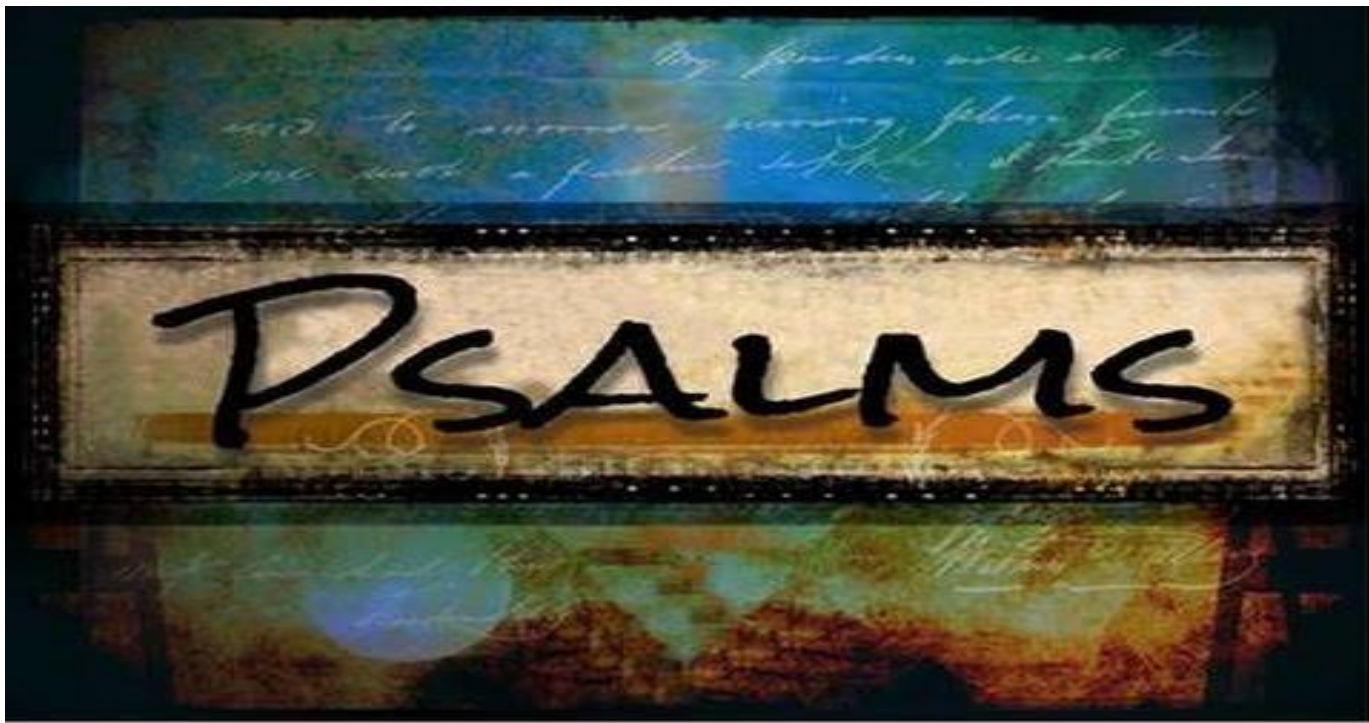
For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples;

**all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the
LORD has blessed. I will greatly
rejoice in the LORD, my whole being
shall exult in my God; for he has
clothed me with the garments of
salvation, he has covered me with
the robe of righteousness,**

**as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland, and as a bride adorns
herself with her jewels. For as the
earth brings forth its shoots, and as
a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise to spring
up before all the nations.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 126

Refrain: “*The Lord has done great things for us.*”

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us.

Psalm 126

**Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for
them."**

**The Lord has done great things for
us, and we are glad indeed.**

The Lord has done great things for us.

Psalm 126

**Those who sowed with tears will
reap with songs of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping, carrying
the seed, will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.**

The Lord has done great things for us.

Psalm 126

**Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever.
Amen.**

Gospel Hymn



All stand for the Gospel

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

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: **The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.**

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests

and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us.

What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

Gospel Hymn





Homily
Rev. Rob
Henderson

The Apostles' Creed

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

People: **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.**



Prayers of the People

Third Sunday of Advent

**Brothers and sisters,
as we joyfully await the glorious
coming of the Christ,
let us pray for the needs of the
church, our community, and the
world saying: *We wait for you Lord.***

**We pray: For the coming of Jesus
Christ in power and glory;
For the coming of Wisdom to teach
and guide us;
For the coming of Emmanuel, the
hope of all the peoples;
For the peace of the world, and for
our unity in Christ.**

We wait for you Lord.

**We pray for this parish community
of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's,
that God would guide us with his
truth, fill us with his love, and
provide for us from his bounty.**

We wait for you Lord.

We pray for the church.

**For Todd our bishop and all bishops,
for the clergy, and all who minister in
Christ, and for all the holy people of
God who share in God's mission for
the world.**

We wait for you Lord.

**We pray for the leaders of the
nations and all in authority.
For Elizabeth our Queen,
Justin our Prime Minister,
Doug our Premier, and Ed our Mayor.
That the dignity of every human
being may be seen and respected.**

We wait for you Lord.

**We pray for justice, peace, and
freedom among peoples of the earth.
That wars may cease; equity be
made a priority and that
reconciliation may be obtained.**

We wait for you Lord.

**We pray for travelers,
for the sick and the suffering,
for the hungry and the oppressed,
and for those in prison,
remembering especially those
on our hearts this day.**

Silence

We wait for you Lord.

**For the faithful departed in Christ,
and those whose faith is known to
God alone, especially those we have
loved but see no longer.**

Silence

We wait for you Lord.

**God of joy and exultation, you
strengthen what is weak;
you enrich the poor and give hope to
those who live in fear. Look upon our
needs this day. Make us grateful for
the good news of salvation and keep
us faithful in your service until the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives for ever and ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

People: **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.

People: **Amen.**



Celebrant: **The peace of the Lord
be always with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn



**Receiving the
gifts of money
and other gifts
for the needs
and
responsibilities
of the Church.**





Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God by
Liz Stanley in memory of Flo Baird.

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.



*Prepare
a Way
for the LORD*

***Eucharistic
Prayer
3
Season of
Advent***

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.**

Celebrant: **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.**

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford) – to be said

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth
are full of your Glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna on high.**

**Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest,
Hosanna in the Highest,
Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

Celebrant **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;**

Celebrant

**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,

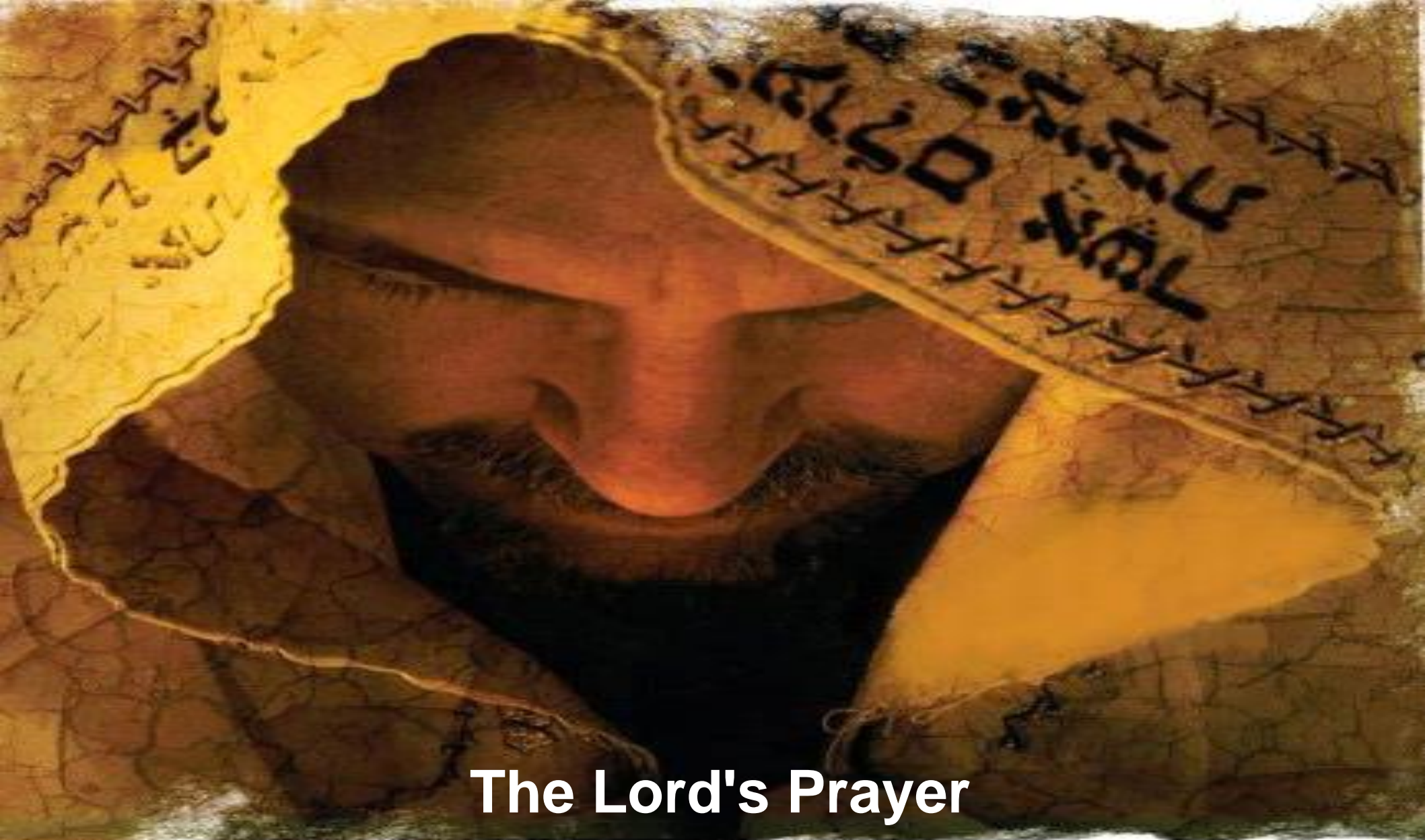
the firstborn of all creation,

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.**

People **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Landry)

Cantor: Let us pray to God our Father in the way
Jesus taught us to pray:

All: **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 Yours is the kingdom,
And the power,
and the glory,
Now and for ever. Amen.**



Breaking of the Bread
Advent



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

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

**The gifts of God
for the
People of God.**
People: **Thanks be to
God.**



**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please stay physically distanced when
approaching to receive the bread.**

**After receiving your wafer,
please step to the side and remove your mask
before consuming the bread.**

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn



We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

**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.

The Doxology

Celebrant: **Glory to God,**

People: **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.**

Advent Blessing



Closing Hymn



The image features four lit yellow candles as the central focus. They are arranged in a slightly staggered formation, with their flames glowing warmly. The background is dark, filled with out-of-focus circular light spots (bokeh) in shades of yellow and orange. In the foreground, there are several pinecones and some red berries, adding to the festive, winter theme. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy atmosphere.

The Dismissal

*Christ will bring
Joy
to the World*



Thank you for worshipping with us!

“WHEN THEY SAW THE
STAR, THEY REJOICED
WITH EXCEEDING
GREAT JOY.”

— MATTHEW 2:10

God Bless

Have a GREAT WEEK !