

9 The Lord cares for the stranger * and sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING James 5.7–10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

℣ The Word of the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 261 *Teach me, my God and King*

BELLA

GOSPEL St. Matthew 11.2–11

℣ The Lord be with you. ℞ **And also with you.**

℣ +++The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.” ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

℣ The Gospel of Christ. ℞ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

APOSTLES’ CREED §stand

Priest 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE §stand, sit, or kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest 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.

§silence is kept.

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.

Priest

†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.

– CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST –

THE PEACE §stand

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN 44 *Rejoice! the Lord is King*

DARWALL (2ND TUNE)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3, Preface of Advent

Priest The Lord be with you. **People** **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.

Priest

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.

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS

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.

Priest

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;

Priest

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.**

LORD’S PRAYER *[Modern language]*

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(Advent)*

Priest 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* from *A Glastonbury Eucharist* ROBIN WALKER

INVITATION

Priest The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

During the administration of Communion and the Ablutions, the choir will sing:

HYMN 276 *Thy kingdom come, O God*

ST. CECILIA

ANTHEM *In the bleak mid-winter*

HAROLD DARKE (1888–1976)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest All your works praise you, O Lord.

All

And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: †And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 495 *Tell out, my soul*

WOODLANDS

DISMISSAL

Leader Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to Church House for refreshments after the service.

St. Luke's is a scent-free space. Please be aware that scents may cause allergic/asthmatic reactions in some of our congregants.

Please silence electronic devices such as cellphones.

Please respect the handicapped parking spots in the car park.

Permits are required to use these spaces. This applies 24 hours a day.

On your smartphone or tablet device, the complete 10:30 service which includes hymns, prayers, collects, readings, etc. is available at:

<http://www.stlukewinnipeg.com/assets/161211.pdf>

For Wi-Fi access at church, you can choose St. Luke's guest network: "Gloria" with the password: "inexcelsis".

VOLUNTARIES

Interludes: *Whence is that goodly fragrance?*; *The Coventry Carol*

– W.S. LLOYD WEBBER (1914–1982)

Postlude on *This endris nyght*

– HEALEY WILLAN (1880–1968)

ANTHEM TEXT

Words may be found in the Hymn Book at # 418.

Next Sunday: 18th December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST || 10:30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Isaiah 7.10–16 • Psalm 80.1–7, 16–18 *Qui regis Israel.*

Romans 1.1–7 • St. Matthew 1.18–25

4:00 P.M. A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

INTERCESSIONS

In The Anglican Communion, we pray for:

- The Anglican Church in Kericho - (Kenya) The Rt. Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit
- The General Secretary, Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and National Staff of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Our bishops: Fred, Mark, David, Greg, and Donald, and our companion diocese bishop, Jackson Matovu and his wife, Perusi of Central Buganda
- All other bishops and diocesan leaders throughout Canada
- Our elders, that we may continue to recognize the wisdom they contribute to their communities
- All people in the world affected by natural disasters
- The Canadians deployed abroad and their families

In our diocese, we pray for:

- our parishes and communities
- The people of the Missions of: saint benedicts table, The Rev. Jamie Howison, Incumbent Emmanuel Mission, The Rev. Monybuny (Abraham) Kuol Chuol, Incumbent, and The Rev. Reuben Garang, Honorary Assistant St. Andrew Mission

In our parish, we pray for:

- our priests, Paul (Rector), John, Jane, Maylanne, and Tom, the staff, the people of our parish, and our companion parish St. Peter, Lwanga their priest, Patrick and his ongoing transportation needs
- Outreach Ministries of our parish, particularly: Lectors, Habitat, Parish Council (Vestry), Coffee Ministry, Interfaith Round Table, PWRDF.

ASSISTING TODAY -

Wreath Lighting: Sandra Davidson and family

Lectors: Colin Briggs, Annie Deeley

Chalice Bearers: Barbara Calder, Kris Watson

Sidespersons: Madeline and Jeff Brown

Lay Reader: Doreen Blackman

Crucifer: Don Seaton

Senior Acolyte: Ted Rennie

Acolytes: Vivien Isfeld, Susan Roe-Finlay

Intercessor: David Ellis

Oblationers: Marlene McCulloch, Carol Perch

Counters: Susan Stephen, Patricia Holbrow

Altar Guild: Marlene McCulloch

Catechists: Lomalanga Mkhabela, Claire Reis

Coffee Hosts: Vera Rosolowich, Jan Roberts
(Proceeds: Building Maintenance Funds)

If you would like your birth date or anniversary published in the pew leaflet, please contact the parish office.

Happy Birthday

Neil Almdal 14th December

Mary Smith 14th December

**This parish has been blessed
by your presence today.**



The Parish Church
of St. Luke

**The Third Sunday
of Advent**

11TH DECEMBER, 2016

WELCOME GUESTS

Newcomers are encouraged to make themselves known to the clergy and to phone the parish office at 204.452.3609 should you wish to express any needs or concerns.

Please complete a visitor leaflet or envelope with your email address if you would like to receive parish newsletters sent to you regularly.

8:15 A.M. – SAID EUCHARIST

Service: BAS 230 **Collect:** BAS 270 **Psalm:** 146.5–10 *Lauda, anima mea.*

Lay Reader: Linda Sherrett • **Lectors:** Paul Earl, Pat Earl

Sidesperson: Pat • **Chalice Bearer:** Paul

10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST

Service Music Setting: *Music for the Parish Communion* MARTIN HOW (1931–)

– GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

HYMN: 48 *O for a thousand tongues to sing* RICHMOND HILL (HB 147)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *separate leaflet*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest 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.**

– PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD –

FIRST READING Isaiah 35.1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

∞ The Word of the Lord. ∞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146.5–10 *Lauda, anima mea.*

Chant: E.G. MONK (1819–1900)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * **For their hope is in the Lord their God,**

6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * **who keeps promises for ever;**

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * **food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.**

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind! * **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.**