

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026

Holy Eucharist

8 am Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson

10 am Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Dr. Dana Johnston




FIRST SUNDAY
Of
Advent

Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 89, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



✠ The Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement of Territory

We acknowledge that we are in the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishnaabe. On their land and by their waters, we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship 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

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 Christcame 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. Amen.

✠ Advent Wreath

Advent 1: Candle of Prophecy / The Eastern Direction (Light)

First Reader: The first candle of the Advent wreath is the Candle of Prophecy. God spoke through the prophets, promising them a Saviour.

Second Reader: With this light, we honour the Eastern Direction, the home of new light. When we see the sunrise we know the Creator has given us a new day with new possibilities. The Direction of East teaches us to place our trust in the prophecy of salvation.

Creator God, whose prophets foretold the coming of Jesus, bless us as we turn to the East, remember the prophets, and await his coming. Amen.



✠ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye

has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. ISAIAH 64:1-9

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

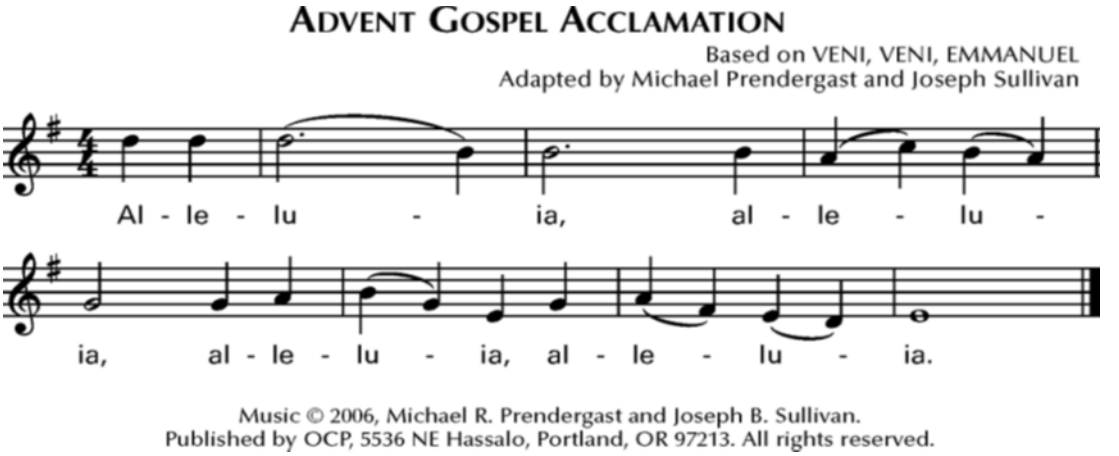
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.



✠ **The Gospel**



May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."
MARK 13:24-37

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, O Jesus Christ.**

✠ **Sermon**

✠ **Profession of Faith ~ the Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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.

✠ **The Prayers of the People**

✠ **Confession and Absolution**

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. *Silence is kept*

Most merciful God,
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.

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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
The members of the community may greet one another in the name of Christ

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn
Common Praise – 438, O Jesus, I Have Promised



✠ The Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. ccept 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. Amen.

✠ Eucharistic Prayer

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our creator.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your beloved the life of Heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your anointed, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the Highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving source of life. Our hope is built on Christ, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, Jesus opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.Before Jesus was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with the disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat.This is my body: it is broken for you.” After supper, Jesus took the cup, offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you.This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.Do this in remembrance of me.” We now obey our saviour’s command. we recall the blessed passion and death of Christ, the glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of God’s kingdom. Made one with Christ, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us most merciful Source of life, and send your Holy Spirit upon us upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your beloved.

And we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ’s body to live and work to your praise and glory; May we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, God of all ages,
Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

✠ The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion

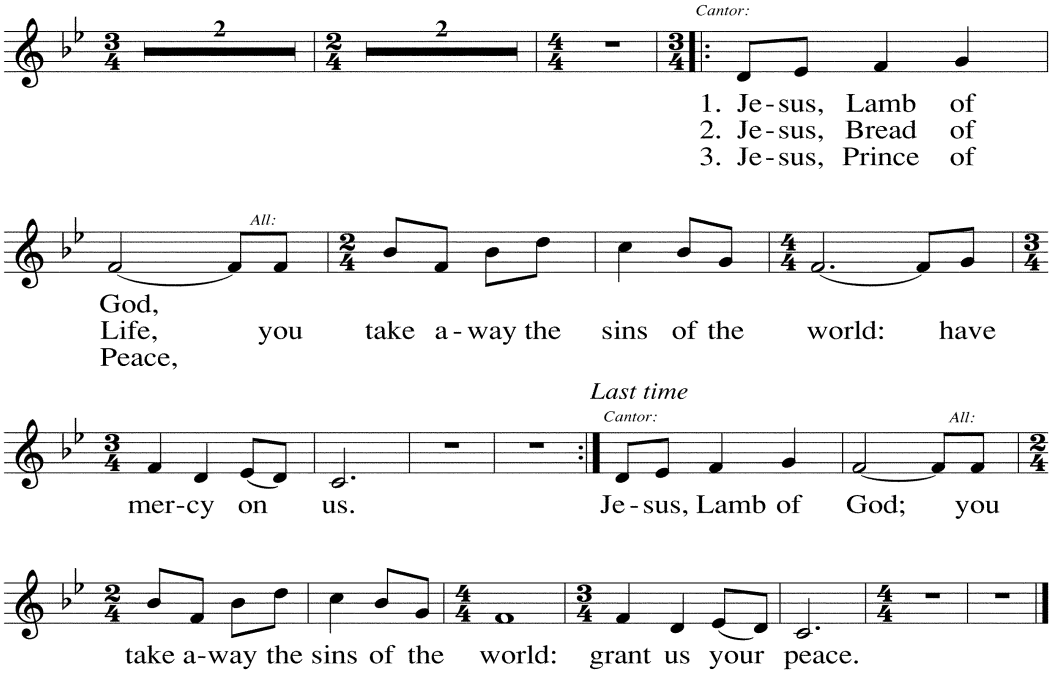
“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany “Lamb of God” is sung during the breaking of the bread.



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Communion Hymn
Gather – 617, We Come to Your Feast



Postlude
Common Praise - 117, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



✠ 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. Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

✠ Announcements

✠ Blessing

Recessional Hymn
Common Praise – 114, Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



✠ Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**





CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON

PRAYER LIST

Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and offer support to those in need. We would like to invite you to take just a few minutes each day to pray for our church family, friends, and neighbors listed in our prayer list.

Laura
Terry
Marg
Bill & Family
Virginia & Imants
Helen
Pat
Vera & Family
Mary Stone
Gerri Hill
Brian
Christina
Margaret
Brianna
Ann
Kayleigh
Don H. & Family
Lena
Bryan Hilborne
Bob
Lincoln
Ruth Carter
Peter H.

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/ or **call/email the church office.**

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Prayer Leader	Pat Laidlaw
Sidesperson/Greeter	Heather Somers / Fred May
Chancel Guild	Jane Heron / Ruth May
Coffee	Various Volunteers

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