



**First Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Confirmation**

November 27, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Winnipeg

Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith, and serve the world.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Acknowledgement of the Land: We take this time to acknowledge that St. Peter's Anglican Church worships on Treaty 1 land, first inhabited by the Anishinaabe, Dakota and Cree people and homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. We recognize the hospitality extended to us. We are truly sorry for the great harm caused by colonialism in the past and to this day. With God's help, we commit to the process of reconciliation to bring healing to relationships and to the land.

Intercessor: Announcements that reflect some of the numerous ministries that occur in and through St. Peter's. Invitation to share.

Priest: Introduction of The Right Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

(Sounding Bowl)

Opening Hymn: CP#89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 1, 2, 4, 7 [Please Stand]

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, Rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

Bishop: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Bishop: Let us pray

All: **God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty God, grant that we who have been buried with Christ in Baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Priest: Today, we enter the Season of Advent, the time of preparation for the birth of our Lord. The first candle we light is the candle of hope, praying that the flame of hope may always burn within us. (*One candle is lit.*) Centuries ago, John the Baptist proclaimed a message of hope to a people weighed down by oppression. He announced that someone greater than he was coming. That one who was coming was Jesus – teacher, healer, and messenger of hope.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 7, 12, 17) at the beginning. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the

7 morn - ing is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our

12 song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and

17 none shall be a - fraid.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Officiant: Let us now feast at the table of God's word. [Please be Seated]

Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 Please Refer to Insert

Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Stay Awake, Be Ready v. 1, 2 [Please Stand]



1 Stay a - wake, [clap, clap] be read - y. You
2 Change your lives, he's com - ing. The



do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -
one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your



wake, be read - y. The Lord is com - ing soon!
lives, he's com - ing. The reign of God is near!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing soon.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The reign of God is near.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: Stay Awake, Be Ready v. 1, 2

Sermon

[Please be Seated]

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate, Alex Bidochka

[Please Stand]

Priest: I present Alex Bidochka for confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Alex in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with Alex who has committed himself again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every *human being*?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Bishop: Let us pray for Alex who is affirming his baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, singing, "Lord Jesus, come soon."



Lord Je - sus, come soon.

Intercessor: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your Holy Church; in your mercy,

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Bishop: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with him at his baptism. Send him forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before him; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Alex with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Gifts

Priest: From the abundance of God's creation we bring forward bread and wine and offer them to God.

Priest: The table for our celebration of the Eucharist will now be prepared as we sing the offertory hymns.

Offertory Hymn: CP#36 Now There is No Male or Female

Now there is no male or female, now there is no free or slave,
now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us, Christ has set us free indeed.

Crucified with Christ the Saviour, baptized in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,
join us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive to Christ,
born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

Offertory Hymn: CP#43 From All the Wind's Wide Quarters

From all the wind's wide quarters, come, see the feast is spread,
of soul sustaining waters, of true and living bread;
of sorrows long departed, and joys beyond compare
come, poor and humble hearted, the feast of life to share!

With mercy all prevailing God bids the wanderer come;
in grace and peace unfailing invites the children home.
With loving kindness tender, God frees us from our sins
in glory and in splendour the feast of life begins.

Come, claim the promise spoken! God's purpose stands secure.
The fruitful word unbroken shall evermore endure.
All ancient bondage ended to sin's corrupting powers
forgiven, freed, befriended, the feast of life is ours!

Priest: Let us with joy present these offerings which represent our labour and our lives.

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Let us pray;
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.

Priest: We offer these gifts to God!

All: **Amen!**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

B.A.S. 196

Bishop: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.**

BELL

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Bishop:

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son and Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Bishop:

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. (*SILENCE – SOUNDING BOWL*) Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All:

Amen

Bishop:

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,

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.

Music by David Fraser

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider:

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

All:

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

Invitation to Communion

Presider:

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn: CP#70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

[Please be Seated]

**Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to you again.**

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good; to those who find you, all in all.

We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still. We
drink from you, the fountain head; our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you, however may our lot be cast,
glad when your gracious smile we view, blessed when our faith can hold
you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay: make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away; spread through the world your holy light.

Communion Hymn: CP#94 Wait for the Lord (Repeat as Needed)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Prayer after Communion

[Please Stand]

Bishop: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

All: 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Closing Hymn: CP#95 O Come, Divine Messiah

O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

Refrain:

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.

Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

**O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captive's fetters, redeem the long-lost fold. Refrain.**

**You come in peace and meekness and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. Refrain.**

Bishop: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our 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 among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers Bernice Nemeth, Grayson Justin Beayla Nemeth, Beth Hiscox, Gladys Oelkers, Ruth Kensinger, Ginny and Bob Kellington, Evan Bacon, Joan Cook, George Green, Roy and Annie Bowkett, Bev Smith, Beryl Pressey, Junior Jackson, Terri Oelkers, Bryan (Rusty) Slater, Liza, Mark LeNabat, Ian Plummer, Gina Linklater, Katie Muehling.

In our parish cycle of prayer: Maureen Tate, Kerry Taylor, Ray and Fenella Temmerman.

In the Anglican Communion worldwide, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. **In the ACC,** our Primate Linda, Interim National Indigenous Bishop Sidney and the Anglican Council of Indigenous People, our Metropolitan Greg. **In the ELCIC,** National Bishop Susan. **In our Diocese,** our Bishop Geoffrey, Bishop of our Companion Diocese, Michael, and for MNO Synodical Bishop Jason. Our congregations and communities, the Parish of St. Andrew, Woodhaven, the Parish of St. Andrew, St. Andrews.

PARISH and COMMUNITY LIFE

LITE (Local Investment Toward Employment)

The Alternative Christmas Hamper Program of LITE (Local Investment Toward Employment) plans to create 200 hampers for families living below the poverty line this December. Hampers contain food and care packages made by community groups, thus providing jobs. Every \$25 donation builds one hamper valued at \$80+. Can St. Peter's support 40 hampers – that's \$1,000? Donations can be made through St. Peter's website <https://www.stpetersanglican.ca/> or by cheque made out to St. Peter's. Ensure your gift is marked for **LITE**. All donations must be received by December 15.

Vacation

- © Tapiwa will be out of the office December 1 - 14 inclusive. Please contact the parish office or Mary Holmen for pastoral emergencies.
- © Tara will be out of the office Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 inclusive. Phone messages and email will be checked on a regular basis.

Ongoing Zoom Services

In order to ensure that we are able to maintain the Zoom online access for every Sunday service, we are making a change to the current format. The change involves the elimination of the screen, projector and associated laptop during the service. Zoom participants will experience minimal change in the nature of their attendance. People participating via Zoom will not be visible to in-person worshippers, but will still be able to be heard if they have an announcement, are reading or leading intercession. Those attending in person will no longer have the screen to view. This change allows us to simplify the current process sufficiently to recruit sufficient volunteers to operate the system every Sunday. Going forward, we will continue to improve the Zoom experience as we are able. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Wardens.

Store at the West End Drop-In

The Drop-In will once again offer their eagerly-awaited Christmas store on Dec 10th, providing the opportunity for 80 families/300 children to choose gifts to celebrate the season. St. Peter's Christmas gift tree in the Narthex awaits donations of new, unopened toys, games, craft items, and warm winter wear. Wrapping paper, gift bags and tape supplies are appreciated as well. We look forward to seeing the tree adorned with all kinds of wonderful gifts! Cash donations are an option too, and will be used by the Drop-In to purchase gifts and gift cards. These donations can be made at www.1justcity.ca/donate or through St. Peter's donation button on the website. Please be sure to indicate that your cash donation is for the Christmas Store at the West End Drop-In. Deadline for all gift and cash donations is Dec 5th. Volunteer opportunities exist to help with the store itself. Please contact Josh Ward at westelead@1justcity.ca Thank you for your generosity!

Cookie Walk & Bake Sale – Saturday, December 3rd from 10am to 11:30am

Thanks to all who have committed to baking and volunteering. If you haven't already done so and are able to help, please sign up on the board in the Narthex. We now need to focus on advertising our parish event to friends, relatives and the community at large. As you leave the service, please take one flyer or more from the counter and post in prominent places.

2023 Calendars

We are currently sold out of our 2023 church calendars! If there is enough interest, we would gladly place another order. Please let Tara or Joan know if you are still interested in purchasing a calendar and your name will be placed on the list.

Steve Bell Concert

St. Peter's has 3 remaining tickets to the 7:30pm, November 27th, Steve Bell concert at Whyte Ridge Baptist Church. Please let Tara know if you are interested in attending.

Donations

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing ministries of St. Peter's Anglican Church, there are several convenient ways you can do this:

- Ongoing PAR donations can be set up with Laurie Thompson, our Interim Envelope Secretary - contact the church office for her contact info.
- Mail in or drop off a cheque to the church building.
- [Donate online](#) through Canada Helps. On the donation page, you are able to allocate your donation to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, Capital Projects, Mission & Outreach Projects, Grow Hope Project, etc. You will receive your charitable donation receipt immediately upon making the donation. The funds less a nominal administration fee go directly to St. Peter's.

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People's Warden:	Joan Crabtree
Treasurers:	Sabrina Day, Jane Ferch
Administrative Assistant:	Tara Acklom

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider	The Right Rev. G. Woodcroft	Cantor	David Fraser
Preacher	The Right Rev. G. Woodcroft	Eucharistic Minister	N/A
Officiant	Laurie Bellay	Altar Guild	Cori Dorrian
Intercessor	Lynda Wolf		Mary DeGrow
Gospel	The Rev. Dr. Tapiwa Huggins	Host	Jim Ellis
Administrants	The Right Rev. G. Woodcroft	Zoom Host	David Thompson
	Laurie Bellay	Technical Support	TBD
Reader	Serene Desmond	Sides People	Jim and Linda Ellis
Sounding Bowl:	Pearl James	Refreshments	Debbie Ackland

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Readings for next Sunday (*December 4*): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13,
Matthew 3:1-12