

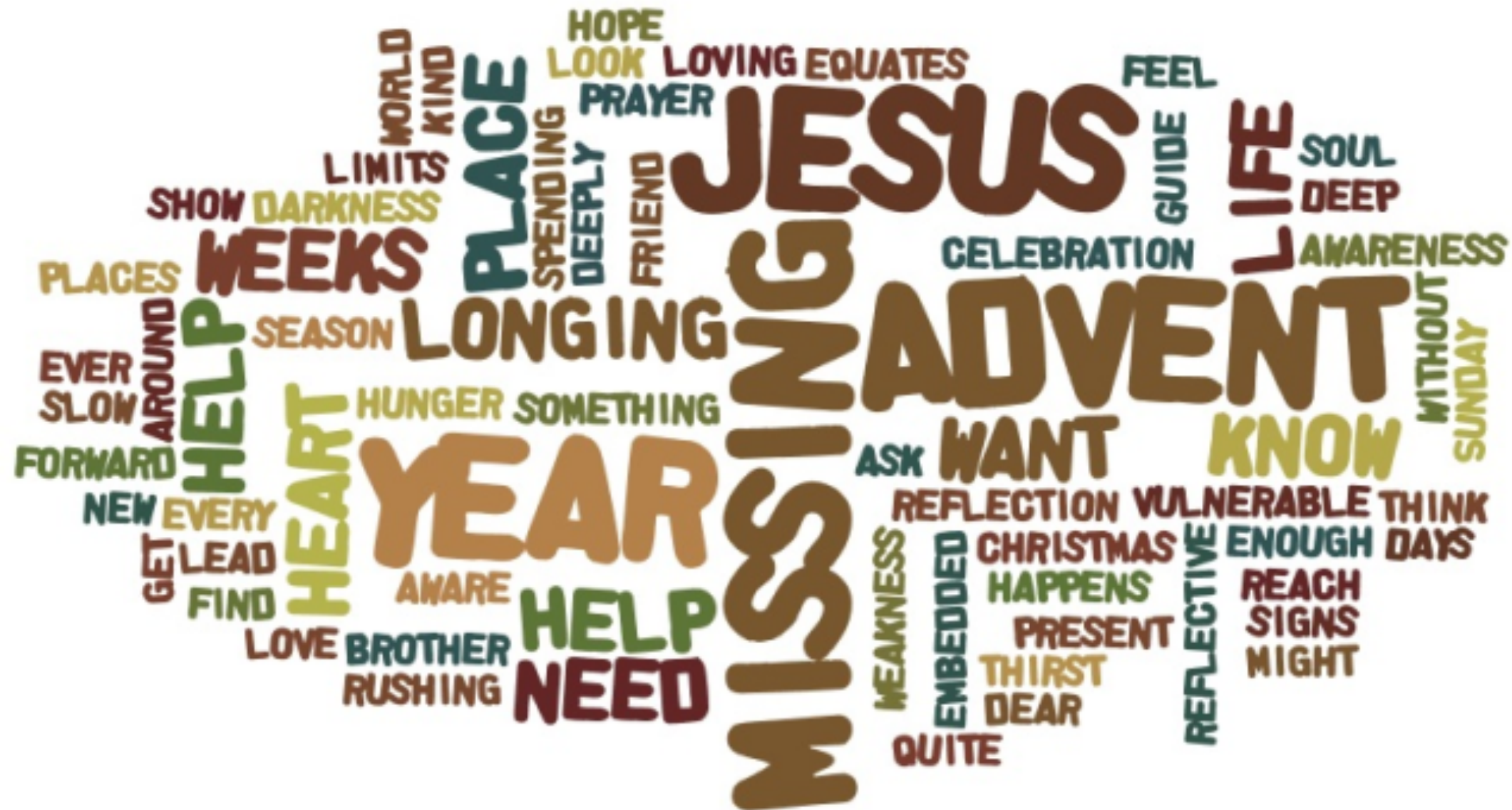
St John's Anglican Church

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1st Sunday in Advent

Holy Eucharist (BAS page 185)

Meditative Thought



Announcements

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

THB 391

Abp. Thomas is the name of the Baptist, cry
whom we have seen to be the judge of the free;
with a truly great faith, for a while ago
like a bolt of lightning, for a while ago.

There are the sick, but they are not in;
and the things that are done; within,
shepherds of the land, let them be restored
and the such true light, for a while ago.

The Gathering of the People

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

A: And also with you.

**C: 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.**

Glory to God on High

Our Savior, the Light,
the Father's only Son,
and the Father's only Son.

The sacrificial Lamb, you thank,
who saves the world from sin,
and saves the world.

And give you praise, with the Father
and with the Spirit in glory and
enthroned, now in our prayer

Collect of the Day

C: Let us pray,

All **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. Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

R: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; shine
forth, you that are enthroned upon
the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up
your strength and come to help
us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show
the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

- 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

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

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

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

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

**A: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

R: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hark, the herald

THB 407

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

A reading from the Gospels

R: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

R: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark beginning in the 13th chapter at the 24th verse.

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

R: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

C: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Absolution

C: 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.

C: 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.

C: 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.

P: Amen.

The Peace

C: The Peace of the Lord be
always with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Northern Advent

November feels so final;
the trees so bleak and stark,
the land so cold and silent,
our hearts November dark;
like land that waits for sunrise
shivering till the dawn,
keeping watch this Northern Advent,
we sing out life's true song.

*We are not the morning,
we are not the dawn;
We are just the land
that waits the first light of the sun. X2*

Winter holds us in her pocket,
snow covers life in drifts
the frost shapes patterns on the glass
showing every human rift;
the poor, the frail, the lonely
wait in winter's deep despair,
keeping watch this Northern Advent
for the birth-cry of your care.

*We are not the morning,
we are not the dawn;
We are just the land
that waits the first light of the sun. X2*

In our November endings,
winter fears of grief and loss,
keep all that's human, holy,
through you Advent, Birth and Cross.
Sun's low on the horizon,
our nights outlast our days
keeping watch this Northern Advent
we await your coming grace.

*We are not the morning,
we are not the dawn;
We are just the land
that waits the first light of the sun. X2*

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Let us pray:

P: 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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

C: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

C: It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance.

C: Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing,

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

**Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

C: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

C: When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

C: Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

C: To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

C: And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

C: When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end:

C: at supper with them he 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.”

C: 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.”

C: Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**A: We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you, and we
pray to you, Lord our God.**

C: Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

C: Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

C: Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

C: Remember (. . .and) all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember. . .

C: Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

C: And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Joseph and John, Stephen and the Holy Innocents and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past.

C: We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

C: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

A: 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.

The Breaking of Bread

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

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

C: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Communion



Hymn after Communion

The Servant King

MP 162

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.

A: 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.

Prayer after Communion

C: Glory to God,

A: 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

THB 390

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 thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save;
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring,
come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Dismissal

C: Let us go forth preparing for the coming of our Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

