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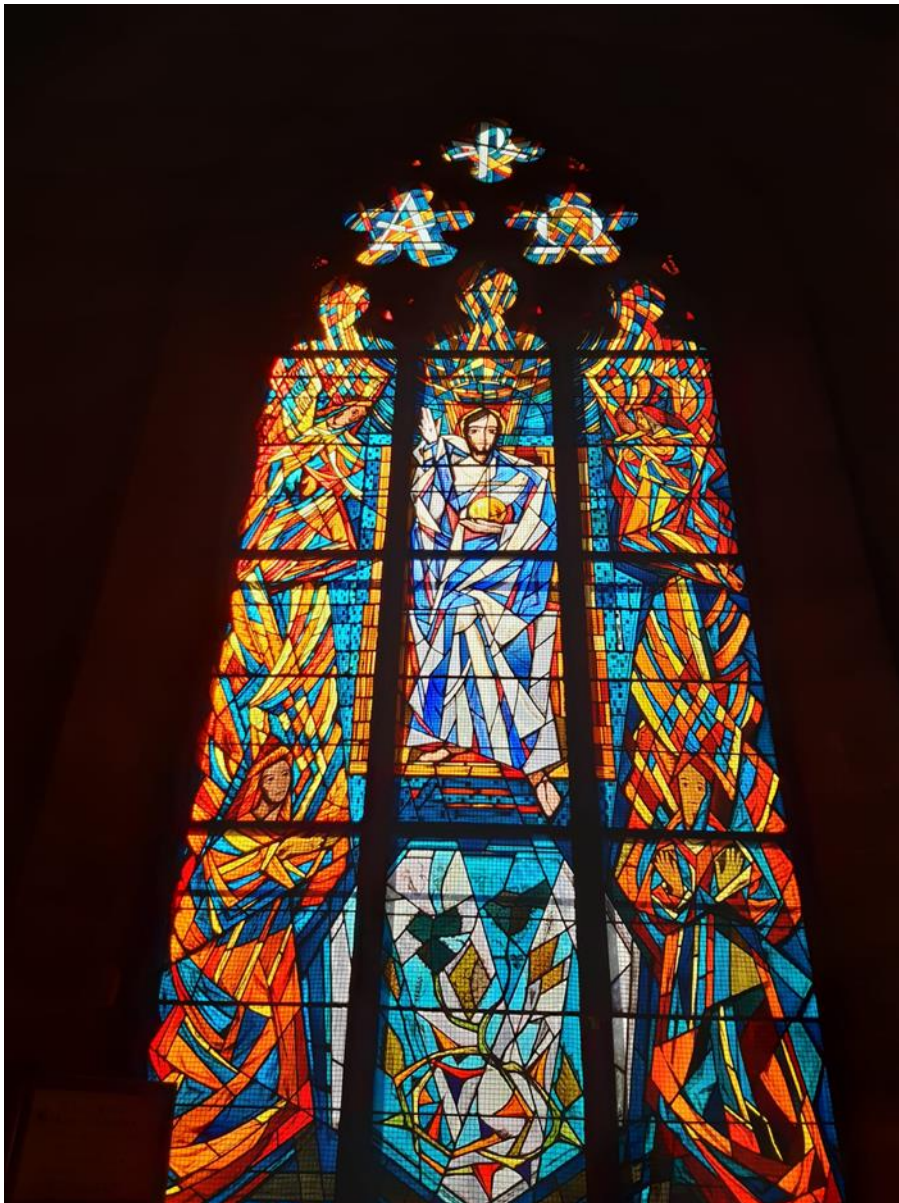
### Holy Communion

The week following the Sunday next before Advent

Wednesday 24th November 2021

God's judgment is made known

Traditional language ( *CW Order One* )



In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Introduction to the Eucharist**

Today, there not being a set commemoration appointed, we will make use of the readings appointed for the day in the Common Worship lectionary. As we approach Advent, we call to mind that Christ our Saviour is both our Redeemer and our Judge. In our first reading we will hear the story of King Belshazzar's feast as told in the Book of Daniel; in the Gospel we will see the Temple in Jerusalem coming under God's judgement.

Let us join together in the Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

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**Christ, have mercy**

Christ. have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

Lord have mercy

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### **Collect**

Let us pray...

Stir up, we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people: that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen

### **First Reading : Belshazzar's Feast Daniel 5**

King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom." Then all the king's wise men came in, but they

could not read the writing or tell the king the interpretation. Then King Belshazzar became greatly terrified and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed.

The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall. The queen said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, "So you are Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard of you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and tell me its interpretation, but they were not able to give the interpretation of the matter. But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and tell me its interpretation, you shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around your neck, and rank third in the kingdom."

Then Daniel answered in the presence of the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else! Nevertheless I will read the writing to the king and let him know the interpretation. O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar kingship, greatness, glory, and majesty. And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed those he wanted to kill, kept alive those he wanted to keep alive, honored those he wanted to honor, and degraded those he wanted to degrade. But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was stripped from him. He was driven from human society, and his mind was made like that of an animal. His dwelling was with the wild asses, he was fed grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until he learned that the Most High God has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and sets over it whomever he will. And you, Belshazzar his son, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this! You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven! The vessels of his temple have been

brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not honored.

"So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; TEKEL, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; PERES your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed in purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should rank third in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

*Afferte Domino*

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

**2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.**

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

**4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

**6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.**

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

**8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.**

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

**10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear  
**Alleluia**

**Gospel : St. Luke 21. 5 -21. Jesus teaches in the Temple**

The holy gospel is written in the Gospel according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple, some spoke to him about the temple building, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he ' and, 'The time is near! Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be

betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written.

This is the *Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Homily : Canon Alan Amos**

## **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Happy are they who are like trees planted by streams of water, who bring forth their fruit in due season. *Psalm 1.3*

*The bread and the wine for the Eucharist are prepared.*

## **THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT**

The Biddings

We pray today for the United Nations and its efforts towards world peace and justice, and for the relief of the suffering of the poorest people on earth. We pray that it may become more effective in its advocacy of measures to limit global climate change. We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan as many struggle to find the means of gaining a living and food runs short. We pray for the people of Ethiopia, and for an end to conflict and violence.

We pray for the sick known to us and those caring for them, especially for: Denise Muhlethaler, Cynthia Palozzolo, Michelle Naud, Isobel Cleobury, Douglas Smith, Sue Lloyd, Nathan Zabula, Maya Mortimer, David Robinson, Rosabelle de Silva, José Martinez, François Dériaz, Marianne Wheatley, Silvio Morson, Anna Porraccin, John Taylor, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Rémy Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Emmanuel Palmer, Lorensz Ranasinghe. And we pray for those departed this life, and especially for Nicole Meyer and Ranjit Jayesingha.

And so let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, militant here upon earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and**



are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 St. Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 St. John 2.1

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee,  
almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who, of thy tender mercy,  
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there,  
by his one oblation of himself once offered,  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of  
the whole world;  
and did institute,  
and in his holy gospel command us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,  
until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,  
and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,  
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to thee,  
he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Likewise after supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we thy humble servants,  
having in remembrance  
the precious death and passion of thy dear Son,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness  
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that  
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee  
to accept this our bounden duty and service,  
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;  
and grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion,  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father almighty,  
world without end. **Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

### **AGNUS DEI**

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
And with thy spirit

*As we prepare to make our spiritual communion, the following prayer is provided for our help :*

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen

## POST COMMUNION

Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see  
And what I do in anything, to do it as for thee.  
All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean  
That with this tincture "for thy sake"  
Will not grow bright and clean.  
This is that wondrous stone,  
that turneth all to gold  
For that which God doth touch and own  
Cannot for less be told.

*George Herbert*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

Glory be to God on high  
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

### THE BLESSING

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**

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