



Welcome to St. George's
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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Readings for Next Week - The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Sidney, Interim National Indigenous Bishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan, Bishop; Colin, Assistant Bishop; the people of St. Elizabeth's Church, Burlington
- **St. George's** – this Advent season will be a time of spiritual preparation as we await to celebrate the birth of Jesus

Our Mission

Make Jesus Christ Known

Our Goals

- *Make St. George's a place of prayer and seeking after God*
 - *Faith where Christ and the Gospel are proclaimed*
 - *Outreach to those in need*
 - *Engagement in the issues that confront us today*
 - *Love where all find a warm welcome*

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times, the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times, the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Welcome and Announcements

The Collect for Purity

All **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Commandments

Priest 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 and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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

The Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day

Priest Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

The Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector The Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of God shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of God. His delight shall be in the fear of God. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of

the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector Here endeth the lesson.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

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

Gospeller In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Victor Kischak

The Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall

have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Intercessions

Intercessor:

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and 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 lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: 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, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee;

beseeking thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the 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.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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.**

Priest 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.

People Amen.

The Comfortable Words

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

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

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

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone 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, 2

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest 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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All 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 the One that cometh in the Name of the
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that 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, 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, 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 remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Grant us thy peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

All 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 them that 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 Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Benediction

Priest May 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, and those that you love,

All **and those that you should love,**

Priest now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Announcements

Updated COVID Protocols

Ontario's chief medical officer of health is now "strongly recommending" that we wear masks in all indoor public settings. Doing so, and applying additional layers of protection, will not only protect ourselves but our most vulnerable neighbours: the very old and the very young. In this way, we are also bearing strong witness to God's call to love our neighbours.

Currently, our ministry guidelines encourage mask-wearing, particularly in crowded, enclosed and close-contact settings. Effective immediately, Bishop Susan is strengthening this guidance to mirror the chief medical officer of health's strong recommendation that masks be worn in indoor settings. The Bishop asks that clergy and lay leaders model indoor masking-wearing as much as practically possible in their ministry activities and in the leading of worship. As before, one may choose to lower one's mask briefly during worship while reading or leading prayers, including presiding at the Eucharist.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) Updates

We are raising funds this year to buy every gift in the World of Gifts catalogue. Each Sunday in Advent we'll talk about a different project focus and let you know where your donation will help. Donations can be made through the church office or directly to PWRDF's World of Gifts.



PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
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The Anglican Church of Canada

Farming for the future - funds raised for this focus will go to Malawi, the DRC, Cuba, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Haiti. An sample project is the breadfruit cultivation project with Rayon Share Care Haiti. Women are harvesting breadfruit and milling it into flour to improve local food security and earn an income. Every \$50 will support a woman milling 10 kg of breadfruit flour.

Learn more at PWRDF.org

Church Calendars

2023 Anglican Church Calendars are now available for \$5.00. Please contact the church office.

Chi Rho Christmas Luncheon

Chi Rho is having a Christmas luncheon on **Thursday, December 8** at 1:30 at All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. This is a catered Christmas lunch, and the cost is \$25 at the door. Call Ross Moore at 519-822-7775 if you can come. All Saints is located at 210 Silvercreek Parkway North.

2023 Offering Envelopes Now Available

2023 Offering envelopes are now available. Please contact St. George's bookkeeper Tracy Jewell at bookkeeper@saintgeorge.ca or 519-822-1366 ext. 225 if you would like to order envelopes. Tracy will put them on a table at the back of the church for you to pick up on Sundays.

The Big Blue Barrel

As you may have noticed the big blue barrel is empty. Everything was given to the Guelph Food Bank to go to those in need. Let's fill it by Twelfth Night. It's your gift to the community we live in. Your Christmas season gift.

Wellness Workshop at All Saints

The Wellness workshops are continuing at All Saints Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway North. **Date: December 6 at 1:30 pm.** Topic: "Sleep Well" - with Kathy Somers from the University of Guelph. This will be followed by a Carol Sing and refreshments All workshops are free and held in the Hall at the back of the Church. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Please bring friends, neighbours, family, and spouses. And all your questions!

Giving Tuesday – Thank You

"Thank you to everyone who helped us raise \$10,000 on Giving Tuesday! We know that folks are worried about the economy, and inflation has made it harder to make ends meet. We truly appreciate that you have chosen to make St. George's a priority this year."



Weekly Service Times

8:30 am Sunday	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Said Service
10:30 am Sunday	Book of Alternative Services (BAS) Choral Eucharist
10:00 am Wednesday	Mid-Week Eucharist

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