



*Welcome to St. George's*  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 4, 2022**  
**10:30 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.

**CLERGY**

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## Readings for Next Week - The Third Sunday of Advent

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Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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## The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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- **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.

**Prelude**      *Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming*      J. Brahms

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn 106**      *There Is a Voice in the Wilderness*      (Ascension)

## **Children's Focus**

## **Advent Wreath ~ Lighting of the Second Candle**

**Song**      *Hope Is a Star (verses 1,2)*  
(Hymn 35 from Sing a New Creation – *see insert*)

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** (*stand*)

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

**People**      **And also with you.**

## **Collect for the Day**

**Presider**      Let us pray.

**All**      **Merciful God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** *(sit)*

Reader     A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the chosen people on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to them, and in order that all the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the nations, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O all you nations, with God's people"; and again, "Praise God, all you nations, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule over the nations; in him the nations shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:4-13

Reader     Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*

(Hymn 714)

**Gospel Reading** *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader 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.'"

Matthew 3:1-12

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** The Rev. Victor Kischak  
*(followed by silence for reflection)*

**Anthem** *There Is No Rose* R.J. King

**Prayers of the People** *(stand, kneel or sit)*

**Sharing of the Peace** *(stand)*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn** *O Ancient Love* (Bedford Abbey)  
Hymn 36 in Sing a New Creation *(see insert)*

**Prayer over the Gifts** *(remain standing)*

**All God our strength, we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us  
with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Saviour. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 Parent of all.

In fulfilment 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,**

*(Hymn 689)*

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your son our 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 Jesus 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.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Presider      The gifts of God for the People of God  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Presider      You are invited to receive spiritual communion with the following prayer:

*Come, Lord Jesus, and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine, I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.*

## Communion

*Those who need to share in the Eucharist using gluten-free wafers, please indicate your request to Canon Jean Mitchell.*

## **During Communion**

**Hymn 48** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

(Picardy)

## **Prayer after Communion** (*stand*)

**All** **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

**All** **whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask for imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Presider May the peace of God, which passes 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,**

Presider now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

**Hymn 103** *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

(Winchester New)

## **Dismissal**

Presider     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People     Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     *Postlude on Winchester New*

C. Tambling

*In the spirit of the Season of Advent and anticipation, evergreen boughs adorn the sanctuary. Worshipers are welcome to take these branches after the service to share with friends of loved ones or for their own homes. Sleeves are available by the front pew for wrapping up the wet bows.*

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## *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) Advent Project**

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  
and Development Fund

*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](http://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 pm 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.

## **Envelope Giving – 2023 Envelopes Now Available**

2023 Offering envelopes are now available. Please contact St. George's bookkeeper, Tracy Jewell, at [bookkeeper@saintgeorge.ca](mailto: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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