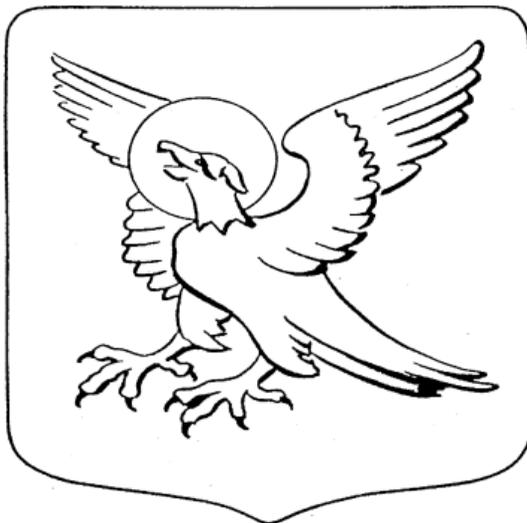


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 8, 2019**

**SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am**  
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, arrangements can be made for you receive Communion in your pew; just let a Sidesperson know. Large print versions of the liturgy of the Eucharist are available at the church entrances. Please ensure that your cell phone is set to vibrate or silent mode.

Sunday School will gather in the parish hall and process with the choir for the lighting of the Advent candle, before heading out for their lesson. All children are welcome to participate.

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## SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am

Service begins on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services.

Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

### ***Prelude***

### **Hymn 103**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### **Greeting**

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### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Leader:** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**Leader:** Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the candle of peace. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

*The first and second candle are lit.*

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

*As the children process out to Sunday School, all are invited to join in singing:*

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
Giving a promise of safety and worth.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.**

**Collect for Purity**

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**Canticle**

*Tune: St. Agnes*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
to God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty 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**

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. 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; 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***In his time shall peace and justice flourish.***



*Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R** He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **R** In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R***

**Second Reading**

Romans 15:4-13

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 and Father of our Lord 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 circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles 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. The word of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you.*

**All:** *And also with you.*

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

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

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.*

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

## **Gradual Hymn vv 3**

## **Sermon**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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**Intercessions** (*please kneel or sit. Response: Lord have mercy.*)

## **Confession & Absolution**

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**The Peace** (*Please stand*)

## **Hymn 101**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## **Prayer over the gifts**

**Sanctus**

*Tune: Land of Rest*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Bless-ed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

**The Lord's Prayer** (*said*)

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**Breaking of the Bread # 5**

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**Agnus Dei** (*sung twice*)

*Tune: Land of Rest*

***O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.***

**Communion**

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please feel welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing, crossing your arms across your chest to signal this to the priest. Please do not dip the bread into the chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms across your chest to signal this to the Communion Assistant.*

**Hymn during Communion: Red Song Book 1, 122**

**Hymn after Communion:**

***Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  
offer our praises, with our glad thanksgiving,  
offer ourselves, Lord, souls and bodies to thee,  
Christ's death proclaiming.***

***So, Lord, we thank thee, for that thou dost feed us,  
members united in that mystic body -  
company blessed of all faithful people:  
thus we would serve thee.***

## Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All: And your faithful servants bless you. 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 Blessing

### Hymn 108

## Dismissal

### *Postlude*

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Catherine Ascah

Reader: Brenda Ferguson | Intercessor: Louise Sherry

Communion Assistants: Pat Lee; Karen Bryan

Servers: Lois Dewey; Sue Norman; Rob MacLaren

Sidespeople: Ruth & Garry Rodford

Altar Guild: Doreen Watt; Nancy Fleming | Video: Ron Watt

**Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments following this service.  
Members of ACW Group B are our hosts.**

Readings for next Sunday, December 15, 2019 ~ Advent III  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

<b>This Week in the Parish</b>		
Monday	Beginnings AA/Al-Anon	615pm 8pm
Tuesday	Advent Study ACW Group B Pint & A Passage	12:15pm 2pm 7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	10am
Thursday	Holy Eucharist Van Horne Choir	11am 730pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm
Sunday	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist Nine Lessons & Carols for Christmas	8am 10am 4pm

# Christmas at St. John's

## **Tues Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve**

4pm Holy Eucharist for all ages with walk-in Christmas Pageant.  
7pm Sung Eucharist with Christmas carols.  
11pm Candlelight "Midnight" Mass

## **Wed Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day**

10am Holy Eucharist

## **Tues Dec 31 ~ New Year's Eve**

5pm Messy Church with Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party

## **Wed Jan 1 ~ New Year's Day: The Naming of Jesus**

10am Holy Eucharist

**In our Parish we pray for:** Heather, Paul, Margaret, Dan Burns, Lorna, Katie, Steve, Bonnie, Ron, Bill D., Sheila, Bob, Ann R. Bothwell, Karen K., Steve, Andy, Melanie, Susan Peters, Philip Burns, Sharon Clarke, Bill Pollock, Paul Dunlop, Annabel Maloney, Ruth.

**Friends of the Parish we pray for:** Zachary, Peggy, Marilyn, Jacqui, Dana Dean & family, Chloe McCue, Michelle, Robert Apro, Debbie Pilon, Bonnie Bothwell, Sandra, Neena, Jutanie, Maureen Halpenny, Sherry, Darcy, Richard, Leah, Crystal, Barry, Bernard, Sarah Telford, Valerie Kerr, Donnie McConnell, Eileen C, Casey, Jim Jarvis, Donna, Serge, Lisa, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Helena, Marion, Kevin Kealey, Chuck & Sheila Nehring, Ron M., Lorna, Sharon, Bev, Libby, Donna, Cathy K, Ivan Dunne, Maggie, Emily, Kathy O'Shea, Gerry, Cathy S., Heather Wilson, Joe M, Gary Fitzpatrick, Shaquille Jn'louis, John Duncan, Teresa Hanna, Kevin, Ginette, David, Dale Kerr, Tanya James, Ken McCarthy, Diane Chadborne, Gerry Clement, Nancy Percival, Joy Willoughby.

**Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for:** Bev Lannin, Cora Beasley, Fran Robinson, Charlie Edwards, Thelma Doherty, Nancy Langdon, Irene Anderson, Betty Gault, Helen Cameron, Brenda Hauraney, Ken Winkenweder, Irene Leach, Jessie Read, Joan Dillon, Pat & Lily Willis, Leona Jones, Donna Edlington.

**Prayer Calendar:** In our Diocese we pray for: The Rt. Rev'd John Chapman; The Anglican Social Services – Centre 454, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) Darren Graham, Executive Director; Hospital and Nursing home ministries. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for The Virgin Mary Episcopal Church, Irbid, Jordan.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Pint & A Passage: Tues 7pm**

Join the conversation on the Gospel passage for next Sunday at Rob Roy's Pub.

## **Tues 12:15pm: "A Shoot Shall Spring Forth"**

Join in the study of the prophetic readings from Isaiah that mark the Advent season. Soup and bread will be served.

## **Food Bank Collection**

Please remember your donations of non-perishable food items for our monthly contribution to the Smiths Falls Food Bank next weekend.

## **Sun Dec 15 4pm: Lessons and Carols for Christmas**

Come to this traditional service of nine lessons that tell our story as God's people, intermixed with carols and hymns.

## **Sat Dec 21 10am – 3pm Advent Quiet Day**

A chance to listen, pray and reflect on the scriptures for Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. A simple soup lunch will be served.

## **Personal Devotions**

The Episcopal Church has an online resource for your own personal devotions this Advent season. Visit <https://adventword.org/en/home>

## **Christmas Memorial Flowers**

Those wishing to make memorial donations for Christmas flowers may send their donations to the Church Office, clearly marked "Christmas flowers" by Fri Dec 20. Please include all names you would like included in the bulletin.

## **Reverse Advent Calendar**

A different way to mark the Advent season by daily setting aside an item for the foodbank. Lists are available at the church entrances or on our Facebook page or website. Completed boxes may be brought to the church during regular office hours or service times between Dec 27 - Jan 5.

## **2020 Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for next year are available for pickup at the back of the church. Please pick yours up this week.

## **2020 Canadian Church Calendars**

The new Canadian Church Calendars are available for sale at the back of the church. Cost is \$5.

## **Parking Lot Changes**

Reminder: Please note that there are now only *two* parking spots in front of the ramp for those with disability parking permits. Please do not try to park three vehicles in that area. Also, there is a "no parking" sign to the south of the lower entrance. This is now a "drop-off/pick-up" zone so that people with limited mobility can be dropped off and picked up close to the ramp. Thank you for your consideration.

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## **Parish Directory**

St. John's is producing its own photo directory this year. It will include pictures of parishioners with their names as an aid for people to get to know one another, as well as pictures of St. John's gathering in worship, service and fellowship. Permission will be sought from individuals prior to their information being published. If you would like to pose for an informal picture, in or around the church, contact Laura Porter at [lporter1295@gmail.com](mailto:lporter1295@gmail.com). If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Dan Willis at [dan.dwillis@gmail.com](mailto:dan.dwillis@gmail.com)

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Located on the traditional territory of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee  
(St Lawrence Iroquois) peoples, covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Louise Sherry – Church Secretary | Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am -12noon

## Weekly Liturgies

Wednesday 10am – Holy Eucharist

Saturday 5pm – Holy Eucharist; Sunday 8am – Holy Eucharist; 10am\* – Sung Eucharist

*\*Sunday School offered for children September - June*

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	<b>December 15th - Advent III</b>	<b>December 22nd - Advent IV</b>
Readers:	Nancy Fleming; Karen Bryan	Terry Dillabough; Dawn Dunlop
Intercessor	Trish Warren	Brenda Ferguson
Communion Assistants:	Donna Howard; Chris Elmsley	Kathy Porter; Kevin Lewis
Servers:	Laura Porter; Ron Watt; Kevin Lewis	Lois Dewey; Laura Porter; Ron Watt
Altar Guild:	Terri Marsden; Paul Byington	
Sidespeople:	Marilyn Lucas; Muriel James	Tammy & Bob Mulrooney
Video:	Paul Howard	Rob MacLaren
Coffee	Parish Council	Group A