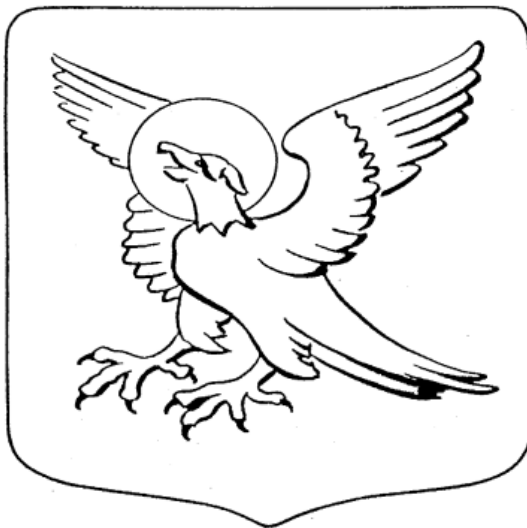


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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 is offered in the upper parish hall. All children are welcome.

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

Introit

**Come, now is the time to worship,
come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow;
still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.**

**Come, now is the time to worship,
come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
come, just as you are before your God. Come, come, come.**

Hymn 363

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his

presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

The third candle is lit.

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

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy 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:

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.
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

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9 (please remain seated)

Setting: George Black

The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. The cantor sings the verses. All repeat the refrain as indicated.



Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help; whose hope is in the Lord their God; who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. R The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. R The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. R The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 306 vv 1-3

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn vv 4-5

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

**Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole
I want thee for ever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe,
now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Refrain:

***Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.***

**Lord Jesus, look down from thy throne in the skies
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
I give up myself and what every I know.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. *Refrain***

**Lord Jesus, before you I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought thee, thou never saidist, "No."
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. *Refrain***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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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 (*sung*)

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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.

Hymns during Communion

Emmanuel

What hope we hold this starlit night, a king is born in Bethlehem,
our journey long, we seek the light
that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age, four-hundred years can he be found,
but broken by a baby's cry, rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

***Refrain: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise his name Emmanuel.***

The son of God, here born to bleed, a crown of thorns would pierce his brow,
and we beheld this offering, exalted now the King of kings.
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground. ***Refrain***

O Come, O come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
Who mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear

Refrain: 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 did give the law, in cloud, in majesty, and awe. ***Refrain***

O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain (2x)

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice! **Refrain**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymn after Communion:

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

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 111

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows
Reader: Nancy Fleming; Dawn Dunlop | Intercessor: Paul Howard
Communion Assistants: Donna Howard; Chris Elmsley
Servers: Laura Porter; Ron Watt; Kevin Lewis
Sidespeople: Muriel James; Marilyn Lucas
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden; Paul Byington | Video: Paul Howard

**Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments following this service.
Members of Parish Council are our hosts.**

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

**Spread the word! Invite your children, grandchildren and neighbours and friends. There will be a costume for any child who wishes to participate at this service. They won't have to remember any lines, and can just join in the fun.*

Readings for next Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 ~ Advent IV
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

The Legend of the Holly...and other things!

The flowers in the Advent wreath have stories attached to them. Legend has it that holly warns off the devil, and so some churches in the United Kingdom plant holly bushes by their front doors. The rose symbolizes love, beauty and healing in both the Hebrew and Christian tradition and is long associated with the Virgin Mary. Star of Bethlehem is so named for its star-like blossoms that bloom over a long period of time.

As you can see, the crèche is up and getting ready for the Holy Family to arrive. The wise men have started their journey from the east. Can you spot them?

This Week in the Parish		
Monday	Beginnings AA/AI-Anon	615pm 8pm
Tuesday	Pint & Passage	7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	10am
Thursday	Choir	730pm
Saturday	Advent Quiet Day Holy Eucharist	10am 5pm
Sunday	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist	8am 10am

In our Parish we pray for: Heather, Paul, Riley, Margaret, Dan Burns, Lorna, Katie, Bonnie, Ron, Bill D., Sheila, Bob, Ann R. Bothwell, Karen K., Steve, Andy, Melanie, Susan Peters, Philip Burns, Sharon Clarke, Bill Pollock, Annabel Maloney, Paul Dunlop, 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, Doug, Kathy O'Shea, Larry, Diane, Gerry, Cathy S., Heather Wilson, Joe M, Gary Fitzpatrick, 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, Lorna Jones, Donna Edlington.

Prayer Calendar In our Diocese we pray for: The Rt. Rev'd John Chapman; Cornerstone/Le Pilier, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) Kia Rainbow, Executive Director; residents, staff of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, and Deacon Caroline Ducros, Chaplain; vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today 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. Our readers are volunteers with the St. John's Community Dinner team.

Pint & A Passage Tues 7pm

Join the conversation on the Gospel passage for next Sunday at our new location, **Rob Roy's Pub** (33 Centre St. beside the Econolodge)

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

Thanks for your donations to the Smiths Falls Food Bank.

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.

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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*

The Right Reverend John H. Chapman – Bishop of Ottawa

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The Reverend Canon Jim Roberts – Honorary Assistant

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	December 22nd - Advent IV	December 29th - First Sunday after Christmas
Readers:	Terry Dillabough; Karen Bryan	Maxine Haining; Pat Lee
Intercessor	Brenda Ferguson	Nancy Fleming
Communion Assistants:	Kathy Porter; Kevin Lewis	Pat Lee; Ron Watt
Servers:	Lois Dewey; Laura Porter; Ron Watt	Laura Porter; Kevin Lewis; Ron Watt
Altar Guild:	Terri Marsden; Paul Byington	Debbie Lewis; Ila Bennett
Sidespeople:	Tammy & Bob Mulrooney	Virginia & Dan Willis
Video:	Rob MacLaren	Philip Barber
Coffee:	Group A	Parish Council