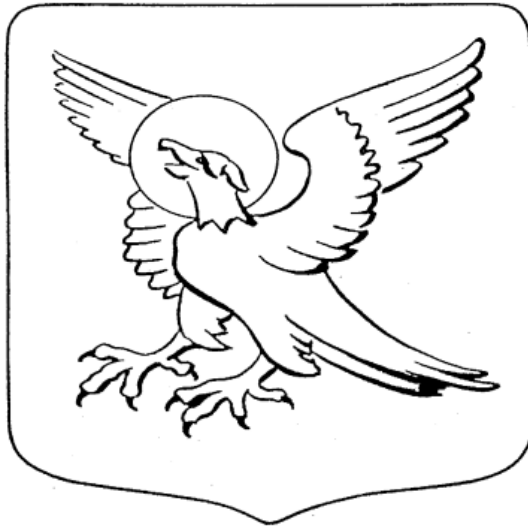


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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 front pews of the church for the lighting of the Advent candle, and then will move to the upper hall. All children are welcome to participate.

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 91

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we will light the Candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy. We light it the Candle of Hope and Peace again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show Gods love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

The four Advent Candles are lit

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ. Let us pray.

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.

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

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.
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 of 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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

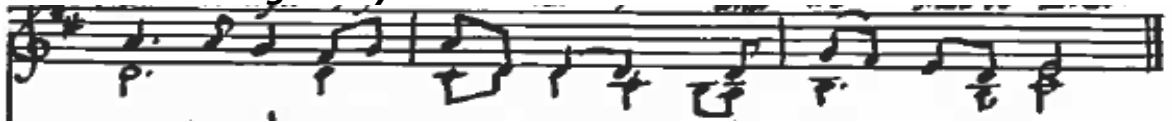
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7 (please remain seated.)

Setting: George Black

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

Show the light of your coun-te-nance and we shall be saved.



*Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R** You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R***

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 267 vv 1-3

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 109

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus

Tune: Land of Rest

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.

Hymns during Communion: Blue Hymn Book: 151, 125

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 this 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 123

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Readers: Terry Dillabough; Karen Bryan | Intercessor: Brenda Ferguson
Communion Assistants: Kathy Porter; Kevin Lewis
Servers: Lois Dewey; Laura Porter; Ron Watt
Sidespeople: Tammy & Bob Mulrooney
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden; Paul Byington | Video: Rob MacLaren

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

Readings for next Sunday, December 29th ~ First Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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.*

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?

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(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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	December 29th - First Sunday after Christmas	January 5th - Second Sunday after Christmas
Readers:	Maxine Haining; Pat Lee	Brenda Ferguson
Intercessor	Nancy Fleming	Lois Dewey
Communion Assistants:	Pat Lee; Ron Watt	Karen Bryan; Chris Elmsley
Servers:	Laura Porter; Ron Watt; Kevin Lewis	Sue Norman; Lois Dewey; Kevin Lewis;
Altar Guild:	Debbie Lewis; Ila Bennett	Debbie Lewis; Ila Bennett
Sidespeople:	Virginia & Dan Willis	Beryl & Carl Young
Video:	Philip Barber	Rob MacLaren
Coffee:	Parish Council	Sunday School