

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am
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Note: Cogeco Church Service Broadcast Time Change

Cogeco management has decided to broadcast local church services on Sundays *only*. Effective immediately, St. John's Sunday 10am liturgy will be broadcast the *following* Sunday morning at 8am and 1pm. There will no longer be broadcasts on Tuesday

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 at the entrance to the Church know. Large print versions of the liturgy 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 98

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3 (*Isaiah 12:2-6; please remain seated*)

Tune: Duke Street

**Surely it is God who saves me,
and I will trust him without fear;
my stronghold and by sure defence
my Saviour who is always near.**

**Draw water from salvation's springs,
and on that day your joy proclaim,
give thanks to God, make known his deeds,
and call upon his holy name.**

**Exalt God's name, for he has done great things,
and sing his praises well;
Zion, ring out your joy for him,
the Holy One of Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, Son
and to the Holy Spirit be,
as from the first it was, is now,
and will be for eternity.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 103 vv 1-3

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn vv 4-5

Sermon

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Apostles' Creed

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

Confession and absolution

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The Peace *(Please stand)*

Hymn 105

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 *(sung)*

Breaking of the Bread #5

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Agnus Dei *(sung twice)*

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: see insert

Hymn after Communion: Travel On, Dear Friends

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 109

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows
Readers: Pat Lee; Cindy Penman | Intercessor: Pat Lee
Communion Assistants: Donna Howard; Kevin Lewis
Sidespeople: Muriel James; Marilyn Lucas
Altar Guild: Sue Pigeon; Doreen Watt | Video: Philip Barber

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

Readings for next Sunday, December 23, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

This Week in the Parish		
Sunday	Journeying the Way of Love Lessons & Carols	12noon 4pm
Monday	AA, Al-Anon	8pm
Tuesday	Pint and a Passage (Fort Hemlock)	7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist Heartbeat of the Church	10am 7pm
Thursday	Choir	7:30pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm

In our Parish we pray for: Heather, Paul, Riley, Margaret, Dan Burns, Faye, Lorna, Katie, Steve, Bonnie, Ron, Bill D., Stan, Sheila, Bob, Ann R. Bothwell, Joan D., Karen K., Steve, Andy, Melanie, Marie Banford.

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, Norma Wynn, Sherry, Darcy, Richard, Leah, Crystal, Barry, Bernard, Sarah Telford, Valerie Kerr, Donnie McConnell, Eileen C, Walter, Kevin Rochon, Casey, Jim Jarvis, Donna, Serge, Lisa, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Helena, Lisa G, Marion, Kevin Kealey, Chuck & Sheila Nehring, Ron M., Lorna, Sharon, Bev, Libby, Donna, Cathy K, Ivan Dunne, Maggie, Mary, Emily, Doug.

Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for: Bev Lannin, Cora Beasley, Fran Robinson, Charlie Edwards, Thelma Doherty, Doreen Murray, Nancy Langdon, Irene Anderson, Mary Thompson, Joyce Wiltsie, Joan Hart, Betty Gault, Helen Cameron, Brenda Hauraney, Ken Winkenweder, Audrey Bennett, Irene Leach, Florence Lloyd, Jessie Read.

Prayer Calendar In our Diocese we pray for: The Rt. Rev'd John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa; Anglican Social Services Ministry Cornerstone, its staff, clients and Executive Director, Sue Garvey; Vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent – A New Year Begins

Advent is a season of expectation and anticipation as we prepare anew for the coming of Jesus. There are many opportunities for Spiritual Development, prayer and worship in this rich season. Please see handouts at the church entrances for a complete list.

Sun Dec 16 – 4pm Lessons & Carols for Christmas

Come enjoy this timeless service of lessons and beloved carols and hymns to mark the Christian story from creation to the incarnation.

Wed Dec 19 7-9pm Heartbeat of the Church

A facilitated discussion in small groups, this exercise calls us to reflect on our personal experiences of Jesus and helps us to articulate our prayer for the church in Canada. For more information visit <https://www.anglican.ca/heartbeat/>

Pint & A Passage: Tues – 7pm Fort Hemlock Pub

Dig into the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday at the weekly bible study.

2019 Offering Envelopes

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

Cookbooks & Calendars

Our *Feeding the Flock* cookbook and the 2019 Canadian Church Calendar are in and available through the church office.

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 **noon Mon Dec 17**. Please include all names you would like included in the bulletin.

Christmas Day Dinner at St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is hosting their annual Christmas Day Dinner in Hanley Hall (30 McGill St.) Doors open 11:30 for 12:15 sitting. All are welcome. There is no charge for the dinner (donations are welcome). If you need a delivered meal or a ride, or if you can volunteer to help, contact St. Francis church (613) 283-0220.

Volunteers

Chimo Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help with their breakfast programme. All training will be provided. Please contact Principal Dave Morrison at 283-1761 for more information or if you are interested.

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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

The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah – Incumbent Priest & Pastor

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The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows – Honorary Assistant

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Karen Bryan – People's Warden 284-8149

Garry Rodford – Deputy Warden 284-0488

Mac Thompson – Deputy Warden 283-2912

Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 283-2564

Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811

	December 23 Advent IV	December 30 Christmas I
Readers:	Pat Willis; Karen Bryan	Terry Dillabough; Dawn Dunlop
Intercessions:	Louise Sherry	Trish Warren
Communion Assistants:	Kathy Porter; Ron Watt	Karen Bryan; Chris Elmsley
Servers:	Lois Dewey; Josh MacLaren; Laura Porter	Rob MacLaren; Laura Porter; Ron Watt
Altar Guild:	Sue Pigeon; Doreen Watt	Ila Bennett; Debbie Lewis
Sidespeople:	Bob & Tammy Mulrooney	Linda & Ron Coleman
Video:	Rob MacLaren	Paul Howard
Coffee:	ACW Group A	Parish Council