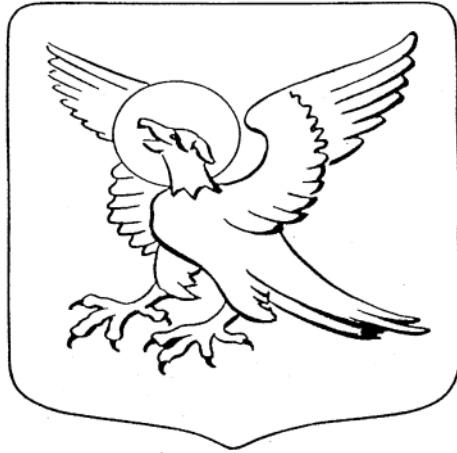


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15/16, 2018

**HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 5pm/8am**  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST 5pm/8am

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## 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*)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

### **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.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

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

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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**Blessing and Dismissal**

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**

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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, 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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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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Garry Rodford – Deputy Warden 284-0488

Mac Thompson – Deputy Warden 283-2912

Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 283-2564

Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811

## **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 Tuesdays.