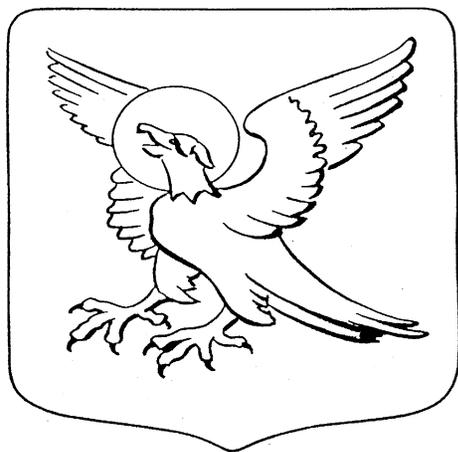


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am  
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FIRST  
SUNDAY

## Welcome to St. John's.

If you are unable to move to the Altar, arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion in your pew. Please speak with the Sidesperson at the entrance to the Church.

Sunday School starts in the church today. Children are invited to gather in the front pews in front of the Advent wreath.

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## SUNG EUCHARIST

Service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services  
Hymns are from the blue Common Praise Hymn Book unless otherwise indicated.

### ***Prelude***

### **Hymn 88**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Greeting** p. 185

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** (*see insert*)

**Collect for Purity** p. 185

### **Kyrie**

### **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!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-7

*Tune: Hamburg*

**O Shepherd, like a flock you lead  
your people Israel; hear our prayer;  
enthroned upon the cherubim  
in glory, shine on our despair.**

**Before Manasseh, Benjamin,  
and Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace;  
restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show us the glory of your face.**

**How long will you be angered, Lord,  
although we kneel before your feet?  
You give us bowls of tears to drink,  
provide us bread of tears to eat.**

**Our enemies laugh us to scorn,  
our neighbours witness our disgrace;  
restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show us the glory of your face.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual 599 vv1-3

### Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you*

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

### Gradual vv 4-5

## Sermon

**Apostles' Creed** p. 189

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

**Confession & Absolution** p. 191

**The Peace** (*please stand*)

### Offertory Hymn 114

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the gifts

**Eucharist Prayer #3** p. 198

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

**Breaking of the Bread 5** p. 212  
**Lamb of God/Prepare Ye the Way (107)**

Communion Hymns 108, 56, 8 (*Red Song Book*)

Hymn after Communion 402

### 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.**

### Blessing

Recessional Hymn 12 (*Red Song Book*)

## Dismissal

### Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Catherine Ascah  
Readers: Pat Lee, Cindy Penman  
Intercessions: Trish Warren  
Communion Assistants: Donna Howard, Chris Elmsley  
Servers: Sue Norman, Ron Watt, Laura Porter  
Sidespeople: Kathy Porter, Sue Norman  
Video: Paul Howard  
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis, Ila Bennett

All are invited to the parish hall following the service for coffee and fellowship. Parish Council members are our hosts today.

Readings for next Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

This Week in the Parish		
Monday	AA, Al-ATeen, Al-Anon	8pm
Tuesday	The Mystery of the Incarnation Guides/Pathfinders Pint & A Passage Bible Study – Café Whim	12noon 6:30pm 7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist – Willowdale Guides/Rangers	10am 1:30pm 6:30pm
Thursday	Sparks/Brownies Choir Practice	6:30pm 7:30pm
Saturday	ACW Cookie Blitz Holy Eucharist	9:30am 5pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent: A New Year Begins

Today marks the beginning of the Church year. We move into "Year B" of the Revised Common Lectionary, and will start hearing from the Gospel of St. Mark. Advent is a season of expectation and anticipation as we prepare anew for the coming of Jesus. Our liturgy shifts to one of gentle expectation, as each week we light another candle in the wreath and more parts of the crèche are added. At the 10am service, we drop the Gloria and replace it with the Magnificat (the Song of Mary). We will start singing the psalms to familiar hymn tunes and recite together the prayer after communion. Starting today, the priest will recite the Collect on behalf of the congregation, in addition to the prayer over the gifts. If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to speak with Canon Catherine.

## Church Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up this week to start using them in January.

## Lanark Advent Evensong: Tonight- 7pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lanark (2985 Hwy 511). All are welcome to a traditional sung Evensong of prayers and music for Advent.

## The Mystery of the Incarnation: Tuesday Dec 5, 12 & 19 – 12noon

Explore the story of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany through the four gospels. Compare and contrast the different perspectives. A light lunch of soup and bread will be served. For more information please speak with Canon Catherine.

## Pint & A Passage: Tuesdays – 7pm

Dig into the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday at the new weekly bible study to be held at Café Whim (on Russell St. W. in the Davidson Courtyard). Bring your bible, an inquiring mind and a willingness to wrestle with the text and what it may be saying to us today.

## Pageant: December 10 – 10am

There is a costume and role for children of any age in the Advent Pageant. All are welcome...the more children the merrier for all! For more information contact Lydia Dixon at 613-285-9811.

## Smiths Falls Advent Walk: December 10th - 4pm

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation as we wait for the feast of the Incarnation, and look to Christ's coming again. The congregations of St. John's, Westminster Presbyterian and Trinity United will come together in an Advent Walk, where we will pray together, sing together, hear the timeless scriptures of Advent together, and journey together from one church to another. The walk begins at St. John's then moves to Westminster and on to Trinity, where there will be hospitality and refreshments.

## Lessons & Carols for Christmas: Sun December 17th - 4pm

Invite family and friends to this beautiful service here at St. John's where the timeless story of God's creation and redemption of humanity in Christ Jesus is interwoven with carols and hymns.

## "Thank yous..."

I am pleased and excited to be back at the organ. I wish to thank St. John's congregation for your support during my illness. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, Facebook messages, flowers, visits to the hospital and my home, plus the delicious food items that were dropped off were both appreciated and therapeutic. Thank you – Sterling.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the induction service on Wednesday evening. Thank you so much for your extravagant hospitality in hosting so many people. A new journey has begun! – Canon Catherine

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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

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	<b>Dec 10 – Advent II</b>	<b>Dec 17 – Advent III</b>
Readers:	Ruth Harris; Pat Willis	Karen Bryan; Terry Dillabough
Intercessor:	Lois Dewey	Paul Howard
Communion Assistants:	Kevin Lewis; Kathy Porter	Karen Bryan; Ron NN
Servers:	Lois Dewey; Kevin Lewis; Rob NN	Ron NN; Sue Norman; Laura Porter
Altar Guild:	Ila Bennett; Debbie Lewis	Maxine Haining
Sidespeople:	Garry & Ruth Rodford	Muriel James; Marilyn Lucas
Video:	Rob MacLaren	Philip Barber
Coffee Hour:	ACW Group B	Parish Council