



St. George on Yonge Anglican

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight—indeed,

he is coming.

says the
LORD
of hosts.

MALACHI 3:1, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #108 "Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding"

Translation from Latin by Edward Caswell

- 1 Hark, a herald voice is sounding,
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day."
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,
- 4 that when next he comes with
glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Greeting

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Advent Candle Lighting

The Second Candle – a Candle of Preparation

Reader 1 Christmas is coming! Are you prepared? Are you ready? Are you counting down?

Reader 2 Have you got the tree up? Food and presents bought? Cards sent? Are you prepared for the time you will spend with family, friends, or colleagues? And what about all those annoying Christmas advertisements you have already seen too many times? Are you prepared?

Reader 1 Are we prepared to invite in those who are lonely or sick or troubled? Are we prepared to reach out to a broken world? Are we prepared to bring Christ's love?

Reader 2 Christ is coming! As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations we light this second candle as a sign that we are prepared to be the light of Christ, bringing his healing presence to a needy world.

The first and second candles are lighted.

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People **Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the joy and justice that few expect but all need. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison [Michael Leach]

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor Christe eleison.

People **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1–4

Reader A reading from the Book of Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until

they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68–79)

The Song of Zechariah: *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #7 Melcombe

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| <p>1 Blessed be Israel's Lord and God
For he hath visited his own;
And brought salvation down to us
In David's house and for his throne</p> <p>2 As he spake by his prophets, who
Have been since first the world was made;
That he would save us from the hand
Of those of whom we are afraid,</p> <p>3 Perform the mercy promised once
To our forefathers in the past;
To our forefather Abraham,
Perform the oath he swore at last,</p> <p>4 That we, delivered from our foes,
Might serve him without fear always,
In holiness and righteousness
Before the Lord through all our days.</p> | <p>5 And thou, child, shalt be called the
Lord's
Own prophet, go before his face
To give his people saving truth,
Remission of their sins, and grace</p> <p>6 Through God's own tender love,
whereby
The dayspring from on high drew near
To guide us in the way of peace,
Shine in the dark, and calm our fear.</p> <p>7 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. Amen.</p> |
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Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3–11

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and

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blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #107 "Prepare the Way"

Luke 3:4,6; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.

Repeat as needed.

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1–6

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader In joyful expectation, we pray.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #102 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Text by Frans Mikael Franzen

- 1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

People **In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

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By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People

Hymn#689

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People

Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #5

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Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Hymn 690]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- ***To receive a blessing***, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ***To receive the bread***, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ***To receive the wine from the cup***, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- ***If you prefer to take only the bread***, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

Communion Hymn #100 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Isaiah 40:1–5; paraphrase by Johannes G. Olearius; translation by Catherine Winkworth

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak ye peace: thus says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression’s load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark! The herald’s voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet
him.

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- 3 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah's reign,
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's Word is never broken.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

People we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant May the star guide your steps towards the place of wonder;

May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger;

May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth.

And may the blessing of God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, clothe you in light, teach you their ways, and keep you alert and prepared for the coming of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #103 "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

Text by Charles Coffin; translation by John Chandler

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| 1 | On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings. | 3 | For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay. |
| 2 | Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come. | 4 | To heal the sick stretch out thine
hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once
more. |

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Serve the World God Loves!

All **Thanks be to God!**

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
<p data-bbox="200 834 545 865">Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p data-bbox="283 873 462 902">Malachi 3:1-4</p> <p data-bbox="202 911 542 941">Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79)</p> <p data-bbox="256 950 489 980">Philippians 1:3-11</p> <p data-bbox="303 989 442 1019">Luke 3:1-6</p>	<p data-bbox="805 834 1120 865">Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p data-bbox="874 873 1049 902">Zeph 3:14-20</p> <p data-bbox="829 911 1095 941">Canticle 3 (Is 12:2-6)</p> <p data-bbox="901 950 1022 980">Phil4:4-7</p> <p data-bbox="884 989 1040 1019">Luke 3:7-18</p>

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.