



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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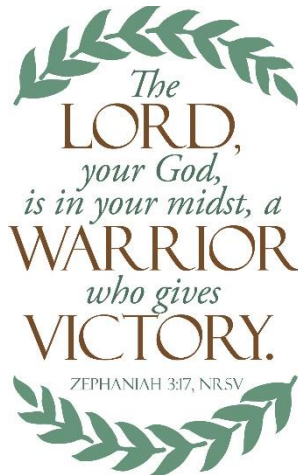
December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Processional Hymn #114 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Text by John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Madan

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| 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,<br>once for favoured sinners slain;<br>thousand thousand saints attending<br>swell the triumph of his train:<br>hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!<br>God appears on earth to reign.           | 3 Now redemption, long expected,<br>see in solemn pomp appear;<br>all his saints, on earth rejected,<br>thrill the trumpet sound to hear:<br>hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!<br>See the day of God appear!                     |
| 2 Every eye shall now behold him,<br>robed in dreadful majesty;<br>all who set at nought and sold him,<br>pierced, and nailed him to the tree,<br>deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply<br>grieving,<br>shall the true Messiah see. | 4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,<br>high on thine eternal throne;<br>Saviour, take the power and glory;<br>claim the kingdom for thine own:<br>O come quickly! O come quickly! O<br>come quickly!<br>Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come! |

#### 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 Third Candle – a Candle of Joy

*Reader 1* Christmas is coming! Be joyful and celebrate!

*Reader 2* Some people just celebrate because that’s what you do at this time of year; some celebrate because they think they are going to be given good gifts! But for us it is different. Very, very different.

*Reader 1* Joy came into the world at Christmastime with the birth of a baby two thousand years ago. That joy is in our hearts, and is bursting to get out, so let it out! The world needs all the joy it can get!

*Reader 2* Christ is coming! As we wait expectantly for Christmas day we light this third candle as a sign that the joy, hope, love and peace that arrived with the birth of Christ are still here with us today, and we want to share them with everybody around us.

*The first, second, and third candles are lighted.*

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*People* **Lord of celebration, thank you for the joy that you have brought to this world. Let it burst out of us in every word, every action, every smile so that all around us will be touched by it and will begin to feel a little of that same joy. 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* **God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14–20

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the

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lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2–6)

paraphrase by Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
Tune Hymn #361

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| 1 Surely, it is God who saves me,<br>And I will trust him without fear:<br>My stronghold and my sure defense,<br>My Savior who is always near.               | 3 Exalt God's Name, for he has done<br>Great things, and sing his praises<br>well;<br>Zion, ring out your joy for him,<br>The Holy One of Israel. |
| 2 Draw water from salvation's springs,<br>And on that day your joy proclaim,<br>Give thanks to God, make known his<br>deeds,<br>And call upon his holy Name. | 4 All glory to the Father, Son,<br>And to the Holy Spirit be;<br>As from the first it was, is now,<br>And will be for eternity.                   |

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4–7

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

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Advent Responsory

*Cantor* My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

*All* **My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.**

*Cantor* Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

*All*           **In his word is my hope.**

*Cantor*     There is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

*All*           **In his word is my hope.**

*Cantor*     My soul waits for the Lord, More than watchmen for the morning.

*All*           **In his word is my hope.**

*Cantor*     O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.

*All*           **In his word is my hope.**

*Cantor*     Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*All*           **My soul waits for the lord; in his word is my hope.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:7–18

*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.**

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe 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.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> 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.”

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptise 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 baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> 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.”

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Deacon*       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.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #111 "Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement"

Text by Moir A.J. Waters

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| <p>1 Herald! Sound the note of judgement,<br/>warning note of right and wrong,<br/>turning us from sin and sadness,<br/>till once more we sing the song.<br/>Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!<br/>Christ the Saviour King has come!</p>   | <p>3 Herald! Sound the note of pardon!<br/>Those repenting are forgiven;<br/>God restores the wayward children,<br/>and to all new life is given.<br/>Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!<br/>Christ the Saviour King has come!</p>         |
| <p>2 Herald! Sound the note of gladness!<br/>Tell the news that Christ is here;<br/>make a pathway through the desert<br/>for the one who brings God near.<br/>Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!<br/>Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> | <p>4 Herald! Sound the note of triumph!<br/>Christ has come to share our life,<br/>bringing God's own love and power,<br/>granting victory in our strife.<br/>Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!<br/>Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> |

### 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.

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.

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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*

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

Hymn#689

**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**

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*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 row, 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 #95 “O Come, Divine Messiah”**

Text by Simon-Joseph Pellegrin;  
translation by Sister Mary of St. Philip

1 O come, divine Messiah;  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph  
and sadness flee away.

2 O Christ, whom nations sigh for,  
whom priest and prophet long  
foretold,  
come, break the captives’ fetters,  
redeem the long-lost fold.

***Refrain:***

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.

Dispel the night and show your face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah;  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph  
and sadness flee away.

***Refrain***

3 O come in peace and meekness  
and lowly will your cradle be;  
all clothed in human weakness  
shall we your Godhead see.

***Refrain*****Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Merciful God,

*People*     **may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

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## 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.**

## Announcements

### Recessional Hymn #109 "When the King Shall Come Again"

Text by Christopher Idle

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| 1    When the King shall come again,<br>all his power revealing,<br>splendour shall announce his reign,<br>life and joy and healing;<br>earth no longer in decay,<br>hope no more frustrated,<br>this is God's redemption day<br>longingly awaited.                     | 3    Strengthen feeble hands and knees;<br>fainting hearts, be cheerful!<br>God, who comes for such as these,<br>seeks and saves the fearful.<br>Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues<br>sing away their weeping;<br>blind eyes, see the lifeless ones<br>walking, running, leaping! |
| 2    In the desert, trees take root,<br>fresh from God's creation;<br>plants and flowers and sweetest fruit<br>join the celebration;<br>rivers spring up from the earth,<br>barren lands adorning.<br>Valleys, this is your new birth;<br>mountains, greet the morning! | 4    There God's highway shall be seen<br>where no roaring lion,<br>nothing evil or unclean,<br>walks the road to Zion:<br>ransomed people homeward bound<br>all your praises voicing,<br>see your Lord with glory crowned,<br>share in his rejoicing!                             |

## 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.***

<p><b>Today's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>          Zephaniah 3:14-20          Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6)          Philippians 4:4-7          Luke 3:7-18</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>          Micah 5:2-5a          Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55) OR Psalm 80:1-7          Hebrews 10:5-10          Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)</p>
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<p><b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b></p>
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b>          Chimereze A / Christian Oke A / Dr. William A / Ravi A / Paul A</p>

<p>Celebrant &amp; Preacher                            Rev. Ali McIntosh</p> <p>Subdeacon   Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Chalice Bearer   Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Intercessor     Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Crucifer         Philip Tindan</p> <p>Readers         Geraldine Sperling                                Christian Crawford</p> <p>Music             Michael Leach</p>	<p>Videographer     Egan Done</p> <p>Ushers            Ann-Marie Waithe Powell,                                Hazel Perkin</p> <p>Altar Guild       Maggie Sumner</p> <p>Duty Warden &amp; Welcome Desk                                    Craig Robertson</p>
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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.