



St. George on Yonge Anglican

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #88 “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

Text by Charles Wesley

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| 1 Come thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee. | 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2 Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart. | 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne. |

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 Fourth Candle – a Candle of PEACE

Leader: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your incarnation among us.

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

People **We are waiting.
We are watching.
We are witnessing.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. 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* **Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Micah 5:2–5a

Reader A reading from the Book of Micah.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18

Hymn #362 "Tell Out, My Soul"

Luke 1:46–56 (Song of Mary); paraphrase by Timothy Dudley-Smith

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| <p>1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.</p> | <p>3 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.</p> |
| <p>2 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.</p> | <p>4 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!</p> |

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5–10

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39–55

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.**

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever."

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; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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 #91 "People, Look East! The Time Is Near"

Text by Eleanor Farjeon

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| 1 People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way. | 4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is
dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way. |
| 2 Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to
nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way. | 5 Angels, announce with shouts of
mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way. |
| 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to
build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way. | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

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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. 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 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.
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Communion Hymn #116 “Your Kingdom Come”

Text by Frederick Lucian Hosmer

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| <p>1 “Your kingdom come”—on bended
knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom’s day.</p> | <p>3 And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:</p> |
| <p>2 But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.</p> | <p>4 the day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every heart be healed;</p> |

- 5 when knowledge, hand in hand with
peace,
shall walk the earth abroad—
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

All **in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.**

**May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 #89 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Translation from Latin by John Mason Neale

- 1 O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

- 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

- 4 O come, O Rod of Jesse’s stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o’er the grave.

Refrain

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5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God!**

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of my
parents Esmey and Cecil Andrews (DSP Rtd.)***

- Always in our hearts.

from Ravi Andrews

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="205 1076 538 1109">Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p data-bbox="287 1117 458 1146">Micah 5:2-5a</p> <p data-bbox="202 1154 541 1185">Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55)</p> <p data-bbox="260 1193 483 1222">Hebrews 10:5-10</p> <p data-bbox="237 1230 506 1261">Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)</p>	<p data-bbox="775 1076 1150 1109">First Sunday after Christmas</p> <p data-bbox="829 1117 1096 1146">1 Samuel 2:18-20,26</p> <p data-bbox="892 1154 1030 1183">Psalm 148</p> <p data-bbox="840 1193 1083 1222">Colossians 3:12-17</p> <p data-bbox="876 1230 1046 1261">Luke 2:41-52</p>

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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Crucifer	Christian Ajubiga	Counters	Richard Snider, Colette Lyttle
Readers	Judy Bradshaw Rudy Powell		
Music	Michael Leach		

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Territorial Acknowledgement

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.