



St. George on Yonge Anglican

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Ministry of the Word



*Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our
potter;
we are all the work of your hand.*

Isaiah 64:8

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

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. | 4 | By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne. |
| 3 | Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring. | | |

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Candle – The Candle of Hope

The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

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People **God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. 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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

Reading:

I Corinthians 1:3–9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1–7, 16–18

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| <p>1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.</p> <p>2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.</p> <p>3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.</p> <p>4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?</p> <p>5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.</p> | <p>6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.</p> <p>7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.</p> <p>16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.</p> <p>17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.</p> <p>18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.</p> |
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Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 13:24–37

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

²⁴ [Jesus said,] “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ “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. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing**Announcements****Dismissal**

Subdeacon Go in peace full of expectation to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Text by John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Madan

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply
grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Postlude

Today’s Scripture Readings	Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings
<p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Psalm 80:1–7,16–18 BAS page 812 I Corinthians 1:3–9 NT page 127 Mark 13:24–37 NT page 39</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 40:1–11 Psalm 85:1–2,8–13 II Peter 3:8–15a Mark 1:1–8</p>

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