



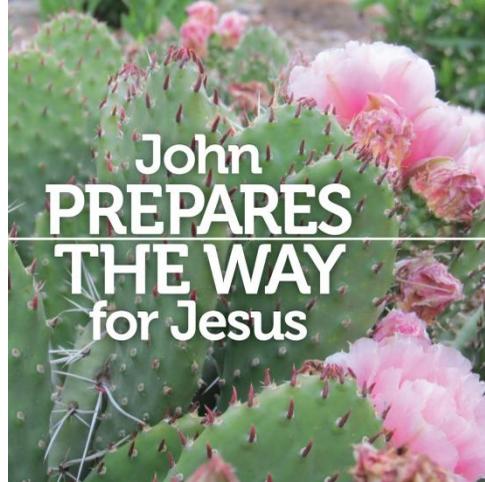
# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

## Ministry of the Word



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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

**Hymn #108** “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding” Translation from Latin by Edward Caswell

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

#### Greeting

*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 with thy spirit.**

#### Lighting the Advent Candles

*Celebrant* In this season of expectation,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into our homes and situations along with friends and families,

*People* **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

*Celebrant* Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives, we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God’s people.

### 3

*Reader* With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ who will bring light and peace to all the world.

*Light the first candle.*

*Reader* With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

*Light the second candle.*

#### **Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, O Promised One. Once again we come to this time of Advent and await your presence.

Give us the patience to seek the meaning of these busy days.

Give us the courage to wait in times of pain and trouble.

Give us the compassion to wait for one another.

Give us the faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.

Give us the hope to wait for the Saviour even when we cannot hear the angels singing.

Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbour.

**Amen.**

#### **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **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.**

# 4

## The Proclamation of the Word

Reading:

II Peter 3:8–15a

*Reader* A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

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| 1. You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,<br>you have restored the good fortune of<br>Jacob.   | 10. Mercy and truth have met together;<br>righteousness and peace have kissed<br>each other.   |
| 2. You have forgiven the iniquity of your<br>people<br>and blotted out all their sins.   | 11. Truth shall spring up from the earth,<br>and righteousness shall look down<br>from heaven. |
| 8. I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,<br>for he is speaking peace to his faithful<br>people<br>and to those who turn their hearts to him. | 12. The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,<br>and our land will yield its increase.            |
| 9. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who<br>fear him,<br>that his glory may dwell in our land.  | 13. Righteousness shall go before him,<br>and peace shall be a pathway for his<br>feet.        |

# 5

**God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:1–8

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*People* I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting 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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; 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**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Dismissal**

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

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

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

Text by Charles Coffin; translation by John Chandler

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| <p>1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry<br/>announces that the Lord is nigh;<br/>awake and hearken, for he brings<br/>glad tidings of the King of kings.</p>           | <p>4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,<br/>and bid the fallen sinner stand;<br/>shine forth, and let thy light restore<br/>earth's own true loveliness once more.</p> |
| <p>2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;<br/>make straight the way for God within.<br/>Prepare we in our hearts a home,<br/>where such a mighty guest may come.</p> | <p>5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee<br/>whose advent doth thy people free,<br/>whom with the Father we adore<br/>and Holy Ghost for evermore.</p>                          |

**Postlude**

**Today's Scripture Readings****Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings****Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11;  
 Psalm 126  
 1 Thes 5:,16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

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