



St. George on Yonge Anglican

December 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ministry of the Word

*“Here am I,
the servant
of the Lord;
let it be
with me
according to
your word.”*

LUKE 1:38, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

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>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>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>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> |
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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

Fourth Candle – The Candle of Joy

Mary the Mother of Jesus

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

A person lights the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Love.

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before.

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He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.
From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

A person lights the Fourth Candle the Candle of Joy.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader Let us pray.

People **Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. 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.**

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

Reading:

Romans 16:25–27

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

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

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| <p>1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will
proclaim your faithfulness.</p> <p>2 For I am persuaded that your love is
established for ever; you have set your
faithfulness firmly in the heavens.</p> <p>3 "I have made a covenant with my
chosen one; I have sworn an oath to
David my servant:</p> <p>4 'I will establish your line for ever, and
preserve your throne for all
generations.'"</p> <p>19 You spoke once in a vision and said to
your faithful people: "I have set the
crown upon a warrior and have
exalted one chosen out of the people.</p> | <p>20 I have found David my servant; with my
holy oil have I anointed him.</p> <p>21 My hand will hold him fast and my arm will
make him strong.</p> <p>22 No enemy shall deceive him, nor any
wicked man bring him down.</p> <p>23 I will crush his foes before him and strike
down those who hate him.</p> <p>24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my
name.</p> <p>25 I shall make his dominion extend from the
Great Sea to the River.</p> <p>26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my
God, and the rock of my salvation.</p> |
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Remember us, gracious god, when we cannot see your way and purpose, and renew in us the joy of your kingdom of light and life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel:
God with us.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:26–38

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.**

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo: "*The Angel Gabriel*"

Traditional Basque Carol

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.**

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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, 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

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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 **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.**

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.**

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.

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

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

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

2 Sam 7:1-11
 Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**First Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3;
 Psalm 148;
 Galatians 4:4-7;
 Luke 2:22-40

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