



*Welcome to St. George's*

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 1, 2024**

**10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**



*Christmas Wonderland by Rita Atieh, age 10*

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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<b>Organist</b>	Jeff Enns
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Makwich
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### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton
- **St. George's** – Jeff Enns, organist and choir director, and for all members of our choir as they prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons

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**Prelude**    *Prelude on Veni Emmanuel*

Philip Moore

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** (*stand*)

**Hymn 89**    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,2,5,6,7)*

Veni Emmanuel

**Children's Focus**    The Rev. Victor Kischak

**Greeting** (*stand*)

Presider    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All**        **And also with you.**

**Collect for Purity**

Presider    Almighty God

**All**        **to you our 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: though Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect for the Day**

Presider    Let us pray.

**All**        **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.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

'To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: 'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:1-7

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

**Hymn 476** *God, You Have Caused to Be Written (verses 1,2)*

Causa Divina

### **Gospel Reading** *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Reader Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these



## **Apostles' Creed** (*stand*)

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** **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.**

## **Prayers of the People** (*stand, kneel or sit*)

### **Confession and Absolution**

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(silence is kept)*

Presider Most merciful God,

**All** **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.**

Presider 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.

**People** **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace** (*stand*)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn 102** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herran

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**All 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.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 Parent 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.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Missa Veni Emmanuel

Presider 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 Jesus 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 forever.

**All Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All 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 them that 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.**

## Breaking of Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)*

## During Communion

**Lamb of God**

Missa Veni Emmanuel

**Hymn 95** *O Come, Divine Messiah*

Venez, Divin Messie

## Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

**All God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

**All 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** *(remain standing)*

Presider May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

**All** **and those that you should love,**

Presider now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

**Hymn 114** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Helmsley

**Dismissal**

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Wachet Auf BWV 645*

J.S. Bach

*(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)*

## Announcements

**Advent Lessons and Carols Service – Today at 4:00 pm**



### **Christmas Caring Tree**

**Next Sunday, December 8**, we will need about 30 volunteers to participate in this outreach ministry of pastoral care. We hope you are willing to assist with this ministry of personal visits before Christmas to those in retirement and long-term care homes as well as those still living in their own homes but are unable to join us for Sunday worship because of health or mobility challenges. Please join Debbie Marchment at the front of the church at the end of the services next Sunday, December 8 to find out how to be involved in this important ministry.

### **Christmas Greenery Available Today**

Cedar boughs are available today in the cloister for people to take home to make Advent wreathes.



## Church School Fundraiser

St. George's is selling Christmas Cards to raise money for our Church School. The cards are prints of children's original artwork. You can purchase a pack of 7 cards for \$12. Please contact the Hannah Keller.

## Thanks from the Church School

The kids of St. George's Church School would like to share a big THANK YOU to Anne McGee and the members of our parish's Book Club for their donation in memory of Hazel Smith. Through their generosity, three new books were purchased for the classroom:

- ***There's No Wrong Way to Pray*** by Rebecca Ninke & Kate E. H. Watson
- ***You Will Always Belong*** by Matthew Paul Turner
- ***God's Dream*** by Archbishop Desmond Tutu & Douglas Carlton Abrams

If you want to check out any of our new books, you're welcome do so by visiting our classroom at any time. You're also invited to check out our Amazon wish list – by scanning the QR code below – and add to our growing collection.



## Food Cards Needed

Please consider donating food cards or vouchers for those in need. Any fast food chain or grocery store gift cards would be appreciated. The cards can be dropped off at the church office or put on the collection plate.

## **St. George's Historical Society**

Do you have any old photos or church memorabilia from days gone by? The St. George's Historical Society is interested in seeing them! There are envelopes available in the office for you to donate any old photos or other keepsakes. Please provide as much information as you can and thank you for helping us build our archives!

## **2025 Giving Envelopes**

Please contact St. George's Bookkeeper, Tracy Jewel, if you would like giving envelopes for 2025 and she will place them at the back of the church for pick up. Tracy can be contacted at [bookkeeper@saintgeorge.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@saintgeorge.ca)

## **St. George's Book Club**

Reminder: No December Meeting

Next meeting: **Tuesday, January 21, 2025** at 7:00 pm in the Church Library and on Zoom

Book: *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

This is a work of historical fiction about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, a soprano and a seamstress, spanning from the chaos of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles. Themes explored through the characters are identity, resilience and cultural conflict. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Ann McGee: [amcgee995@gmail.com](mailto:amcgee995@gmail.com).

## **2025 Anglican Church Calendars**

The 2025 Anglican Church calendars are available for pick up in the church office, for those who ordered one. The cost is \$5.00.

## **Craft Guild Next Meeting**

Please note that there will be no meetings for the Craft Guild in December. The next meeting is the first Sunday in January - **January 5th.**

## **Saturday Night Social Event!**



Attention Pickle Ballers!

We are looking to start up a Pickle Ball League.

We are planning for Saturday Evenings starting in January until March.

We are looking for Players (Singles / Couples / Families / etc....)  
of all ages and any experience level.

Sign up will be on the Bulletin board outside the Chapel.

Let us know if you have young kids that want to play  
or if you may need Child care as well?

We are looking to offer either a Youth / Kids program and / or Child care  
during game times.

There MAY be a small charge for this activity to cover refreshments for afterwards

Questions: see Bruce Carrick & Giesela Goetz.

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