



Welcome to St. George's
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2025
10:30 AM CELTIC EUCHARIST

A message from the Rector about our service.

For today and the next few Sundays you will notice that we are using a Celtic liturgy adapted from the Iona Community off the coast of Scotland. Celtic liturgy is a distinctive form of worship that developed in the early Christian church in the Celtic-speaking areas of Europe, particularly Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and parts of England. It is an ancient expression of our Anglican tradition filled with vibrant melodies, phrases, images, and language. Celtic liturgy emphasizes God's presence in creation and everyday life, the communal aspect of worship, and a deeply reverent approach to the sacraments. It is my hope that through our worship during this season of Epiphany, we may each experience our risen Lord in new and refreshing ways.

Presider	The Rev. Victor Kischak
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Communion Assistants	Bruce Mackenzie, Ben Stephenson, Shirley Griffin
Greeters	John McGee, Anne McGee
Warden	Laura Keller
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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of Christ Church, Niagara Falls

ORDER OF SERVICE

Adapted from The Abbey Liturgy of the Iona Community, Argyll, Scotland

Prelude *Prelude on a Ground Bass* Orlando Gibbons

THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn #587 *Once to Every Man and Nation* Ebenezer

Children's Focus The Rev. Victor Kischak

Opening Responses

Celebrant: We come in this service to God.

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

Celebrant: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

Celebrant: We come with our faith and with our doubts.

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

Celebrant: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come.

All: And God has promised never to turn away.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have sent us your salvation.
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit
to recognize him who is the glory of Israel
and the light for all nations,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy upon you,
Pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (Congregation)



*How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. R*

*The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.*

*Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.*

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. R*

*Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*

*They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. R*

*LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.*

*Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

*For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory; R*

*No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.*

*O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you! R*

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All:



Reader: One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart

and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 2:23-3:6

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All:



Gradual Hymn: #450 *You Call Us, Lord, to Be (verse 4)*

Rhosymedre

Homily: The Rev. Victor Kischak

Choir Anthem: *Lord Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace*

Jeff Enns

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a cross.

A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loved us.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit... (Especially, ...), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died... (Especially, ...), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We bring before you our own prayers, both spoken and unspoken ...

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: And now 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 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.

Offertory Hymn: #498 *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* Brother James' Air

The Prayer Over the Gifts

All: **Almighty God,
accept the joyful offering of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, Gracious God, for you created all things. In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven. So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

Sanctus and Benedictus

(Hymn 732)

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

Celebrant: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke
the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying
'This is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine,
and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying
'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed
with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming
Kingdom of God.'

So now following Jesus' example, we take this bread
and this wine; the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.
And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also celebrate God's goodness.

All: **Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought
forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the
fruit of the vine.
Here at your table you offer us bread and wine
for the journey to nourish us as sons and
daughters.**

**And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us
and beside us,
we praise you from our hearts for your unending
greatness.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs
room, breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth, loving and
caring in the world.

All: Amen.

A Sign of Peace

Celebrant: Many grains were gathered together to make this
bread.
Many grapes were mixed to make this wine.
So we who are many are one in Christ.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant: The Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

(Hymn 690)

**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.**

Communion Hymn: #610 *Before I Take the Body of My Lord* Laying Down

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home. Dying and living, He declared
your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of
glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life,
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

**All: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So we and all your children shall be free,
And the whole earth live to praise your name.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the love of God fill you with joy and peace.
May the healing power of Christ strengthen and save you.
May the Holy Spirit encourage you.
May a thousand angels guide your steps.
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,

Celebrant: now and forever.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #434 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

Aurelia

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

Announcements

Coldest Night of the Year

It's time to register to walk in the Coldest Night of the Year, taking place on **February 22** in support of Hope House. This will be our 3rd year participating in CNOY, and we want you to join us! There are two options this year: 2K walk starting at 1:00pm from John F Ross High School; 5K walk at 4:00pm from GCVI. To sign up, go to: <https://cnoy.org/location/guelph> and search for the St. George's teams. You can also email Laura Keller directly at thekellerkrew@gmail.com. You can donate to either team on their page! Help us help those who are hurting, hungry, and homeless by supporting our CNOY teams!

Evensong Service - Today

Join us today at 4:00 pm for a choral Evensong service.



Diocesan Committee Opening

The Diocese of Niagara is currently seeking out new members for their Human Resource for Ministry Committee (HRfM). The committee acts as an advisory body that considers and provides advice to the bishop on human resources matters. Topics of interest for the committee can include compensation & benefits, classification, employee relations, recruitment, deployment, training, organizational development, succession planning, etc. Ideal members should have a solid understanding of parish workings, and a breadth of experience of human resource legislation and practices derived from employment and/or volunteer activities. A Certified Human Resources Leader (CHRL) or Professional (CHRP) designation is an asset. If this opportunity interests you, please reach out to Shannon MacKenzie, diocesan human resources & volunteer coordinator, for more information. She can be reached by email at: shannon.mackenzie@niagaraanglican.ca or by email at 905-527-1316 x360. An information packet is available in the St. George's church office upon request.

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A simple idea.

St. George's Church will be open for anyone who wants to enjoy some quiet time, unbothered, in the beauty of our church.

- enjoy the beautiful windows
- light a candle
- read
- knit
- contemplate
- have a minute to yourself

Come and go as you like. We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like to support this ministry, we will require at least 2 volunteers to be in the church while it is open. Feel free to bring your own book/activity—we simply need your presence in case any visitors have questions. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are interested. If you have any questions, please speak to Laura Keller.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

YAM will be gathering for an evening prayer on Monday, **February 10** at 8:00pm. If you're between the ages of 19 and 35 and would like to join in – or if you would just like some more information – please text 519-803-7307 to join the email chain and group chat or speak to a Warden for more details.

Canterbury Hills Registration Opens Soon!

Registration for Canterbury Hills Camp's summer 2025 programs will be opening on Monday, February 3 at 6:00pm. They will be using their online registration program, CampBrain, to register campers. Mark your calendars if you're interested, as spots fill up quickly and you won't want to miss out! Information about this year's programs – including dates and fees – can be found by going to www.canterburyhillscamp.ca. If you have any additional questions, please send them to camp@canterburyhills.ca.



Sanctuary of Music – February 7, 2025

The next Sanctuary of Music with Hospice Wellington will take place on Friday, February 7 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

St. George's Book Club

Next Meeting: February 18th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Church Library and on Zoom

Book: A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini. This is a story of two female characters - Mariam and Laila - two Afghan women born into very different circumstances but who suffer the same problems. There is also a miniature history session embedded in the story. The story also helps render the plight of serious human-rights issues in human terms. It forces us to imagine what we would do had we been born to such grim fates. Everyone is welcome! Contact Anne McGee: amcgee995@gmail.com

Chi Rho Fellowship

The next Chi Rho meeting is on Thursday, February 13, at 1PM on the lower level at All Saints Church (210 Silvercreek Pkwy N.- beside Value Village). A fun time, this month with games and Valentines Treats. This is a joint venture with all three Guelph Anglican churches. If you need a ride or have questions, please feel free to call 226 962-6040.

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