



Welcome to St. George's
The First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024
8:30 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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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

Welcome and Announcements

Collect for Purity

All **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commandments

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Priest Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

People Amen.

Lesson

Revelation 2:1-7

Reader The Lesson is written in the second chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the first verse.

'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.

Reader Here endeth the lesson

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

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

Gospeller 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 things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may

have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Victor Kischak

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that

they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;

and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, 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.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

Comfortable Words

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2:1, 2

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

**Blessed is the One that cometh in the Name of the
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering

the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So

to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Grant us thy peace.

Communion

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

Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that

we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Benediction

Priest May the peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

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

Priest now and forever.

All **Amen.**

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

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.

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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