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## First Sunday of Advent

*“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”*

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**Order of Service**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. BCP Holy Communion**

**Book of Common Prayer** (Small Maroon Book)

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

*God's People Gather for Worship*

Collect for Purity..... p. 67  
Summary of the Law.....p. 69  
*Collect:* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*God's Word is Proclaimed*

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5.....OT p. 631  
Psalm 122.....BCP p. 498  
Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14.....NT p. 162  
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44.....NT p. 27  
Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

*The People Respond to God's Word*

The Nicene Creed.....p. 71  
The Intercessions.....p. 75  
Invitation, Confession, Absolution.....p. 76, 77  
The Comfortable Words.....p. 77, 78  
The Offertory

*The Celebration of the Eucharist*

*Prayer over the gifts:* 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.**

Thanksgiving and Consecration.....p. 78, 81, 82, 83

The Peace.....p. 83  
 Prayer of Humble Access.....p. 83  
 Lamb of God.....p. 84

*Communion of God’s People*

*(All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may prefer to come forward to receive a blessing)*

The Lord’s Prayer..... p. 85  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving..... p. 85, 86  
 Gloria in Excelsis.....p. 86  
 The Blessing

**10:30 a.m. BAS p. 185 Choral Holy Communion Service**

**Book of Alternative Services** (Green Book)

**Hymn Book** (Common Praise)

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

**Music for Mass:** *David Hurd*

Organ Prelude

**Processional Hymn:** #88 “*Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*”

Tune: Stuttgart

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Celebrant:* Dear Friends in Christ, today and until Christmas, we abbreviate our usual service order in order to incorporate special Advent prayers. We also emphasize the hymns of the Advent season. Advent is a time of recollection and expectancy. It invites our remembrance of Christ’s birth into our world. It also calls us to expectancy as we await his return.

**Week One – The Candle of Hope**

*Reader:* The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” (*Jeremiah 33:14-16*)



*Celebrant:* Advent is here.

Today we join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark the first steps of our Advent journey. We light the Candle of Hope. Although the world seems dark and cold, we trust that Christ’s light is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

***People:* Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.**

*Celebrant:* Holy God,

***People:* You have promised to bring salvation and justice to the whole of creation. As we await the arrival of the Christ, may we live as those already redeemed by your grace – and may we share that grace with others.**

*We remain standing as we sing the first verse of our Advent Hymn*

**Hymn:** “*The Advent Candle Shines*”

Tune: Maryton

1. The Advent candle shines with hope,  
And faith to fuel its timeless flame.  
Like the old prophet we declare,  
“Immanuel”, our Saviour’s name.

*The Gathering of the Community*

The Grace.....p. 185

Kyrie Eleison.....p. 186

*Collect:* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5.....OT p. 631

Psalm 122.....BAS p. 882  
*The Congregation is invited to sing the psalm along with the choir*  
**Refrain: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord”.**

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14.....NT p. 162  
**Gradual Hymn:** #111 *“Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement”*

Tune: Neander

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44.....NT p. 27

Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

**Choir Anthem:** *“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”*

*The People Respond to God’s Word*

The Nicene Creed.....p. 188

The Prayers of the People/Litany #12.....p. 119

**Prayers for Parish Families:** We pray today for Alexander Smith, Donald & Marline Smith, Judah Kipkosgei Songok, Etta Sterritt, and Lionel & Donna Surujbally with children Elisha and grandchildren Cayden, Cristian & Anastasia.

Confession and Absolution.....p. 191

The Peace.....p. 192

**Song during Peace:** *“Let There be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, and live each moment, with peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

**Offertory Hymn:** #114 *“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

Tune: Helmsley

*Prayer over the Gifts:* 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.**

**Offertory Thanksgiving (Sung):** All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thy own have we given Thee. Amen.

*The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Eucharistic Prayer 3.....p. 198  
The Lord’s Prayer.....p. 211  
The Breaking of the Bread.....p. 212

**Agnus Dei:** “*Jesus, Lamb of God*”

Jesus lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Communion of God’s People*

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The Communion.....p. 213

**Communion Hymn 1:** #89 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

**Communion Hymn 2:** #97 “*Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*”

Tune: Tantum Ergo

*Prayer after Communion:* 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.**

Doxology.....p. 214  
Benediction.....p. 214

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn:** #91 “*People, Look East!*”      Tune: Besancon

**Praise (Sung):** May God’s blessing surround you each day; As you trust him and walk in his way. May his presence within guard and keep you from sin; Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Organ Postlude

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**Assisting in Today’s Services:**

**8:00 a.m.:**

Reader: *Nancy Wilson*

Server: *Lisa Turner*

Chalice Bearer: *Nancy Wilson*

**10:30 a.m.:**

Readers: *David Finnamore & Shirley French-Lobraico*

Servers: *Lloyd Jamieson & Michael Barrow*

Chalice Bearer: *Doreen Cheong*

<p><b>PARISH &amp; COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>
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**Office Hours**

**Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft’s New Schedule:**

**Sundays:** Weekly Services & Meetings

**Mondays:** Visiting Parishioners, Phone Calls – available by appointment only

**Tuesdays:** Office Hours, Nursing Home Services (First week of the month)

**Wednesdays:** Mid-Week Holy Communion & Laying on of Hands and Anointing – 10:30 a.m., followed by a Bible Study & Fellowship

**Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays:** Day Off

**For Pastoral Emergencies:** Please contact the church office at 416-267-2741

## **This Week:**

Wed.	10:30 a.m.....	<b>Mid-Week Holy Communion &amp; Laying on of Hands and Anointing Service</b>
Fri.	7:00 p.m.....	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>
Sat.	10:30 a.m.....	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>
	3:00 p.m.....	<b>Immanuel Christian Church (Owen Room)</b>
Sun.	8:00 a.m.....	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m.....	<b>BAS p. 230 Choral Holy Communion</b>
	2:00 p.m.....	<b>Heaven's Gate Ministries (Owen Room)</b>
	2:00 p.m.....	<b>Siloam City of God (Main Sanctuary)</b>

**The Rockcliffe Service: First Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.**

**The Bendale Acres Service: First Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.**

### **Bible Readings for next Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10.....OT p. 725

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19.....8:00 a.m. BCP p. 418

.....10:30 a.m. BAS p. 797

Second Reading: Roman 15: 4-13.....NT p. 163

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12.....NT p. 2

**A Warm Welcome to Our Guests and Visitors** Thank you for worshipping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service holds meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return any Sunday so that we may continue to worship together. As well, please sign our visitor's book which is located outside of the Owen Room.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our father, Henry Latchana from Madge and Leonard.

**Please note** that the Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft's new schedule is on page 7. Also, we will be resuming our mid-week Holy Communion & Laying on of Hands and Anointing Service at 10:30



a.m. After the service, there will be a Bible Study followed by a time of fellowship.

**Please pick-up a copy** of your Advent newsletter as well as your Christmas letter. Both of these are available in the foyer. Also, if you haven't picked up your 2020 offering envelopes please do so as soon as possible.

**If you would like to make a contribution** (any amount welcome) toward Christmas Flowers in memory of or in honour of someone, or in thanksgiving, please complete a Christmas Flower envelope that you will find located next to the altar flower calendar just outside the office door. The last day to submit your request is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> as this will ensure your dedication is listed in the December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> bulletins.

**Steering Committee Meeting – Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** We had a very productive and congenial meeting with the three local Anglican churches of St. Peter's, St. Ninian's, and St. John the Divine. The purpose of this meeting was "Recreating God's Church". The main objective was to plan for the Visionary Meeting of Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be held at St. John the Divine on Scarborough Golf Road from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This will be an open meeting with all the congregations for the three parishes to discuss the following six (6) topics: Worship & Music; Children & Family; Youth; Outreach; Pastoral Care; Senior Ministry. The steering committee with each chair one of the topics. The results of the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be communicated to each parish by the end of January. There will be a sign-up at the back of the church for the open meeting.

**The Diocese of Toronto** has implemented a new Human Rights policy and a new Harassment Policy. Both of these policies are available in the foyer for anyone who would like to review them.

**The next Community Lunch** will be on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please let Gail know if you would like to provide dessert for this special "Casserole Christmas" lunch or if you

would like to help out. Thank you for your continued support and remember, everyone is welcome to join us for lunch.

**Christmas Program:** On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the Immanuel Christian Church will be having a special “Taste of Christmas” program from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. They will be having several congregations join together to share in a Christmas celebration, with *Spirit Singers* from the University of Toronto. As well, they will be having a guest speaker – the Right Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews, Principal and Professor of Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. Admission is free, however a freewill offering will be collected. For more information please contact Rev. Ananda at 416-858-4912.

**Our Christmas Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. service in the lower hall. All are invited to join us, and please bring your family and friends. Donations are most welcome. Outside in the foyer there is a sign-up sheet for the lunch as well as this year’s menu. If you haven’t done so already, please sign the sheet.

**A Christmas Concert “*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*”:** On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we will be having a Christmas Concert which will include choral, voice, organ, piano, and violin performances! This year, we are happy to be having our main guests – St. Dunstan’s Catholic Church Choir as well as Jay Franco on the violin. Tickets are only \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are **now available** and can be purchased following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Please call Jaime at (416) 540-8945 for ticket sales. Following the concert, light refreshments will be served. Please come out and celebrate with us as we will be having our last fundraising event for the year!

**The 2020 Canadian Church Calendar** is now for sale. If you would like to place an order for a calendar please do so by **today**. The cost of a calendar is \$5.65 including tax. Please leave your money and name with Jaime in the Church Office.

**PWRDF:** We are very excited to announce that this year we will be partnering with PWRDF in order to raise funds over the Christmas season. As many may know-PWRDF is an Anglican-led initiative which is active in virtually every continent across the globe and it aims to not only raise monetary funds but to better equip communities for being self-sustaining. Their annual ‘World of Gifts’ initiative aims to raise money that can be in turn used to purchase livestock for farms (i.e. goats, pigs, cows etc.) along with money that can be used for nutrition awareness, clean water, emergency food supplies when a crisis hits; and investing in safer more environmentally friendly farming. PWRDF also has a ‘Children’s Corner’ so to speak-online-and they are committed to highlighting the great fundraising efforts of young people within the greater church community and will feature individual church groups and their efforts on their website! Please consider donating to PWRDF this Advent Season and donations can be earmarked on your offering envelope. More information can be found in the PWRDF magazines that are on the tables outside. Blessings, the Sunday School.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	8:00 a.m. every Sunday
Choral Communion	10:30 a.m. except the last Sunday
Morning Prayer	10:30 a.m. last Sunday
Sunday School	10:30 a.m. every Sunday

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## STANDING NOTICES

The Church depends on your free-will offerings. Our financial program is based on weekly or monthly giving through the envelope system. Sundays in the year are open for anyone to sponsor altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in celebration of an occasion. Please see the Flower Calendar by the office door. Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to contact the Priest. Visitors are always welcome.

Information for the Priest: Please mark X in required section and tear off.

Give to one of the sidespersons or place on the offertory plate.

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