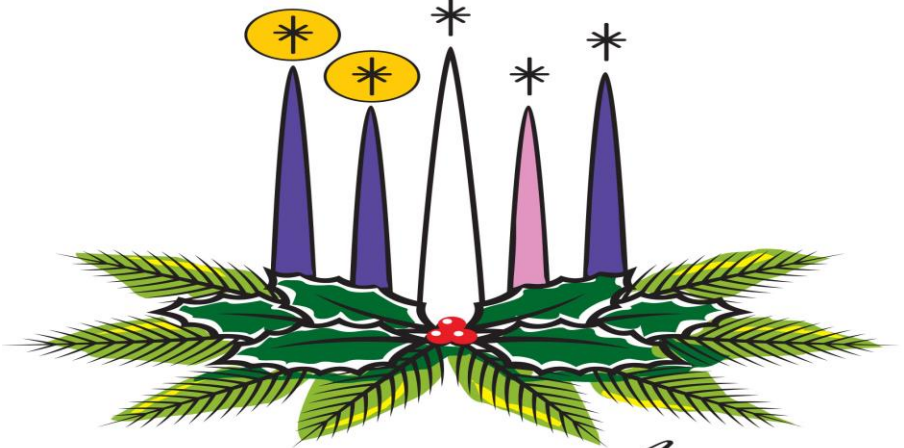


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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*
“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”

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Order of Service
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8th, 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
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Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

God's Word is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10.....OT p. 640
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19.....BCP p. 418
Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13.....NT p. 163
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12.....NT p. 2
Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

The People Respond to God's Word

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Consecration.....p. 78, 81, 82, 83
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Prayer of Humble Access.....p. 83
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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 Choral Holy Communion Service

Book of Alternative Services (green book)

Hymn Book (common praise)

Celebrant: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Music for Mass: *John Merbecke*

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn: #108 “*Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding*”

Tune: Merton

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God’s promises to us.

The candle for hope is lighted

Week Two – The Candle of Peace

Reader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace (*Luke 1: 78-79*).

Celebrant: The second candle of Advent is the candle of Peace. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. The prophet Isaiah



called Christ “the Prince of Peace”. When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

The candle for peace is lighted

Celebrant: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

***People:* Thank you God for the peace 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 peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

We will now sing the first two verses 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.

2. The Advent candle shines with peace,
And warmth to care, forgive and thaw,
Like heaven’s angels we announce,
“Peace on the earth, good will to all”.

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace.....p. 230
The Summary of the Law.....p. 231
Kyrie Eleison.....p. 231
Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may

stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10.....OT p. 640

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19.....BAS p. 797

The Congregation is invited to sing the psalm along with the choir

Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.

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

Gradual Hymn: #103 “*On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist Cry*”

Tune: Winchester New

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

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

The People Respond to God’s Word

The Nicene Creed (*Sung*).....p. 234

The Prayers of the People.....p. 235-238

Prayers for Parish Families: We pray today for Irene Thayaparan and daughter Ellen, Peter & Gail Thompson and children Michelle & Phillip, Julie Tripp, Clyde Tucker, David & Lisa Turner and son Thomas, and Fred & Mary Weindel.

Confession and Absolution.....p. 238-240

The Peace.....p. 240

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: #112 “*Behold! The Mountain of the Lord*”

Tune: Bishopthorpe

Prayer over the gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 A.....p. 241
The Lord’s Prayer.....p. 245
The Breaking of the Bread.....p. 246

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 Communion.....p. 246
Agnus Dei.....p. 247

Communion Hymn 1: #97 “*Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*”
Tune: Royal Oak

Communion Hymn 2: #116 “*Your Kingdom Come*”
Tune: Irish

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet’s call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Commission of a Lay Ministry in the Church

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the Verger position for which Michael has offered himself.

The celebrant addresses the congregation

Celebrant: Is it your will that Michael fulfils this ministry?

People: It is.

The administrator describes the ministry and then the celebrant continues

Celebrant: Michael, you have been appointed to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

Response: I will.

The celebrant addresses the congregation

Celebrant: Will you uphold him in this service?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God, our creator and redeemer. In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of this your servant Michael so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and show your love in all the world. Blessed are you, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Symbol appropriate to the ministry is presented by the Administrator

Celebrant: Michael, the Lord enable you and uphold you in this ministry.

Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction.....p. 248

(Sung): Amen, Amen, Amen

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #95 “*O Come, Divine Messiah*”

Tune: Venez, Divin Messie

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

Assisting in Today's Services:

8:00 a.m.:

Reader, Chalice Bearer: *Lisa Turner*

Server: *Nancy Wilson*

10:30 a.m.:

Readers: *Lottie Bowering & Lionel Surujbally*

Servers: *Lloyd Jamieson & Michael Barrow*

Chalice Bearer: *Doreen Cheong*

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft's 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.

This Week:

- Wed. 10:30 a.m.....**Mid-Week Holy Communion & Laying on of Hands and Anointing Service**
- Fri. 7:00 p.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
- Sat. 10:30 a.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
- 3:00 p.m.....**Immanuel Christian Church (Owen Room)**
- 6:00 p.m.....**Concert: "Tidings of Comfort and Joy"**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m.....**BCP Holy Communion**
- 10:30 a.m.....**BAS p. 185 Choral Holy Communion**
- 2:00 p.m.....**Heaven's Gate Ministries (Owen Room)**
- 2:00 p.m.....**Siloam City of God (Main Sanctuary)**

Bible Readings for next Sunday, December 15th, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10.....	OT p. 663
Psalm: 146: 4-9.....	8:00 a.m. BCP p. 518
.....	10:30 a.m. BAS 905
Second Reading: James 5: 7-10.....	NT p. 231
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11.....	NT p. 11

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.

Please note that the Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft’s schedule is on page 8. 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.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my father on the occasion of his 93rd birthday, from Lisa Luciani Turner, and family.

If you haven’t done so already, please pick-up your Christmas Letter, Advent Newsletter, and 2020 Offering Envelopes.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held today following the 10:30 a.m. service in the lower hall. All are invited to join us!

Our last Advisory Board Meeting for 2019 will be held on Sunday, December 15th following the 10:30 a.m. service in the upper hall. All members of the advisory board are asked to attend the meeting, as this is our last meeting of the year.

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 15th as this will ensure your dedication is listed in the December 24th and 25th bulletins.

A Christmas Concert “*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*”: Next Saturday, December 14th 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. **This is the last week to purchase tickets.** They can be purchased following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services or by calling Jaime at (416) 540-8945. 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!

Visionary Meeting: The Visionary Meeting, “Recreating God’s Church” will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at St. John the Divine located at 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. This will be an open meeting with all the congregations of St. Peter’s, St. Ninian’s, and St. John the Divine parishes to discuss the following six (6) topics:

1. Worship & Music
2. Children & Family
3. Youth
4. Outreach
5. Pastoral Care
6. Senior Ministry

The Steering committee will each chair one of the three topics. Please sign up for **two of the topics only** at the back of the church for this Visionary Meeting. The results of the visionary meeting will be communicated to each parish by the end of January 2020.

The 2020 Canadian Church Calendar is now ready for pick-up. If you have ordered a calendar, please see Jaime following the 10:30 a.m. service for pick-up. We have extra calendars available which can be purchased at a cost of \$5.65 including tax.

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.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
BAS Choral Holy Communion Service at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th
BAS Holy Communion Service at 10:30 am.



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

Adv. Board Chair	Ian Physick
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Coffee Hour Coord.	Sharon Lovell
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Parish Administrator	Martha Baquero
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Sunday School	Youvi Youvarajah
Sunshine Group	Lisa Turner
Synod Delegate	Bob Bowering
Synod Alt. Delegate	Lisa Turner
Treasurer	Caroline Hartley
Verger	Michael Barrow
Youth Group Leader	Ian Physick

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.

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