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“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”



3rd SUNDAY *OF* *Advent*

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Order of Service
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15th, 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: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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 35: 1-10.....OT p. 663
Psalm 146: 4-9.....BCP p. 518
Second Reading: James 5: 7-10.....NT p. 231
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11.....NT p. 11
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 hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Consecration.....p. 78, 81, 82, 83
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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: #101 "*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*"

Tune: Cruger

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, and will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace.

The candles for hope and peace are lighted

Week Three – The Candle of Joy

Reader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (*Romans 15: 13*).



Celebrant: The third candle of Advent is the candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his

mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy. We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

The candle for joy is lighted

Celebrant: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

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

We will now sing the first three 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”.

3. The Advent candle shines with joy,
And strength to make all darkness flee.
Like joyful shepherds we will share,
The good news of the Prince of Peace.

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace.....p. 185
Kyrie Eleison.....p. 186

Collect: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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 35: 1-10.....OT p. 663

Psalm 146: 4-9.....BAS p. 905

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

Refrain: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10.....NT p. 231

Gradual Hymn: #306 *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Tune: Richmond

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11.....NT p. 11

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

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 Dorothy Weir, Claude & Pamela Williams, Nancy Wilson, Samarth Agarwal, and Gicolson Akpimegi.

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: #93 “You Servants of the Lord”

Tune: Narenza

Prayer over the Gifts: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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

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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

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

The Communion.....	p. 213
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Communion Hymn 1: #92 “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

Tune: Franconia

Communion Hymn 2: #94 “Wait for the Lord”

Tune: Wait for the Lord

Prayer after Communion: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

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Benediction.....	p. 214

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #98 “*Hark the Glad Sound!*”

Tune: St. Stephen

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: *Nancy Wilson*

Server: *Lisa Turner*

10:30 a.m.:

Readers: *Mary Langevine & June Montesano*

Servers: *Lloyd Jamieson & Michael Barrow*

Chalice Bearer: *Doreen Cheong*

<p>PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</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 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.....**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)**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m.....**BCP Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m.....**BAS p. 230 Choral Holy Communion**
2:00 p.m.....**Heaven's Gate Ministries (Owen Room)**
2:00 p.m.....**Siloam City of God (Main Sanctuary)**

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 22nd, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16.....OT p. 636

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19.....8:00 a.m. BCP p. 433

.....10:30 a.m. BAS p. 812

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7.....NT p. 152

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25.....NT p. 1

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.

If you haven't done so already, please pick-up your 2020 Offering Envelopes.

Our last Advisory Board Meeting for 2019 will be held today 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. **Today is your last day** to submit your request as this will ensure your dedication is listed in the December 24th and 25th bulletins.

Many thanks to everyone who made the December Community “Casserole Christmas” Lunch a success. Approximately 32 guests enjoyed a variety of delicious home-cooked dishes. We look forward to continued financial, and hands-on support as well as your prayers for this ministry that will ensure much success in 2020. We’ll do it all again Saturday, January 4th from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Please let Gail know if you would like to help out.

A Christmas Concert “*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*”: We would like to extend a hearty thank you to all who participated in the successful presentation of last night’s Christmas concert. Special thanks to the performers, who so graciously and willingly donated their time and talents, and to our patrons, families, and friends for their very generous supports. The total amount of funds raised will be announced next Sunday.

The “Mitten Tree” is up and all it needs is mittens! Please consider placing a new pair of any type of mittens/gloves on a branch! Also, the white collection box beside the tree is for new socks, undershirts and long johns that will be gifted to the men and women who reside in the Homes First shelter at Danforth Road and St. Clair. Last day for donations is January 5th, 2020.

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.

There are still 2020 Canadian Church Calendar's for sale. If you would like a calendar, the cost 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.

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.

Come let us
Adore
Him



MAY THE GOD OF
HOPE
FILL YOU WITH ALL
JOY + PEACE
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM
SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH
HOPE
BY THE POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

ROMANS 15:13

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
Adv. Board Member at large	Barbara Cadore-Charles Lionel Surujbally
Altar Guild	Lisa Turner
Coffee Hour Coord.	Sharon Lovell
Envelope Sec.	Madge Latchana
Fundraising & Planning Committee	Bob Bowering Charles Sargeant
Outreach Coordinator	Gail Thompson
Parish Administrator	Martha Baquero
Prayer Chain	Aileen Brown
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Stewardship	Charles Sargeant
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.

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

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