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All Saints' Westboro



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2020

9:30 am

In-person service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Please Note: This service is being recorded, so if you attend in-person, there is a possibility that you may appear on the recording.

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Advent Wreath

Celebrant: In this Advent season we wait in hope (*Light first blue candle.*) We remember our longing for God to be with us and to give us peace. (*Light second blue candle.*)

People: Today we light a third candle for joy. (*Light pink candle.*)

Celebrant: When God's Anointed One comes,

People: the desert will rejoice, and flowers will bloom in the wasteland,

Celebrant: tired hands will receive new strength, and fearful ones will find fresh courage.

People: The lame will leap and dance, the blind will see.

Celebrant: When God's Anointed One comes,

People: the grieving and sorrowing will be forever free.

Advent Song

Please note that this song will be sung by a clergy member. If you are attending the in-person service, please refrain from singing as congregational singing is not permitted during the Amber Stage.

There's a song of joy in my heart;

Joy is a gift from Jesus.

There's a song of joy in my heart;

Joy is a gift from God.

Alleluia! Joy in my heart is singing praises.

Alleluia! Joy is a gift from God.

Advent Stones

Celebrant: In this holy season of expectation,

People: as the darkness draws in and as we look forward to the coming of the light, let us remember that most holy of journeys as Mary and Joseph travelled together to Bethlehem.

Celebrant: On that sacred journey, two people travelled forth in faith, knowing yet not knowing.

People: This year, as we are on our own Advent journey, may we remember all who travel with us, those whom we meet on the road and those who travel with us.

Celebrant: In particular, we keep our sister parishes of St Luke's, St Martin's, and Julian of Norwich in our heart. This week, we pray especially for our Parish of All Saints', and for The Rev. Simone Hurkmans who has brought us this week's Advent stones.

People: We give thanks for these gifts. May we keep them as touchstones on our own Advent journeys and may they be symbols of hope and comfort that offer us a reminder of the everlasting light and love that came to us in the form of a baby in a manger.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist

People: through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent

promise that we will walk in the way of Christ, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (61:1-4, 8-11)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Celebrant: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: then were we like those who dream.

Celebrant: Then was our mouth filled with laughter,

People: and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Celebrant: Then they said among the nations,

People: “The Lord has done great things for them.”

Celebrant: The Lord has done great things for us,

People: and we are glad indeed.

Celebrant: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

People: like the watercourses of the Negev.

Celebrant: Those who sowed with tears

People: will reap with songs of joy.

Celebrant: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

People: will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading is from 1 Thessalonians (5:16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Tell Out, My Soul

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Please note that the hymn will be sung by a cantor. If you are attending the in-person service, please refrain from singing as congregational singing is not permitted during the Amber Stage.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (1:6-8, 19-28)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This

took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

People: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Eric Bays)

One: In writing to the Philippians St. Paul advises, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Let us first thank God for all the joys of nature that surround us every day, the earth, air, and water; the beauty and health-giving environment we enjoy day by day.

All: Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in God.

One: Let us pray that we may not be overcome by the various forms of darkness in our world; the COVID virus, the wars, the many ways we sometimes hurt one another. Let us, in our struggles remember the sunshine behind the clouds.

All: Giver of immortal gladness; fill us with the light of day.

One: Let us pray for grace to live in harmony and enjoyment with all our neighbours; our immediate families, the folk we work and socialize with, recent immigrants from other countries and ethnic groups, and those in distant places who need our help.

All: Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

One: Let us pray for those who have responsibility for leading the church in its work as an instrument for building the Kingdom of God on earth. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for our Primate, Linda; our Metropolitan, Anne; our Diocesan Bishop, Shane; our parish clergy, Chris, Simone, and Jarrett; and for Brian and his congregation of First United.

All: Word of joy, enlivening Spirit, grow within your chosen servants, life of God that has no end.

One: Let us pray for those who are suffering ill health or other needs, that they may be given strength to persevere, and the assurance of God's presence in all their afflictions. We pray especially for:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador)

One: and for those we name, silently or aloud

All: Banish our weaknesses; health and wholeness sending.

One: We give thanks and pray for all the faithful departed that they may now know the joy of our Lord in company with all the saints, especially for

Ruthmary Harris (mother of Karen Blackie) and those whom we name silently or aloud

All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive the King. Amen.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: 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: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

When exchanging the Peace with your fellow parishioners, please remember that physical contact with those outside your bubble group is not permitted during this Amber phase. Instead, share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.

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O come, Divine Messiah,
 the world in silence waits the day
 when hope shall sing its triumph,
 and sadness flee away.

Refrain:

*Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
 Dispel the night and show your face,
 and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
 O come, Divine Messiah;
 the world in silence waits the day
 when hope shall sing its triumph
 and sadness flee away.*

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
 whom priest and prophet long foretold,
 come, break the captives' fetters,
 redeem the long-lost fold. *Refrain*

You come in peace and meekness
 and lowly will your cradle be;
 all clothed in human weakness
 shall we your Godhead see. *Refrain*

Celebrant: God of hope,

People: 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

People: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

During Communion, you will remain in your seats and the clergy will bring the host to you. A sidesperson will provide you with hand sanitizer before you remove your mask to take the host and after you have received it. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available.

Musical Interlude

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

People: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Go from here with praise on your lips and love in your hearts, filled with the joy of Jesus. Go from here with overflowing hope for the coming of Jesus.

People: We go from here with the shared energy of faith community members. We go from here with a willingness to shine in the darkness.

Celebrant: Go from here with a dedication to the way of God's anointed one.

People: We go out with joy.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Announcements

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

All: Thanks be to God.

When the service ends, please remain in your seats while the music plays. When you feel comfortable, please leave through the Richmond Road doors, keeping physical distance.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 20th, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55;

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Sidespeople: Mary Van Leeuwen; Ray Van Leeuwen

Reader: Elizabeth Harris

Intercessor: Eric Bays

Cantor: Patricia Bays

Please pray this week for:

- The Well, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) and for their Executive Director, Rachel Robinson;
- in our Companion Diocese, The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Redeemer Church, Amman, Jordan;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Eileen McIsaac, Eleanor Wilson, Eleanor Jarrett, and June Kirch; and
- St. Matthias Community Meals.

Credits:

Closing Prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A New Zealand Prayer Book

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Third Sunday of Advent December 13th, 2020

This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)	
	7:00 pm	Ordination	Livestream
Tuesday	8:00 am	Corporation meeting	Zoom
Wednesday	10:30 am	Mid-week Eucharist	Church
Thursday	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)	

Upcoming Events

Ordination

Monday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm, via livestream

Bishop Shane Parker is glad to announce his intention, God willing, to ordain the Reverend Adam Joseph Brown as a priest on the Feast of St. John of the Cross, December 14th, 2020, at 7:00 pm in Church of the Ascension in Ottawa. The Reverend Allan Budzin will be the preacher. Amber protocols will be strictly observed. and attendance is by invitation only. The service will be livestreamed via www.ottawa.anglican.ca.

Advent Stones—Journeying Together Towards Christmas

This week's stone features Joseph and was created by our Parish. For those of you present at the in-person service, we invite you to take a stone home with you. For those of you worshipping at home, we invite you to create your own by selecting a small smooth stone and painting Joseph upon it.

Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 20th, at 4:30 pm, in the Church and broadcast on Zoom

There is no need to preregister for this service. Our doors will be open to the first 50 people and a Zoom link will be sent out before the service. You can share the Zoom link with those who are too far away to join you.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) World of Gifts campaign

Please check out the PWRDF's World of Gifts campaign at <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/shop-pwrdfs-world-of-gifts/> and help support their programs. And for some resources for at home Advent and Christmas, go to: <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/advent2020/>

GranAid

Due to the pandemic, GranAid was unable to hold the Perennial Plant Sale in May, and sadly will not be having the Christmas Cookie Sale in December. We respectfully ask you to consider making a small donation to GranAid through the church. Perhaps the \$10 you would have spent on a box of cookies!

Another way to support our year-round fundraising is to buy Loblaws grocery cards from Janet Holgate. She has some extra \$50 and \$25 cards that would make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers! Please contact Janet directly if you are interested. Thank you, Janet, for continuing to do this.

*If you'd like to register to attend next **Sunday, December 20th**, please fill out the online form (<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/>) on the church website, starting on **Monday, December 14th, after 9:00 am**.*

The best way to register is by filling out the online form. However, if you do register by calling the church office, please make sure to leave a voicemail indicating you'd like to register as the day and time of your call is recorded and we take registrations on a first come, first served basis.