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All Saints' Westboro



PEACE

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 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: The whole world waits for Christmas (*Light first blue candle*). Today we light the second candle to show us the way (*Light the second blue candle*). God's anointed One is coming; the spirit of wisdom is upon him.

People: It will shine on our faces, so that we can see each other, and each other's needs.

Celebrant: Some of us have hard lives as we wait for Jesus to come and bring a world of love and justice.

People: Perhaps we could be friends of Jesus and help one another now.

Celebrant: O God, we hear the crying of all who suffer,

People: and we will try to be your people and care for one another as we move towards your coming. Amen.

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 peace in my heart;
Peace is a gift from Jesus.
There's a song of peace in my heart;
Peace is a gift from God.

Alleluia! Peace in my heart is singing praises.
Alleluia! Peace 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 St. Luke's and The Rev. Victoria Scott who have 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: God of timeless grace,

People: you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (40:1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Celebrant: You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,

People: you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

Celebrant: You have forgiven all the iniquity of your people

People: and blotted out all their sins

Celebrant: I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,

People: for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Celebrant: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

People: that your glory may dwell in our land.

Celebrant: Mercy and truth have met together;

People: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Celebrant: Truth shall spring up from the earth,

People: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Celebrant: Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,

People: and our land will yield its increase.

Celebrant: Righteousness shall go before you,

People: and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

The Second Reading is from 2 Peter (3:8-15a)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of

holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

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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.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God, may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.

The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and the pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful,
Your arm, O Lord, is strong;

you stand in the midst of the nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (1:1-8)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in
God:

**All: who is older than eternity and younger than our
next breath; who is beyond describing yet
knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet
cannot be contained by religion.**

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Susan Stewart)*

One: Heavenly Father as heralds of your good tidings, we lift up our voices with strength this day, praying to you, the one who comforts, restores, and heals saying,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for the church throughout the world. You have given us the gift of the Messiah so that your church may be steadfast and true. We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada with Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy;

Brian, Pastor of First United; and all the members of our church. Give us strength to follow your Son that we may all, through repentance, be reconciled by his love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for our world. We pray for all nations and for those who are placed in authority, that they may govern with wisdom and humility and seek justice and peace.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the young and their families in these difficult times. We pray for parents and teachers that they may remain strong and resilient. We pray for those who are alone and afraid, the elderly, those who live in congregate settings and those who support them. We pray for all frontline workers, researchers, and scientists.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those who are sick. You have made us for a holy purpose, to comfort and care for each other. Give us compassion to love our neighbour and patience to care for those in need. Today we pray especially for:

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

One: and for those we name, silently or aloud

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Let us remember those who have died, especially Rae Armstrong and those whom we name silently or aloud Make them to be numbered with your saints who have found their eternal home in you.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: O God, faithful and true, make us eager with expectation, as we look for the fulfillment of your promise in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: 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.

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.

Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,

that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Celebrant: God our strength,

People: we are nothing without you. Accept our Planned Offering commitments for 2021, and receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have

made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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: In your daily living and in your sharing, to stem the world's conflict and selfishness, the peace of Christ.

People: **For those who are suffering and in despair, for those who have been abandoned, for those who are at a loss, the peace of Christ.**

Celebrant: For those who are powerful and in control, the peace of Christ.

People: **For us, for our friends and family who long for peace, for our world that cries out for peace, the peace of Christ.**

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 13th, 2020

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Sidespeople: Barbara Robertson; Peter Robertson

Reader: Helen Norman

Intercessor: Susan Stewart

Cantor: Dawn Conway

Please pray this week for:

- Cornerstone/Le Piliier, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) and for their Acting Executive Director Martine Dore;
- the residents, staff, and Chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre;
- all vocations to the priesthood and religious life;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Evelyn Heeney, Mary Bradley, Kay Findlay, and Dorothy Adams; and
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Debtors Anonymous.

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 Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

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If you'd like to register to attend next **Sunday, December 13th**, please fill out the online form (<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/>) on the church website, starting on **Monday, December 7th, 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.

Advent Stones—Journeying Together Towards Christmas

This week's stone features Mary and was created by the Parish of St. Luke's. 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 Mary upon it.

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Second Sunday of Advent December 6th, 2020

This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Mid-week Eucharist Church
	7:30 pm	Reading Circle Zoom
Thursday	4:00 pm	Advent Hymn Sing Zoom
	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)

Upcoming Events

Reading Circle

Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

The Reading Circle is holding meetings via Zoom until further notice. If you wish to join the discussion, please contact the office: office@allsaintswestboro.com to be added to the list of participants. The book this month is *I've Been Meaning to Tell You: A Letter to My Daughter*, by David Chariandry

Advent Hymn Sing

Thursday, December 10th, at 4:00 pm, on Zoom

Do you miss singing in church? Why not join Simone and Edith for a virtual Hymn Sing via Zoom? There will be some old favourite and some new pieces to try our hand at. This event isn't only for choir members, it's for anyone who loves to sing! Watch for Chris' email next week for the Zoom link, or you can email the office to receive it.

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.