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All Saints' Westboro



Joy

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 2021

8:00 am—Said Eucharist

**9:30 am—In-person service that will also
be broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Please Note: The 9:30 service is being broadcast on Zoom and recorded; if you attend in-person you may appear on camera and the recording.

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather on the unceded and unsundered Territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial,

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Opening Hymn: **O Come, Divine Messiah** #95

**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*

Children's Talk

(Please send the children forward during the last verse of the Opening Hymn. The children are invited to join the Church School following the talk.)

Officiant: 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.*)

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

Officiant: When God's Anointed One comes,

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

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

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

Officiant: When God's Anointed One comes,

All: the grieving and sorrowing will be forever free.

Children's Recessional: (*Sung through twice*)

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.

(The Children then proceed downstairs for Church School)

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Officiant: God for whom we watch and wait,

All: you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading is from Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving (Canticle 3):

Hymn: **Surely it is God Who Saves Me**

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**Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**

**Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.**

**Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

The Second Reading is from Philippians (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: **Hark the Glad Sound! (#98 tune #306)**

**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

**Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.**

**Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:7-18)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked John, "What then should we do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" John said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked John, "And we, what should we do?" John said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray together for our community and for our world, entrusting into God's hands our prayers and supplications with thanksgiving. Always, in you our Lord,

All: we rejoice and give thanks.

One: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim that his name is exalted." We pray for all our leaders, thanking you for leaders and trusting their hearts into your care. We pray especially for all our religious leaders; and in special rejoice and thanksgiving, for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; and Shane, our Bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; and Brian, pastor of First United. Always, in you our Lord,

All: we rejoice and give thanks.

One: "And we, what should we do?" We find inspiration in words and actions of John the Baptist and ask for courage and fortitude to act with fairness and justice in all of our undertakings. Help us to find the determination to share what we have so

generously received from you. Always, in you our Lord,

All: we rejoice and give thanks.

One: “The Lord, your God, is in your midst.” We lift up to you all those who are suffering and in need. We pray that your comforting presence be felt by those personally affected in Canada and throughout the world by the unpredictability of COVID-19. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Pat** (Broome); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Susan** (Gates); **Tom** (Thorne); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Andrea** (Smith); **Eric** (Bays)

One: and for those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . Always, in you our Lord,

All: we rejoice and give thanks.

One: “I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you.” We entrust to your loving care those who have been brought home to you. We pray especially for the recently departed, including Dorothy Haussman (Mother of Melissa) and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . Always, in you our Lord,

All: we rejoice and give thanks.

One: “Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I will say, Rejoice.” That your peace, God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Officiant: 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

Officiant: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

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

Offertory Hymn: **When Out of Poverty Is Born** (tune #508)
(words by Kathy Galloway)

**When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
"The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.
Be blest; prepare the way!"**

**When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still
"Be blest; prepare the way!"**

**When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of Mary's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call,
"Be blest; prepare the way!"**

Officiant: God of hope,

**All: 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.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Officiant: 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.

All: 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.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

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

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

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*During Communion, please proceed forward in your family group to the altar but leave a social distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. A sidesperson will direct you when to come forward to receive the host. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available. While it is fully sufficient to receive in one kind, just the bread, the Common Cup is available for those who wish to receive. **Please Note: Intinction is not allowed.** You will use hand sanitizer again in the side aisles after you have put your mask back on.*

Musical Interlude

Officiant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: 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.

Officiant: Time for a change.

All: We will speak out when we find injustice.

Officiant: We will work carefully to nurture community.

All: We will face loss with gentleness and reality.

Officiant: We will forgive the deepest hurts gradually.

All: We will prepare for the coming of Christ thoroughly.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

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

All: Thanks be to God.

When the service ends, please leave through the Richmond Road doors or back to the Madison Avenue door and maintain safe social distances. When in the Courtyard, please continue to wear a mask and maintain the social distancing if you are speaking with others.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 19th, 2021

Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7;
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands

Readers: Diane Bays and Beverley Payne

Intercessor: Portia Parsell-Hainzelin

Please pray this week for

- those ministering and worshipping in Redeemer Church, Amman, Jordan, in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East;
- The Well/La Source, and for their Executive Director Rachel Robinson;
- those in our pastoral care: Jean Chaplin, John Larsen, and Edna Sawatzky; and
- the Ottawa Beavers and Sparks, Cubs and Brownies, Scouts and Guides, Ventures and Pathfinders.

Credits:

Closing prayers from David Sparks, Prayers to Share, Year C

Collect from Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

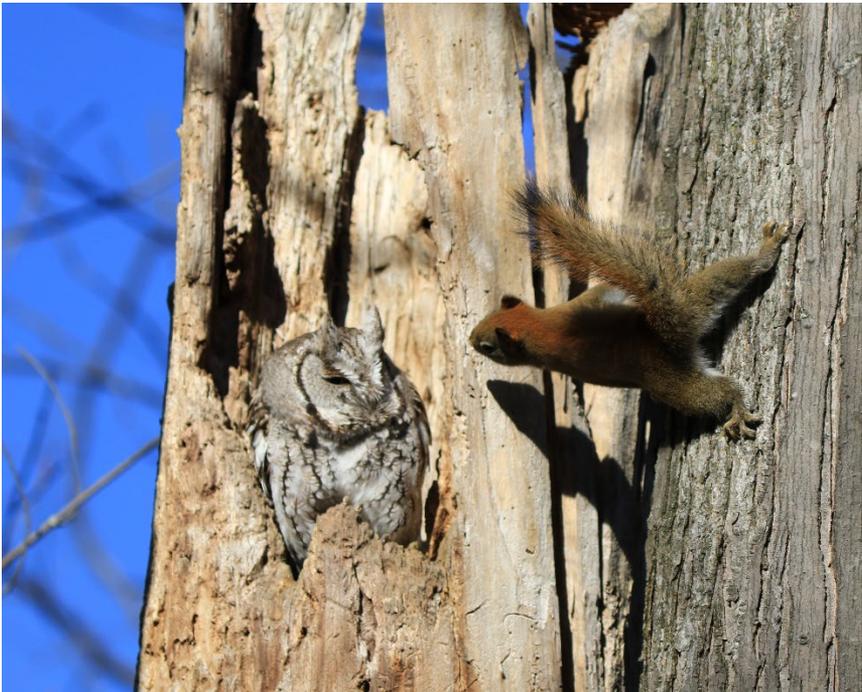
Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

All Saints Anglican Church Westboro's Church CCLI License Number is 11196799

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Supporting GranAid at Christmas Time

Due to the pandemic, there will be no GranAid Christmas cookie sale this year. However, the financial needs of the Fikelela Aids Project in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa are greater than ever. Instead of baking, or purchasing GranAid cookies, please consider making a monetary donation to this worthy cause. **Cheques can be made out to All Saints' Westboro, with "GranAid" on the memo line.** We sincerely hope the cookie sale will be back next year. Thank you!



*The curious Red Squirrel and the Eastern Screech Owl,
Mud Lake, Ottawa*

Photo by Christopher Dunn

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Third Sunday of Advent December 12th, 2021

This Week

Monday:	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank
Wednesday	9:30 to 2:30 pm	New-to-You Shop
	10:30 am	Eucharist
Thursday	3:00 to 7:00 pm	Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Advent Study
		Room 7/8
		Zoom

Church School

A Trip to Bethlehem—An Advent Journey Sundays, Today and December 19th

All ages, four-years-old to high school, will gather in Room 7/8 right after the puppet conversation, and we will continue on the road! Everyone will be distanced and masked.

Today The City of Joy a gift for the Food Bank
December 19 The Town of Love a loving heart

Upcoming Events

Advent Study with Linda Privitera Thursday, December 16th, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

This will be the last evening for the Personalities and Portraits study. The following are the Zoom coordinates: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980088746?pwd=MWhucURhZDNJbCt2TUJNeFFOSHZ3Zz09>

(Meeting ID: 839 8008 8746; Passcode: 684063)

Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted and may be made through your offering envelope, a plain envelope, or by e-transfer to treasurer@allsaintswestboro.com. Please indicate clearly the amount designated for flowers and in whose memory they are given. **Deadline is December 17th.**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

at All Saints' Westboro

Wednesday, December 15th

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist

4:30 pm Blue Christmas Service



Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm Family Eucharist with Children's Participation
(Prior Registration Required for 4:00)

10:00 pm Sung Eucharist with Candles and Carols

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

10:00 am Eucharist with Carols



First Sunday after Christmas, December 26th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist and Church School

Wednesday, December 29th

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Epiphany Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist and Church School

4:30 pm Jazz Vespers



There is no need to preregister for our 8:00 am and 9:30 am Sunday Services. However, you will be asked to show your vaccination certificate or passport (along with proof of identity), provide contact information, wear a mask at all times in the Church, and stay distanced from anyone outside your family group.