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All Saints' Westboro



PEACE

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th, 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: There's a Voice in the Wilderness #106

**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 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 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.**

**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!**

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: 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

(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 of timeless grace,

All: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading is from Malachi (3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Song of Zechariah (Canticle 19)

(tune VU#901)

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.**

**The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring the gift of peace.**

Now from the house of David

**a child of grace has come,
a Saviour who will lead us to our eternal home.**

**Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the messenger of day.**

**On those who live in darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes;
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.**

**Oh bless our God and Saviour
with songs that never cease!**

The Second Reading is from Philippians (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: On Jordans' Bank, the Baptist's Cry #103

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:1-6)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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

All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

Officiant: We believe in Jesus,

All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God

to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

Officiant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

Officiant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.

All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.

Officiant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Prayers of the People

One: As the gospel today asks us to 'prepare the way of the Lord,' may our prayers for ourselves, our neighbours, and our world act as a reminder of all that is good in our lives and of all the work that we still need to accomplish. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: The past weeks have shown that Canada is not immune from the crisis facing our climate. We pray for the people of British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and all other regions of the country facing loss and damages from environmental disasters. Give our leaders courage and conviction to do what is right, for now, and for future generations. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: As the days and nights turn colder, let us not forget the individuals and families without food, shelter, or warm clothing. Grant us the compassion to aid and assist all communities, regardless of their race or creed, so that we can grow a more equitable world. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for leaders from all walks of life. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; and Brian, pastor of First United. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: Comfort the lonely and any who suffer. Remembering especially those who have requested 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); **Nina** (Fowler); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Susan** (Gates); **Tom** (Thorne); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Andrea** (Smith)

One: and for those whose names we speak or hold in our hearts. . . . May they be comforted by your love and compassion. We ask you Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

One: And we pray for those who have died, especially those whom we name silently or aloud. . . , and those who mourn them. May their faith in you console them. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: Gracious God, may your grace and guidance overflow into our lives, into your church, and into the whole world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

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: "Your Kingdom Come"

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**"Your kingdom come"—on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:
the day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed;
when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad—
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.**

Officiant: God our strength,

All: we are nothing without you. Accept our Planned Offering commitments for 2022, and receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name 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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. Jesus healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Officiant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, 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 are invited to 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: Are you ready for the challenge of Advent?

All: We will hear the words of the messenger who calls on us to repent.

Officiant: We will join with Joseph and Mary on a faithful but difficult journey.

All: We will prepare our hearts and minds for God's Chosen One, who is on the way. With you beside us, Loving God, we have nothing to fear.

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 12th, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6 (as a Canticle);
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands

Readers: Katy Burnett and Eleanor Conn

Intercessor: Aaron Leach

Please pray this week for

- Cornerstone/Le Pilier and for their Executive Director Sarah Davis;
- the residents, staff, and Chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre;
- all vocations to the priesthood and religious life;
- those in our pastoral care: Charles and Lil Mackie, Randy Brown, and Viola Martin; and
- various community associations contained within our parish.

Credits:

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

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

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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.

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!

Church School: A Trip to Bethlehem—An Advent Journey Sundays, Today, December 12th, and 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 Village of Peace	a desire for peace
December 12 th	The City of Joy	a gift for the Food Bank
December 19	The Town of Love	a loving heart

Christmas Flowers



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

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Second Sunday of Advent December 5th, 2021

This Week

Today	4:30 pm	Jazz Vespers	Church
Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Corporation Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday	9:30 to 2:30 10:30 am	New-to-You Open Eucharist	Church
Thursday	3:00 to 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Choir Practice Advent Study	Food Bank Room 7/8 Zoom

Jazz Vespers

Today, at 4:30 pm in the Church

The musicians will be Charley Gordon (trumpet), Yves Laroche (piano), and Tom Denison (bass); Dr. Patricia Bays will be offering the reflection. There is no need to preregister, but you will be asked to show your vaccination certificate or passport, provide contact information, wear a mask, and stay distanced from anyone outside your family group.

Upcoming Events

Advent Study with Linda Privitera

Thursdays, December 9th, and 16th, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

The following Zoom coordinates are the same for every evening:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980088746?pwd=MWhucURhZDNJbCt2TUJNeFFOSHZ3Zz09> (Meeting ID: 839 8008 8746; Passcode: 684063)

First in the lecture series for the 125th Anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa: Michelle Good

Monday, December 6th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

The lecture will be hosted on Zoom for those who wish to register and have the opportunity to ask questions: <https://ottawa-anglican-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd-qqqz4vEtdadOK51PGCqFaoI-g3PkDZb> The lecture will also be livestreamed on YouTube for those who just want to watch. Michelle Good's remarks will continue to be available on the YouTube channel afterwards.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ANGDIOOTT>

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021 at All Saints' Westboro

Wednesday, December 8th

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Third Sunday in Advent, December 12th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist



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



Wednesday, December 22nd

10:30 am Mid-week Eucharist

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

