

### Clergy

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## *St. James Anglican Church*

December 12, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup>.. Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

**Processional Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emanuel**

**RB-390**

A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of joy in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle – Joy**

**The Grace**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Collect for Purity**

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**

**The Collect for the Day**

**(Together): God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20**

**Isaiah 12: 2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7**

**Gradual Hymn I Cannot Tell MP-266**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18**

**Mary Did You Know – Keifer/Lewis Family**

**Video – ‘The Littlest Angel’**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

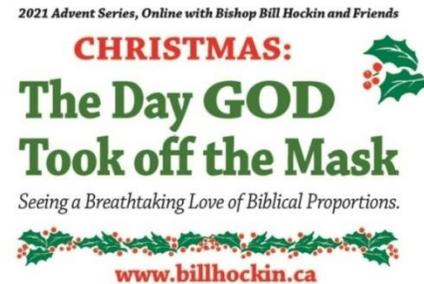
Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, 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.**

## Church News

**Canadian Church Calendars 2022** – in the Vestibule \$5.00 each.

**Toiletry Collection for St George’s Outreach – Thanks so very much...for your generous response providing toiletries for showers offered at St George’s Mon - Fri!**

**Angel Tree** – select an angel or angels to name and place on the tree – This is a way to remember someone dear who has passed away or someone in need of prayer now.



Video recordings of talks are released on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) as follows:

Bishop Bill Hockin – Finding Daffodils in the Desert

Canon Albert Snelgrove

**Monday, December 13, noon:** Dr. Barry Craig

**PWRDF Fundraiser with, St Andrew’s, St Mary’s and St Philip’s**  
**Congratulations!** So far we have raised enough for two hand pump wells in Kenya. \$1200 supplies one well. We will collect until Sunday December 26th. Please place your offering on the plate marked **PWRDF Fundraiser**.

**Communtiy Breakfast – It is getting colder. We need men’s jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, socks for our monthly breakfast at St Georges.** Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Dec 18. Please let Donna know if you would like to volunteer!

**Last Week's Sermon in a nutshell** - John the Baptist has a message of recovery for us this Advent, ...which triggers us out of the pandemic of despair. His three asks are:

**Repent** – come to our senses...change direction.

**Baptism** - Come to the river, wash the sands of narcissism and self importance out of our souls.

**Reinvent Community** – share ourselves in circles of grace...for loneliness feeds our despair.

**Food Bank Sunday** –Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

**Prayer Shawls Available** – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. New supply of wool available in the vestibule for those who would like to knit a shall. Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The Flowers in our Church are given to THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES and are paid for by contributions given to our Altar Guild (receipts issued) by family and friends. The flowers add a very special warmth to our Easter and Christmas celebrations. A sincere 'Thank You' to all who contribute to our Altar Guild Memorial Flower Fund,

If you are not already contributing to our Memorial Flower Fund and would like to remember a loved one in this way, please advise by Dec. 19 and we will add the names you request and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and God Bless.  
Donna Tower, Loretta Laventure

## **Prayers of the People, Advent 3**

Priest: Loving and Gracious God, in Christ you have promised to heal the world: Strengthen our hearts and grant us patience to wait expectantly, that we may rejoice to see your work among us, as we say: They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

**Reader 1:** Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. "Be strong, do not fear!" They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

**Reader 2.** Fountain of Wisdom and Mercy, give vision to our nation and to all in authority throughout the world, that all may share in your work to bring justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

**Reader 3.** Compassionate One, send forth your Spirit into the world, bringing sight to the blind, strength to the lame, cleansing to the unclean, hearing to the deaf, resurrection to the dead, and good news to the poor, that all the earth may obtain joy and gladness. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

**Reader 4.** Loving One, let your waters break forth as streams in the desert in our community; make a safe highway for the return of your people to you with singing and everlasting joy. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

**Reader 5.** Healing One, let sorrow and sighing flee away, as we bring our prayers to you for all who suffer, especially for those on our parish prayer lists (Add prayer List) and for all whom we do not yet know, and are in need. Hear our praise for your care and love; accept our gratitude for

our manifold blessings, especially for the church family gathered here. Raise to your eternal light those who have died, They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

*(Together):* **Everlasting Light, visit us in the darkness of our prisons and comfort us with a vision of your coming kingdom, that we may rejoice with hopeful patience and walk safely upon your Holy Way, in the power of your Spirit given to us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

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

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.**

### Musical Selection

#### Prayer Over the Gifts:

*(Together)* God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Eucharistic Prayer #2**

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,..... / .....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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### The Communion

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Musical Selection:

#### Prayer after Communion:

**((Together): Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever..**

**Amen**

#### Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

**People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### The Blessing

#### Announcements

Dismissal Hymn: Lo, He Comes

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**Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Joan Dennison, Bill, Ann, Gert, Susan Robertson**