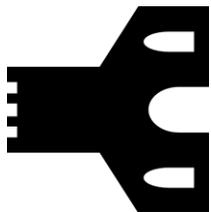


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares...", Isaiah 2:4

The First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019—10:00 a.m.

Welcome.

This church is a place of prayer and encounter with God. The stones of these walls have sheltered people seeking the presence of the Holy One for almost two centuries. This place of worship has been made hallowed by the prayers of generations and you are welcome to join your heart and voice to theirs.

St John's is an inclusive community of faith in the Anglican tradition: we welcome saints and sinners, people of faith and of no faith, people who are sure they know everything and those who are full of questions. All persons may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender identities, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

*Please stand as the hymn begins.
The hymns are found in the blue book Common Praise.*

Hymn 102—Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

Land Acknowledgement

Presider We acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

The Greeting

Presider 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Children are invited to gather around the Advent Wreath.
As the candles are lit, the congregation sings:*

Hope is a can-dle on our jour - ney. Hope is the
trav-el and the end. All thro' the fros-ty fields of win -
ter, this danc - ing flame of Hope we'll tend.

Collect of the Day

Please sit at the conclusion of the prayer.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*The readings can be found in the Bibles on the book racks at either entrance.
The page numbers are in brackets and indicate Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT).*

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT 631)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

122

The choir sings the verses. The congregation joins in the refrain (R).



I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord. **R**

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. **R**

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good." **R**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14 (NT 162)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the music begins.

Hymn 599—Awake! Awake! Fling off the Night

Church Triumphant

Alleluia

Hymn 715



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*A procession brings the Gospel Book into the midst of the congregation and we turn towards it.
This symbolises the presence among God's people of the living Word in the person of Jesus Christ.*

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-43 (NT 27)

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Congregation sits for the sermon. A silence for reflection follows the sermon. If you missed part of the sermon or would like to listen to it again, it will be posted on our website in the Worship section.

Please stand when the Presider stands.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The Prayers of the People are offered by members of the congregation.
They reflect the needs and concerns of the local church and community,
and of people in various kinds of need, sickness, or adversity throughout the world.*

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence

All Most merciful God,
**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.**

The Presider pronounces the absolution of sin, to which all answer, "Amen."

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged with a handshake or similar greeting with those immediately around us as a symbol of our reconciliation with our neighbour before approaching the altar. It is not necessary to move from one's place.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God's love for the world. The offering plate is passed for the money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives. Money may be offered as cash or cheque—if placed in an envelope (visitors' envelopes are in the pews), tax receipts are issued for donations of twenty dollars or more.

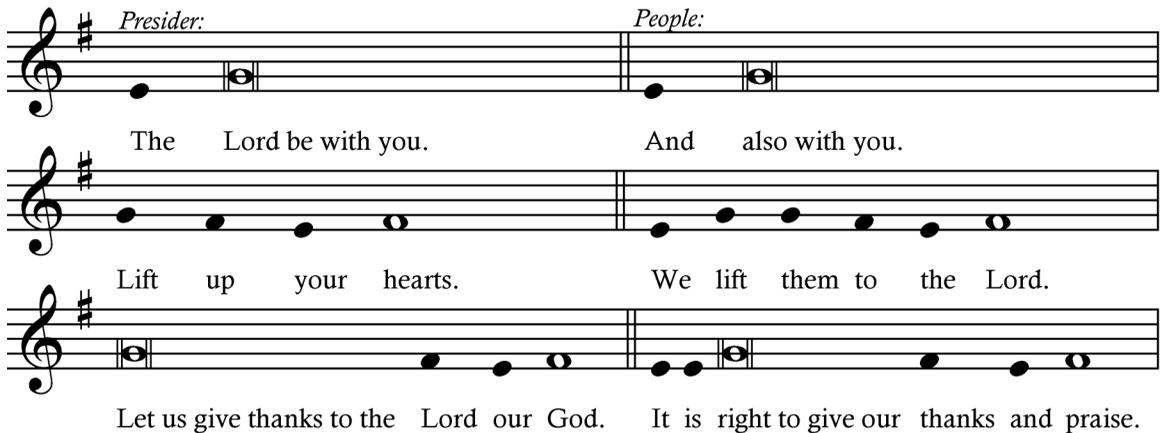
Offertory Hymn 114—Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Scottish Prayer II



Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker...
...singing the hymn of your unending glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Glory and thanksgiving be to you...
 ...all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your

name, your king-dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For-

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial and de - liv-er us from

e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider 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.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a
 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
 is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
 Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who
 days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in comm - un - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Communion

Jesus is the Host who invites us to share his Table. All those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to receive Communion in both bread and wine. Please come forward to receive Communion as invited by the Sidespeople. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

*Communion may be received at either the Nave Altar by standing around the lowest level of the chancel steps or in the Chapel by kneeling at the rail. If you are unable to come to receive Communion, please indicate so to a Sidesperson, who will direct the Communion minister to come to you. If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the Communion minister. Please do not dip the bread into the wine.
After making your Communion, please return to your seat to pray in silence.*

Hymn: 110—"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Wachet Auf

Anthem

"Awake! Sing Gloria", from *Canticle of Joy*, by Joseph M. Martin

Sleepers awake! Sing Gloria! Sing to the Lord with joyful noise! Sing to the Lord! Lift high your voice! Gloria Deo!

Come see the King, see the King of glory. Come see the One who is born to save us all. Come see the King, see the King of glory! Sing to the Lord! Gloria Deo!

Sing we all noel! Praise him! Lord!

Sleepers awake! Sing Gloria! Come and adore the newborn King! Gloria Deo!

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

*Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements.
Having been fed with the spiritual food of our Lord,
we now prepare to be sent into the world to share the light and life of God.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of love and mercy,

All **in gratitude, in deep gratitude,
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much of us, expect much of us, encourage many through us.

So, God of love, may we live to your glory,

both as inhabitants of earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Julie Deck
Chimes	John Earnshaw
Sacrist	Caelan McMurray
Crucifer	Cathy Brunger
Server	Zach Deck
Readers	Kathy Werling and Cathy Brunger
Intercessor	Brenda McMurray
Nave Chalice	AJ Trossman and George Hamilton
Chapel Chalice	Gerri Currier and Sarah Jenkins
Elements and Offering	Juliet and Christopher McDonald
Offering	Carol Koeslag and George Hamilton
Greeters	Carol Koeslag
Sidespeople	Team 5, captain George Hamilton
Chancel Guild	Gerri Currier, Esther Dore and Linda Mercer
Coffee Hour	Esther Dore, Lisa Noble and Sidney Turner

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Shirley McGill and Thelma Yarn
from Betty and Bob Hinton**

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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth. They are welcome to remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. An activity centre is provided in the Chapel for those who wish to use it. For children who are not yet of school age, there is a professional child care provider staffing the Nursery September to June. When the child care provider is not present, parents and children are welcome to use the Nursery. For school age children, we offer a weekly Sunday School from September to June where kids hear the same Bible readings as in the worship service and engage in activities that are designed to teach the faith.

On Posture in Worship

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

Visitor's Cards

Please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the pocket at the aisle end of your pew. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Assistive Hearing Devices

If you are hard of hearing, headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to assist you in finding and operating a headset.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance. There are three accessible parking spots in the upper lot off Brock St. The church is level with the Brock St entrance and all other levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Fully accessible washrooms are located down the hall to the right as you enter the lobby from Brock St. A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

Fragrances

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.