



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**

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*(Please join in the congregational parts of the service, which are shown in **bold print**.)*

Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe; **Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison; **Ministrants:** Hilliard Goldfarb, Ron O'Connell; **Server:** Patrick Burrowes; **Torches:** Karl Borntraeger, Hernan Torres; **Readers:** Rod de Courcy-Ireland, Ariana Winn; The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison; **Intercessor:** Sylvia White; **Greeters:** Malcolm McLeod, Carole Gabellini, Tom Burpee; **Altar Guild:** Cydette Daley; **Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Elodie Lambert; **Music Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier

Prelude: Noel: Joseph est bien marié

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

Processional Hymn: #103 – “ON JORDAN’S BANK...”

Please stand & sing



1. On Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry an-
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose



- noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
straight the way for God with - in. Pre - pare we in our
ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
bid the fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
hearts a home, where such a might-y guest may come.
waste a - way, like flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.
light re-store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

TEXT: Charles Coffin
(1676-1749); tr. John
Chandler (1806-1876).
MUSIC: Winchester New;
Melody Musicalisches
Hand-Buch, Hamburg.

Children's Focus & Advent Candle-Lighting

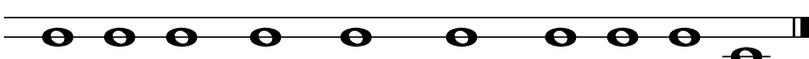
Please be seated

Priest:



Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Al - le - lu - ia!

People:



A light no darkness can extinguish. Al - le - lu - ia!

Priest: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Those who follow him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of joy.

People: **May God's joy be in the world and in our lives. Amen.**

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

Please stand

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments 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: The word of the Lord.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Song of Thanksgiving: #361 – “SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME” *Please stand & sing*

1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2. Make God's deeds known to the peo - ples: tell out his ex - alt - ed name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro -

near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's heal - ing spring;
- claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,

in the day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer-cies sing.
in your ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Song of Thanksgiving (Is.12.2-6); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Ecce, Deus; Alfred V. Fedak (1953-); © 1990 Selah Publishing Co.

New Testament Reading

Please be seated

Reader: Une lecture tirée de la lettre de saint Paul Apôtre aux Philippiens.

Soyez toujours dans la joie du Seigneur ; je le redis : soyez dans la joie. Que votre bienveillance soit connue de tous les hommes. Le Seigneur est proche. Ne soyez inquiets de rien, mais, en toute circonstance, priez et suppliez, tout en rendant grâce, pour faire connaître à Dieu vos demandes. Et la paix de Dieu, qui dépasse tout ce qu'on peut concevoir, gardera vos cœurs et vos pensées dans le Christ Jésus.

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: Parole du Seigneur.

Philippians 4.4-7

***People:* Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #102 – “PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION”

Please stand & sing

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel, the remaining verse, after.



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi-on, your Christ is draw-ing near!
2. He brings God's rule, O Zi-on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi-on; your Sav - iour's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet one who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred stor - y.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.
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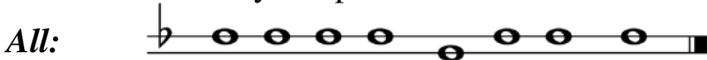
TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-). © 1982 Charles P. Price
 MUSIC: Bereden vag for Herran; Melody Then Svenska Psalmboken.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus 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 ax 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 him, “What then should we do?” In reply he 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 him, “Teacher, what

should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He 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, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.7-18

All: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Apostles' Creed

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say

Please stand

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us pray now to the living God, who always keeps his promises.

Prayers for the church are offered

Loving Father, keep the church faithful in telling the good news, comforting the desolate, actively loving justice and drawing many to freedom through the joy of your forgiveness. While we await your coming again:

All: **Keep us faithful to your calling.**

Leader: Let us pray for the world, that all may rejoice in God's presence.

Prayers for the world are offered

We pray that there may be integrity in leadership; mercy and justice for rich and poor, strong and weak; and may there be peace among nations and respect for all. While we await your coming again:

All: Keep us faithful to your calling.

Leader: Let us pray for the sick and the suffering, the cold and hungry, the lonely and lost.

The names of the sick and suffering are offered

I invite your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you

May all who are imprisoned by physical or emotional pain, all who are weighed down with worry, guilt, or despair be freed of all that separates them from healing. While we await your coming again:

All: Keep us faithful to your calling.

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, and have entered into the presence of God.

The names of those who have died are offered

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Give to those who mourn a holy and certain hope that they will be met in paradise. While we await your coming again:

All: Keep us faithful to your calling.

Leader: As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, the promises honoured, and the victory over evil gloriously accomplished. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

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

People: And also with you.

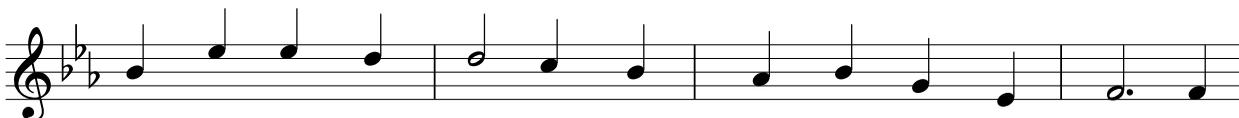
Ministrant: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Luke 3.4)

Offertory Hymn: #434 – “THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US”

All sing



1. The love of Je-sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing; our
 2. The love of Je-sus calls us, that we may al - ways be com-
 3. The love of Je-sus calls us to go where he would go, to
 4. The love of Je-sus calls us in swift - ly chang - ing days, to



deep - ly felt thanks - giv - ings we now to - geth - er bring, for
 - pan - ions on a jour - ney, where all the world may see that
 chal - lenge all that lim - its, to change, to learn, to grow, to
 be God's co - cre - a - tors in new and won - drous ways; that

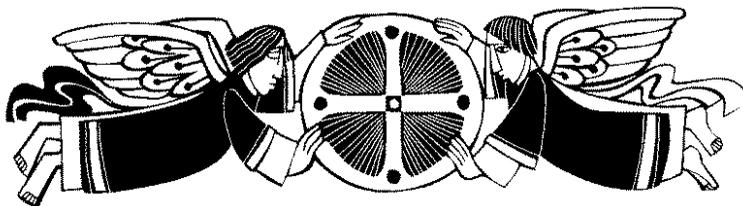


all God's ma - ny bless - ings, un - asked yet still re - ceived, and
 ser - ving Christ is free - dom which time does not des - troy; where
 know that Christ has freed us, that pris - ons are no more; for
 God with men and wo - men may so trans - form the earth, that



for the gen - er - a - tions who faith - ful - ly be - lieved.
 Christ's com - mand is du - ty, and ev - ery du - ty joy.
 those who seek his king - dom, Christ o - pens ev - ery door.
 love and peace and jus - tice may give God's king - dom birth.

TEXT: Herbert
 O'Driscoll (1928 -). ©
 MUSIC: Aurelia;
 Samuel Sebastian
 Wesley (1810-1876).



Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-



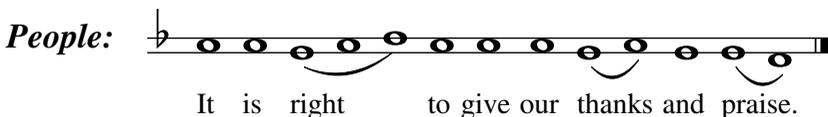
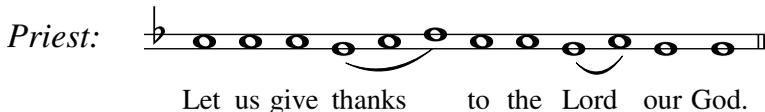
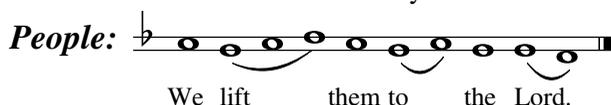
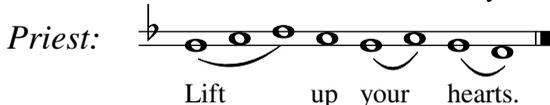
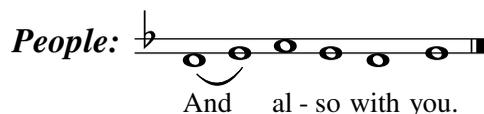
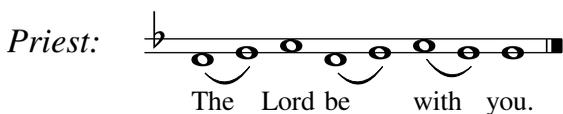
- low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1710). MUSIC: Old 100th; Melody Geneva, 1551.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.



Priest: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. 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 and Miriam 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne. Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: 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!**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei - Communion Service in F major – Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Sung by the Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Grant us thy peace.

The Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Should you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms on your chest.

Tous les chrétiens sont invités à communier. Si vous préférez recevoir seulement la bénédiction du Seigneur, veuillez croiser vos bras sur votre poitrine.

If it is physically difficult for you to go up to the altar rail to receive Communion, please tell a Greeter who will ask the Celebrant to bring communion to you in your seat.

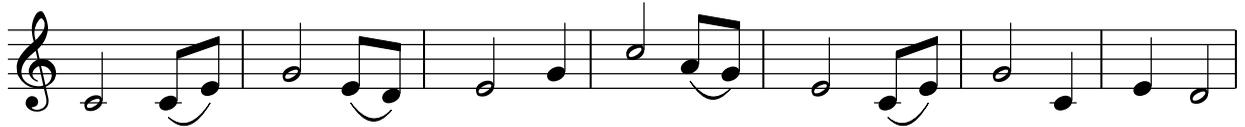
Si vous avez du mal à vous déplacer jusqu'à l'autel pour recevoir la Communion, veuillez en aviser l'accueil qui demandera au Célébrant de vous apporter la Communion à votre siège.

Communion Hymn: #583 – “WHEN GOD RESTORED OUR COMMON LIFE”

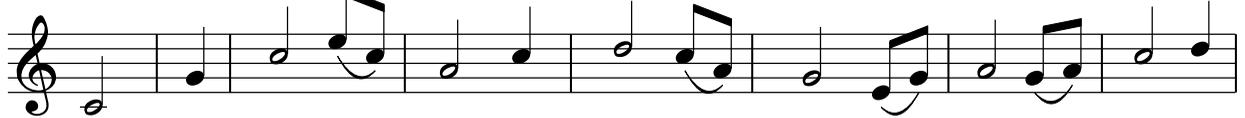
All sing



1. When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
 2. We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
 3. Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



- ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a wak - ing fan - ta -
 soil. With laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the fruit of all our
 - pressed. May those who long for what is right with jus - tice now be



- sy. A shock of joy swept o - ver us, for we had wept so
 toil. We praise the one who gave the growth, with voic - es full and
 blessed. We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suf - fer



long; the seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 strong. The seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 wrong; may seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

TEXT: The Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles W. Humphreys (1840-1921). MUSIC: Ach Gott Und Herr; Melody Neu-Leipziger Gesangbuch, 1682.

Anthem: “ONCE, AS I REMEMBER” - Charles Wood (1886-1926)

Sung by the choir

Once, as I remember, at the time of Yule, after mid-December, when it bloweth cool, I o'erheard a mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Near as man was able, on my knee fell I, in the Bethlem stable where the babe did lie, And the virgin-mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Ox and ass around him, courtier-like, did stand: fair white linen bound him, spun by Mary's hand. While the virgin-mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Ever among and o'er us angel-quire gan sing antiphons in chorus to the new-born King. Then the Virgin-mother fell a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Prayer after Communion

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: 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.**

The Blessing & Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #106 – “THERE’S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS” *Please stand & sing*



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-
2. O Zi-on, give voice to good tid-ings, as-cend to the heights and
3. But your word, O God, is faith-ful, your arm, O Lord, is
4. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-



- trod: pre-pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our God! The
sing! Pro-claim to a des-o-late peo-ple the com-ing of their King. The
strong; you stand in the midst of na-tions, and you will right the wrong. You(will)
- trod: pre-pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our God! The



val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the lof-ty hills brought low; make
works of pride all per-ish, like flowers they shall de-cay; the
feed your flock like(a) shep-herd, and fold the lambs to(your) breast; in
val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the lof-ty hills brought low; make



straight all the crook-ed plac-es where the Lord our God may go!
power and pomp of na-tions shall pass like(a) dream a-way.
pas-tures of peace you'll lead them, and give to(the) wea-ry rest.
straight all the crook-ed plac-es where the Lord our God may go!

TEXT: Is.40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961).
MUSIC: Ascension; Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988);
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Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in joy and serve in the kingdom of God. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Choir: Amen.

Postlude: Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her (BWV 700)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Our Mission Statement:

"To know Christ and to make Him known" "Connaître le Christ et le faire connaître"

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our services today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to make yourself known to one of our Greeters or Clergy.

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux visiteurs et aux nouveaux venus à nos services d'aujourd'hui et nous vous invitons à vous faire connaître auprès d'une des personnes à l'accueil ou auprès d'un membre du clergé.

*The Flowers on the altar today are given to the greater glory of God
by Faye Le Page in loving memory of the late Joy Le Page.*

TODAY

Following the 10:30 a.m. service ... We invite everyone to join us for refreshments

THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Community Lunch
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Holy Communion (Chancel)
Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Boutique St. Georges (Lower Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 23, 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a / Hebrews 10.5-10 / Luke 1.39-45

- 9:00 a.m.** **Holy Communion** (Chapel)
Preacher: The Rev. Deborah Noonan
- 10:30 a.m.** **Choral Eucharist**
Preacher: The Rev. Deborah Noonan

NOTICES



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you wish to donate to the Flower Fund to decorate the Church, please place your envelope in the offering plate marked "Flower Fund".

2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES: Your 2019 church envelopes are ready for pick up in the Parish Hall following the service today. If you do not have envelopes and would like a set, please contact the Church office.

END OF YEAR REMINDER: In order to receive Income Tax credit for contributions to the church, **all** donations must be received no later than **December 31, 2018.**

CHRISTMAS AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, December 23 – Advent 4

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Sermon: The Rev. Deborah Noonan
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
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Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 10:30 p.m.** Procession and Choral Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. Deborah Noonan

Sunday, December 30 – Christmas 1

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Sermon: The Rev. Wendy Telfer
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptism
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