



**THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST**

**SUNDAY, December 12, 2021
AT 10:30 AM**

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WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH



Our Motto

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



Our Mission Statement:

To actively witness to the faith that is given to each of us as we open our hearts and minds to God, and to share this wholeheartedly with those who live, work and study in downtown Montreal through the transforming love of Jesus and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

INSTRUCTIONS ON WORSHIPING DURING COVID-19

We are trying to keep everyone safe while we come together for our service. We ask that you follow the guidelines that have been set out by the government and by the Diocese of Montreal.

- Please sit in an open pew and maintain a 2 m distance from fellow worshipers who are not in your bubble. You may speak with fellow worshippers from your seat but please do not visit others in their pews.
- **Please wear your mask at all times while in the church.** It must cover your nose and mouth. We are no longer permitted to remove our masks during the sermon. The preacher and the choir are able to remove their masks while preaching and signing as they are more than 2 meters from the congregation.
- The priest will bring communion to you in your pew. Please stand if you would like to receive. Because of the restrictions, only the bread is being served, but be assured you receive the full benefits of communion
- Washrooms are available. There are spray bottles and paper towels to sanitize after use.
- Please either take your bulletin with you or place it in the recycling bin on your way out. Please do not leave them in your pew.
- After the service, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall by the hospitality team. We may remove masks to have refreshments, while maintaining 2 m distancing.

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

Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Noonan; **Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Deacon Maylanne Maybee; **Server:** Patrick Burrowes; **Readers:** Carol Lord; **Intercessor:** Leonora Dowker; **Greeters:** Tom Burpee; Carole Gabellini; **Altar Guild:** Marlene O'Connell; **Hospitality:** Patricia Bryan; **Music Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier **Sunday School:** Ariana Winn

Prelude: Trio - Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland (BWV 660)
(Come now, Saviour of the Gentiles)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Advent Candle-Lighting & Children's Focus

Please be seated

Voice 1: This is our Advent Wreath.

Voice 2: Why is it round?

Voice 1: Its roundness reminds us of God's love that goes on forever.

Voice 2: Why is it green?

Voice 1: The evergreen leaves remind us that new life will come.

Voice 2: Why do we have candles?

Voice 1: The candles remind us of Christ's light coming into the world.

Priest: Today we light three candles.

We name this candle Hope.

We name this candle Peace.

We name this candle Joy.

Priest: O God, as light comes from these candles, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

All: We look forward to Jesus coming.

The children are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School in the Parish Hall.

✠ **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.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God for whom we watch and wait, 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.

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

Canticle 3 – Song of Thanksgiving (Said in Unison) *Book of Alternative Services Page 76*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, *

and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

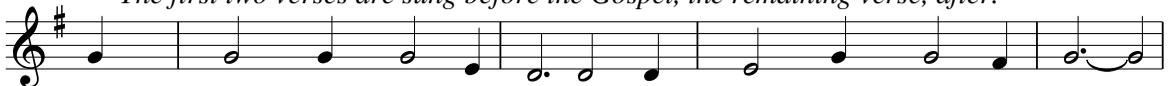
People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

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.

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: God of hope, you raised up John the baptizer as a prophet who calls us to conversion. As we joyfully await the glorious coming of Christ, we pray to you for the needs of the church and the world.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place...

Prayers for the church are offered

Make your Church expectant with your promise.

All: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth...

Prayers for the world are offered

Transform us with the generosity of your grace.

All: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Leader: We pray for safety from climate disasters, for good weather, and peaceful times in our nations, cities, and communities.

Leader: Refresh the face of the earth and sustain us with your abundant grace.

All: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Leader: We pray for travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison...

The names of the sick and suffering are offered

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

Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you

Leader: Be with all who cry out in distress and fill them with your healing Spirit.

All: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Leader; We pray for the dying and the dead and for all whom we remember in love.

We pray for those who have died.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Bring us to share in the joy of your eternity

All: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Leader: Joining our voices with Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, George our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All: To you, O Lord.

Priest: God of joy and exultation, you strengthen what is weak; you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Please stand in your pew and verbally share the peace with those around you.

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

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. (*Isiah 61.1*)

Offertory Anthem:

ANTHEM: Conditor alme siderum – G. P. da Palestrina (1834-1915)

(Sung by the Choir)

*Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, thou saviour of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.
To thee the travail deep was known that made the whole creation groan till thou,
Redeemer, shouldst free thine own in glorious liberty.
When the old world drew on toward night, thou camest, not in splendour bright,
as monarch, but the humble child of Mary, blameless mother mild.
At thy great name, O Jesu, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.
O Thou whose coming is with dread to judge and doom the quick and dead,
preserve us, while we dwell below, from every insult of the foe. Amen*

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.

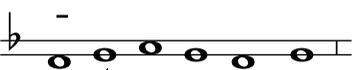
✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

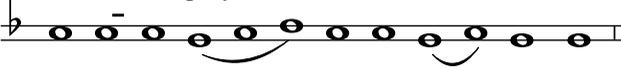
All: **Amen.**

Priest:  The Lord be with you.

People:  And also with you.

Priest:  Lift up your hearts.

People:  We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Priest: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus - *New Plainsong, David Hurd (1950-)*

All sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

Please be seated

Priest: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for

you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, “Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said “Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All sing



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain.

MUSIC: The Sunday Eucharist; arr. Martin How (1931-); arr. © G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Priest: Breathe your Holy Spirit the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our soul and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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 - - *New Plainsong, David Hurd (1950-)*

All sing



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please remain in your seat and stand when the priest approaches.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Please wait to remove your mask until the priest has moved to the next person.

Gluten free wafers are available.

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.

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

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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.

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
12:45 p.m.

Mid-week Prayer Service on Zoom
Bible Study on Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 19, 2021

ADVENT 3

Micah 5.2-5a / Hebrews 10.5-10 / Luke 1.39-55

9:00 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Chapel)
Preacher: The Rev. Susan Searle

10:30 a.m. **Family Service and Pageant**

NOTICES

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS: "Living Well Through Advent", a daily guide for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Advent Season is available on the resource table. You can also sign up to receive the reflections by email at livingcompass.org/advent.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you wish to donate to the Flower Fund to decorate the Church at Christmas, please mark your envelope or check "Flower Fund".

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, 2021**.

ENVELOPES: If you would like weekly giving envelopes for 2022, please contact the church office.

We also need a few volunteers on Wednesday December 22nd between 12-2:00pm to help distribute the lunch and gifts outside the Parish Hall. Please contact office@st-georges.org if you can volunteer.

UP COMING EVENTS

Christmas lunch for our homeless friends #GeorgesAide

Every week Chef Kosala prepares some 300 meals a week for the Mile End Mission food bank and Nourrir la Rue in Park Ex with his team of dedicated volunteers. Not forgetting those in need in our neighbourhood, he distributes warm meals from the Stanley St door on Wednesdays and Fridays. Chef Kosala is planning a delicious “Take away” Christmas lunch for our regular guests on Wednesday December 22nd. As has been our custom, would like to offer a gift bag of seasonal warmth with each meal. Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, mouthwash and lip balm will be purchased in bulk to this end. It is our hope to prepare 60 bags, any excess items would be given out during the winter months as needed. Our beloved St. George’s community has always risen to the challenge in helping those less fortunate. Please consider making a financial donation towards this initiative before Monday Dec 13th. This can easily be done through the office, marking to the attention of “Christmas lunch”. These bags always bring a smile to the face of the recipient, thank you for helping to make their Christmas a little merrier.

Ways to Give to St. George’s

- ❖ Interac transfer to: accounting@st-georges.org
- ❖ Contact the office to initiate or change your PAR giving
- ❖ Mail in Cheque to St. George’s Church, 1101 Stanley St., Montreal, QC, H3B 2B6
- ❖ Credit Card or Paypal through Canada Helps
See the “Donate button” on our website
<http://www.st-georges.org>

Thank You!

St. George's Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 19 - Advent 4

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Family Service and Children's Pageant

Friday December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 26– Christmas 1

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 2, - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist