

Welcome to St. George's

The Third Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others.

Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:

Prayers-Susan

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AN ONLINE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

Sunday December 13, 2020
10:30am

Den die Hirten lobten sehre
Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)
(Shepherd's came, their praises
bringing)

Played by *Alexander Eadon*





ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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 Love.

We name this candle Joy.

The candles are lit

Let us pray

O God, as light comes from this candle, 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 in this dark time, as we wait for his coming.

All: We look forward to Jesus coming.



Opening Responsories

Officiant: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. (Isaiah 61:1)*

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips
People: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: Visit us with your salvation
People: **and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.**

People: **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.

Collect for purity:

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.**

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn 365

Tell out my soul





The Readings

Psalm 126

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1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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

New Testament Reading

(Read in French)

Reader: **A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the
Thessalonians**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

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

A moment of silence is observed.

HYMN 108

Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding



A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 1.6-8, 19-28)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him,

“Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily: Ben Stuchbery



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant: I believe in God,

People: 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.

HYMN 98
Hark the Glad Sound!
The Saviour Comes





The Prayers of the People

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

Prayers for the church are offered.

Leader: Loving Father, keep the church faithful in its proclaiming the good news to the poor, comforting the desolate, loving justice and proclaiming the freedom offered by God's forgiveness.

Lord, we await your coming:

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

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

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader: 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.

Lord, we await your coming:

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

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

We pray for those who have asked us for our prayers

*During the silence, please add your requests aloud,
or in the silence of your own hearts.*

Leader: 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 your love.

Lord, 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,
and fill us with your unending joy
as we prepare for the gift of your Son.

All: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say

People: **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.**



Blessing

Officiant : Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Officiant : May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant : and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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



POSTLUDE:

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

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

From heaven above to earth I come

Played by *Helmut Walcha*

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
(office@st-georges.org) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Bible study on same link immediately follows.

*Mid-week Worship and Bible Study take a break on
December 23 and December 30*

- Advent Wednesday Evening Messiah Education event: Last evening this week
- A very limited quantity of 2021 Church Calendars are available for purchase (\$7.00 each). Please contact the office.
- Next Sunday : Fourth Sunday of Advent & Pageant on-line service.

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