

Welcome to St. George's

The First 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-Gloria

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

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.



Advent

Light a candle in the darkness



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER
Sunday November 29, 2020
10:30am

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland
(BuxWV 211)
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1737)
(Come now, Saviour of the Gentiles)
Played by René Saorgin





BLESSING OUR ADVENT WREATH

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

Priest: God of light and love, we ask you to bless our wreaths this morning, that they may be for us signs of the hope and peace you intend for us and for your world. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we wait in hope for the birth of the promised Christ-child.



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 one candle. We name this candle Hope.

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: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (*Luke 21.28*)

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 First Sunday of Advent

Officiant: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
Through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn 88

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus





The Readings

Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18

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1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people!

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

A moment of silence is observed

HYMN 114

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 13.24-37)

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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: The Rev. Dr. Deacon Maylanne Maybee



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 89

O Come, O Come Emmanuel





The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to Almighty God, Lord of all time and space. We pray for the church and its witness to God's kingdom.

Prayers for the church are offered.

Leader: As we prepare ourselves for the time when Christ comes again in his glory, we pray that the church and all its members can become witnesses to God's hope for all who live in darkness.

O come.

***All:* Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for all the nations of this world and for all who have been entrusted to govern.

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader: May the leaders of this nation and of all the nations of this world learn God's way of justice and work towards the peace that justice will bring. Help us to hold tight to what is right and honest and good.

O come:

***All:* Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering, the broken and bent, 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 those for whom the days and nights bring loneliness and pain be given comfort and hope, and may those who are frightened or anxious discover the grace of your peace.

O Come.

***All:* Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for those whom God has welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

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 strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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

Priest: May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

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

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



POSTLUDE:

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Sleepers Wake! The Watchman calls)

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
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- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Advent (Dec 2) Wednesday Evening Messiah Education event
- A limited quantity of 2021 Church Calendars are available for purchase (\$7.00 each). Please contact the office.
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- Next Sunday : Lessons and Carols

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