

Welcome to St. George's

The Second Sunday of Advent. Lessons and Carols
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-Maylanne

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

A prelude will begin
the service at 10:30.





THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT :
LESSONS AND CAROLS

AN ONLINE SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER

Sunday December 6, 2020
10:30am

Prelude

Noël huron (No. 1 of Deux Noël's)
Denis Bédard (1950-)

Played by *Benjamin Cornelius-Bates*





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 two candles. We name our second candle love.

The candles are lit

Let us pray

O God, as light comes from this candle, may its light warm our hearts and remind us of the love that comes our way this advent. Help us Jesus to share that love with others, especially those in need, that they too may be brought into the circle of care and concern of our God. Help us to love our brothers and sisters as we wait for his coming.

All: We look forward to Jesus coming.



The Bidding Prayer

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
in these days of shadow and of hope
let it be our duty and delight to listen to the story of our faith,
and hear again the prophets' words of blessing and doom.
And, as we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby,
let us remember that he also comes to judge the just and the unjust,
and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

And as we hear the reading of God's holy word,
let us reflect on the time of our rebellion
and respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord
as we await with eagerness the creation of the new heaven
and the new earth.

Intercessions

But first, let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

We pray for the sick, and 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.

Gracious God, send your healing Son to us:

All: That he may dwell in us forevermore

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever,
let us pray for the rulers of the nations,
for peace and justice on earth,
and for the unity and mission of the Church,
that we may be a sign of the age to come.

Prayers for the church and the world are offered.

Gracious God, send your reconciling Son to us:

All: That he may dwell in us forevermore

Let us pray for those who have died, and have entered into eternity with the Father.

The names of those who have died are offered

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them

And now, with longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace, let us hear again the story of Christ's coming, and join with Mary and Joseph, and all our forebears in faith, in offering our worship.

Hymn 96

Creator of the Stars of Light





The First Reading (read by a chorister)

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 3:1-19) *Adam and Eve rebel against God*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'



Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

Creating God,
you call us to live in harmony
with nature, one another, and with you.
Now fix our eyes upon the one
in whom your purpose for the world has been revealed,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

The Second Reading (read by a chorister)

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1-9)

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

God our salvation,
who by water and the Holy Spirit
delivered us from sin
and raised us to the new life of grace,
give us an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THERE IS NO ROSE OF SUCH VIRTUE

John Joubert (1927-2019)

The Third reading (read by the Organist)

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

God of hope,
look upon those who live with despair as their companion. Give them
signs of your healing presence
and of your eternal purpose of salvation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ALL BELLS IN PARADISE

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn 100

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



The Fourth Reading (read by the Honorary Assistant)

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,
that we who have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ,
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,
may by his cross and passion
be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANGELUS AD VIRGINEM

arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)

The fifth reading (read by the Director of Music)

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 1:18-23)

The angel of the Lord appears before Joseph

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

Gracious God,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
Fill us with your grace,
that like the Holy Family,
we may be open to the prodding of your Spirit,
and obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Sixth Reading (read by the Rector)

A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 1.1-14)

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us...*(a moment of silence is observed)*...and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Collect

Let us pray

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving,
we give thanks that we have seen you
in the selfless love of Jesus Christ.
Now reign within our minds and hearts,
and mobilize our wills,
that by your power and through our hands
this world may be re-made
to be the garden and the city of your glory.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Prayer and Blessing - **Prayers for the end of a Carol Service**

O Almighty God, we beseech you, give us grace to receive your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and to believe in his name, whose birth we have this day celebrated in sacred song; and grant that abiding steadfast in your faith, we may evermore rejoice in your salvation; through the merits of the same your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

***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!**

Hymn 138
Hark the Herald Angels Sing





POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' (BWV 715) - J. S. Bach
(All glory be to God on high / Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux)

played by *Armin Schoof*

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- ❖ Interac transfer to: accounting@st-georges.org
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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.
- Advent Wednesday Evening Messiah Education event
- A limited quantity of 2021 Church Calendars are available for purchase (\$7.00 each). Please contact the office.

Next Sunday : Third Sunday of Advent – Zoom and In person service.

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