The Parish Church of St. Luke
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA - DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
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Advent I

Hope

Our Mission Statement:

We seek spiritual growth by living the message of Jesus Christ. We serve our diverse church family and the broader community through worship, fellowship, mission and outreach.

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WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS and we invite you to participate fully in our worship this morning.

In the Narthex, we have **FM Assistive Listening Devices**. Please speak with the Verger if you would like to use one. Please return them to the Verger following the

We invite you to keep a time of silence in preparation for worship

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
****my parents Robert & Christine Bates and my brothers George & Robert Bates; given by Joan Williams & family

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10:00 am PROCESSION WITH CAROLS

Please be seated for the readings and stand for the hymns.

Prelude: Sleepers, wake– Bach

**SUNG ADVENT INTRODUCTORY RESPONSES** (West Door)

*please stand*

Cantor: I look from afar:  
People: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Cantor: Go ye out to meet him and say:  
People: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
Cantor: High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
People: Go ye out to meet him and say:

Cantor: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
People: Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Cantor: Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
People: To reign over thy people Israel.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
People: I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Advent Thanksgiving
Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness. In this holy season, when the sun’s light is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendour of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the outpouring of his Spirit, you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise. For to you all honour and blessing are due, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: The Advent Of Our King

1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome
sing in strains of holy joy.

2. The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on
to set his servants free.

3. Daughter of Zion, rise
to meet thy lowly King,
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring

4. As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

5. Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone;
the old man all be put away,
the new man all put on.

6. All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.
Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Lighting of the Candle

First Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Hope (lit by the Walker-Edwards family)

Adult: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(The first candle is lit)

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Child: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—for the light of God’s love is discernible everywhere.

All: We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

Adult: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
    We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
    We will go forth from this place in hope.

Bidding Prayer

Collect: 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. Amen
Introit (choir): Now is born Emmanuel - trad.
1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 (Old Testament pg. 2)
Collect
Hymn: 88 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
2nd Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Old Testament pg. 735)
Collect
Hymn: 116 - Your Kingdom Come, On Bended Knee

3rd Reading: Micah 6: 6-8 (Old Testament pg. 866)
Collect
Hymn: 120 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

4th Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25 (Old Testament pg. 696)
Collect
Hymn: 89 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Collect
Hymn: 269 - Heavenly Message

Sermon: Rev. Jim Glass

Advent Litany (Sung):
Leader: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!
Leader: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.
People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Peace *(Please Stand)*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements
Offertory Hymn: 98 - Hark, the Glad Sound (tune:306)

Prayer over the Gifts
God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
ALL: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, The God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretch out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for
you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”  
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church now and for ever.

ALL:  
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

All  
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.
Silence

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant  Behold what you are.
People  May we become what we receive.
Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the people of God.
People  Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament or a blessing. If you wish to receive the sacrament, you may receive the bread alone or the bread with wine from the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread into the cup.) Gluten-free bread is available – request it when you come to receive.

Communion Hymns:  97, 101, 109 (please join in singing these hymns)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand if you are able.)

Celebrant  Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.
People  Amen.

Closing Responsory for Advent

Leader:  My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.
People:  My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.
Leader:  Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
People:  In his word is my hope.
Leader:  There is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.
People:  In his word is my hope.
Leader:  My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.
People:  In his word is my hope.
Leader:  O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.
People:  In his word is my hope.
Leader:  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People:  My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn:  91 - People, Look East

Postlude:  This day, that is so joyful - Bach
Each Sunday, immediately following the postlude at the 10 am service, we offer the laying on of hands with anointing for healing – at the front pew near the piano. All are welcome. At this time you may request prayer for healing for yourself or for someone you know.

Thank you for being with us at our worship this morning.

We hope you can join us for coffee/tea and a time of fellowship in the Great Hall following the service. Follow the walkway through the churchyard to the Parish Hall.

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**AFTERNOON COMMUNION today** at 1pm in the Parlour.

Every Wednesday:  
10am - Holy Communion  
2pm - Contemplative Prayer

December 8:  **Advent II**  
8:15am - Holy Communion  
10am - Holy Eucharist  
7:30pm - Blue Christmas

December 15  **Advent III**  
8:15am - Holy Communion  
10am - Holy Eucharist

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**Readings for Next Sunday:**  
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13;  
Matthew 3: 1-12

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ST. MATTHEW’S HOUSE FAMILIES**

Again this year we are sponsoring 4 families from St. Matthew’s House, and teenage boys and girls. Please sign up this Sunday after the 10am service or call me at home. You can sign up for toys, clothes or gift certificates. All items should be returned on Sunday December 16th.

Thanking you in anticipation, Veronica Richards-Miller 905 637-6341 richmill@cogeco.ca
MUSIC AT ST. LUKE’S
Music at St. Luke’s invites you to the second of our 4 concerts - “High Strung” featuring Colin Maier and Brock Burford, a high-energy, fun-generating duo who present a huge variety of singalong harmonies, folk songs, bluegrass toe-tappers and classical music on December 7. Tickets are $40 which includes a delicious dinner. Available at coffee hour or 905-632-2918 or hlennard@cogeco.ca

Honduran Service Team’s Gingerbread, Bark & Marilyn’s Cards make a Difference
For the 12th straight year, members of our service team to El Hogar are making delicious gingerbread replicas of St. Luke’s to raise the project fee for the trip in March 2020 and to continue our 3 sponsorships. Each church is uniquely decorated and delectably delicious at a cost of only $30 for one or two for $50. We will also sell for several Sundays after the Market at coffee hour. Our 3 varieties of chocolate bark will be available at the Market and on Sundays at coffee Hour, $8 for a 100 gram bag or two for $15. Marilyn Barnes’ beautiful greeting cards of various sizes will also be available. All the proceeds that the team sells, go to El Hogar.

For information please speak to Ros & Rick Reycraft at 905-635-3976 or email rosreycraft@hotmail.com Gracias por su apoyo! Thanks for your support!

ADVENT STUDY DECEMBER 8th
In the words of former Primate The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz the “Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts” is “a significant resource that would help people understand world history, the nature of colonial expansion and its impact on Indigenous populations.” The 2019 documentary will be the subject of our Advent Study at noon December 8th after coffee hour. Viewing and discussion will take about 90 minutes. Diedre Pike, Justice and Outreach, Program Consultant for the Diocese is planning to join us. If you are interested in attending or would like more information you can call or text Bob Osborne at 905-921-7387 or email robert.osborne@sympatico.ca

PWRDF Christmas Cards are on sale at coffee hour, they are $25.00 for 12 cards. There are two designs to choose from. Contact Jackie Maver… 905-681-6097

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are ordered. They will be arriving soon!

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick up this morning in the Parish Hall. Please note your new number may be different from your current one. Beginning in January, please use only your new 2020 envelopes. Using old envelopes may result in your donation being credited to the incorrect number. Thank you.
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through the music of the
Harbourtown Sound Chorus, an award-winning a cappella male chorus
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2019, 3PM, IN THE CHURCH
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Tickets also available at Sunday Coffee Hour

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