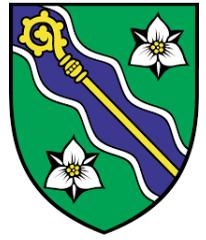




The Parish Church of St. Luke
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA - DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
THE RT. REV. SUSAN BELL, BISHOP



December 8, 2019

Advent II



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 service.

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

*** her loving husband Ted; given by Betty George

*** Jerry Prytula, a beloved husband, father and grandfather; from Carole
and the boys

*** our beloved grandson Craig Sandre; given by Gail & Gwyn Williams



8:15am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer page 67)

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (Old Testament pg. 640)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 (New Testament pg. 2)

Homily: Canon Stuart Pike

10am - ADVENT II

The Holy Eucharist with Baptism (BAS p.151)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Lullaby - Vierge

Processional Hymn: 103, On Jordan's bank

Welcome and Children's focus

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Second Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Peace

(lit by the Samarasinge family)

Adult: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

(The second candle is lit.)

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Child: Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.

All: We will share in the Spirit; We will find consolation in love.

Adult: Practice a ministry of humility and compassion For God is at work in you, empowering you.

**All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will live worthy of the Gospel.
We will go forth in hope and in peace.**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: A reading from Isaiah 11:1-10 (Old Testament pg. 640)

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 270, Lamb of God, to thee we raise (vs. 1-3)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12
(New Testament pg. 2)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: 270, Lamb of God, to thee we raise (vs. 4-6)

Sermon: Canon Stuart Pike

Anthem: Now is born Emmanuel - trad.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate *(Adult Candidate)*

Candidate and sponsors, please stand

Sponsors: I present **NATOYA and JAYRELL** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant NATOYA and JAYRELL Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates: I do

(Child Candidate)

The parents and sponsors please stand

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

ALL STAND

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this candidate in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Leader: Let us now pray for **NATOYA and JAYRELL** who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called **NATOYA** and **JAYRELL** to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water that your servant who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint him with your Holy Spirit and bring him to new birth in the family of your Church, that he may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

Celebrant: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Hymn: 39, You Are God's Work Of Art

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

All stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to share a sign of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: 108, Hark, a herald voice is douning

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 (Also found on page 196 in the green Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: 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 stretched 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 power and might,
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.

People: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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 the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one Body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Sending Prayer for Eucharistic Lay Ministers

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist, we pray, those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with the sick, the homebound, and the imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

All are welcome to receive the sacrament or a blessing. All are encouraged to receive from the chalice or with bread alone, and to refrain from intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice).

Communion Hymns: 112, 102, 95

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

All **Glory to God,
Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 106, There's a voice in the wilderness

Leader: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: We thank thee, Lord - Bach
(the postlude is part of the service and you are invited to stay & enjoy this music)

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.*

UPCOMING SERVICES

Every Wednesday: 10 am Holy Communion
 2pm - Contemplative Prayer (in the Parish Hall)

Sunday Dec. 15: **Advent III**
 8:15 a.m.- Holy Communion
 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 22: **Advent IV**
 8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion
 10a.m. - Lessons and Carols

Readings for next Sunday: Psalm - 146:4-9, Isaiah 35:1-10,
 James 5:7-10, Luke 1: 47-55



ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE FAMILIES

Again this year we are sponsoring 4 families from St. Matthew's House - 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 15th.**

Many Thanks, Veronica Richards-Miller 905 637-6341 richmill@cogeco.ca

Advent Study Today

The 2019 documentary "*Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts*" will be the subject of **our Advent Study today after coffee hour in the Great Hall.** We will start with soup and a bun. Viewing and discussion will take about 90 minutes. Deirdre Pike, Justice and Outreach, Program Consultant for the Diocese is planning to join us.

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!



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.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

TODAY - Youth Group Revelation Study - 6:30pm -- Room 202

Sunday, December 15th, 6:30pm - Youth Group Christmas Party! We will be going outdoors, so please dress according to the weather.

Thank you, Rebecca Vendetti

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through the music of the

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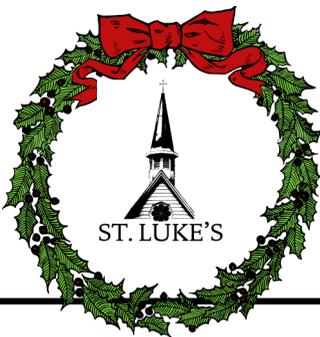
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2019, 3PM, IN THE CHURCH

Tickets are \$20.00

Children are \$5.00

For tickets, please contact: Louise Neville at 905-639-8266

Tickets also available at Sunday Coffee Hour



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