



St. George's Anglican Church

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The Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2023



Rest on the flight to Egypt. (c. 1500). Fra Bartolomeo (1472-1517). Tempera and oil on canvas.

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

8 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are found on pages 113-114. The Introit and Gradual are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

Mass setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Thank you to our Honorary Assistant, Father Peter Harris for taking services this Sunday while Father Hatt enjoys a rest during the busy Christmas Season

Opening Hymn 77 HARK! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

The Introit Psalm 93

tone VIII.2



THE LORD IS King, and hath put on glorious ap-*pa*-rel: /
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded *him*-self with strength.

He hath made the round world so *sure*, / that it can-*not* be mov-*èd*.

Ever since the world began hath thy throne been e-*stab*-lished: /
thou art from e-*ver*-last-ing.

**The floods have lift up, O Lord, the floods have lift up their *voice*: /
the *floods* lift up their^*waves*.**

Mightier than the roar of many waters, mightier than the breakers
of the *sea*, / the Lord, who dwelleth on *high*, is migh-*ty*.

**Thy testimonies O Lord are very *sure*: /
holiness becometh thine *house* for e-*ver*.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, / and *to* the Ho-*ly*^*Ghost*;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, /
world with-*out* end. A-*men*.**

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity p. 67

The Summary of the Law p. 69

The Kyrie p. 70

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect p. 113

Please sit

The Epistle (Galatians 4:1) p. 113

Please stand



THE LORD SAID *un*-to my lord, /

‘Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine ene-*mies*~ thy~ foot-stool.’

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Si-on: /

be thou ruler, even in the midst a-*mong*~ thine~ e-ne^*mies*.

The people offer themselves willingly in the *day* of thy power; / in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, thou hast the *dew*~ of~ thy youth.

The Lord sware and *will not re-pent*, /

‘Thou art a priest for ever after the order of~ Mel~chi-ze^*dech*.’

The Holy Gospel (St Matthew 1:18)

p. 114

The Nicene Creed

p. 71

The Sermon

The Rev’d Canon Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

Offertory Hymn 81 Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

p. 75

The Confession

p. 77

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

p. 77

The Sanctus and Benedictus

p. 81

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

p. 82

The Prayer of Humble Access

p. 83

The Agnus Dei

p. 84

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. (*repeat*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come to the altar rail.

Communion Hymn 82 O LITTLE town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

The Lord’s Prayer

p. 85

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Gloria in Excelsis

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The Blessing

p. 86

Closing Hymn 741 GOOD Christian men, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

Voluntary *Puer natus in Bethlehem*, BWV 603 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited to come to the parish hall after the 10:30 service today for Fellowship in the upstairs hall and Carol Singing in the Guild Room.

Upcoming Special Services in the Round Church

Monday, January 1 at 10:00am: the Octave Day of Christmas and the Circumcision of Christ will be celebrated with Holy Communion (said)

Friday, January 5 at 7:00pm: The Eve of the Epiphany will be celebrated with Choral Holy Communion, followed by the annual Epiphany Potluck hosted this year by the members of Trinity House.

Save the date and invite your friends: The Parish Choir, under the direction of Garth MacPhee, will offer a **Service of 9 Lessons and Carols for Epiphany** on **Sunday, January 7 at 5:00pm** in support of the Friends of Saint George's Society for our parish music programme. Please make cheques out to the "Friends of Saint George's Society."

Today's Daily Offices

10 am Morning Prayer begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book.

Psalm 132; Isa. 41:8-20; Col. 1:1-20

5 pm Evening Prayer begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book.

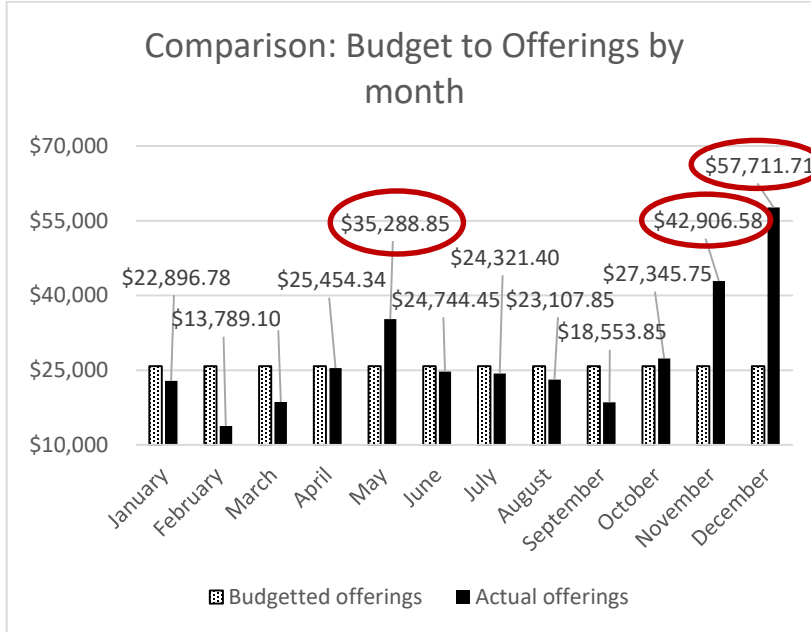
Psalm 45; Isa. 55; Luke 2:22-40

To learn more about worship, outreach, Sunday School, music, and events at St George's, visit our website: www.roundchurch.ca

Financial Update for Sunday after Christmas Day December 29th

Thank you for your response to God's mercy in our parish and our life together.

While the final offering counts are not yet in for the month, as of December 29th, the parish offerings for the month were an astonishing \$57,711! Parishioners from all kinds of financial means have stretched to support the ministries and fabric of this parish. It has been very moving to witness this response to the deficit reduction campaign. Deo Gratias!



While the final numbers for 2023 won't be available for another couple of weeks, it looks like we will finish the year very close to breaking even, if not with a small surplus.

Parish committee chairs and casual employees – **please submit any remaining 2023 receipts and invoices for payment** to the Parish office **no later than January 5th** (sooner is better). We would like to have the 2023 financial report ready for Parish Council on January 16th

Sarah Stevenson
Parish Treasurer 2023



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Mon - The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tues - The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wed - The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thurs - The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Fri - The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia

Sat - The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

As we come to the end of another year and look forward to a new year, we say special prayers for our Bishops and their families of our Diocese:

For Bishop Sandra and Jim
 For Retired Archbishop Ron, and Marianne
 For Retired Archbishop Arthur, and Elizabeth
 For Retired Bishop Sue, and Bruce



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Notices & Announcements

December 31, 2023

Worship schedule

Holy Communion (said): Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

Choral Holy Communion: Sun, 10:30 am

Daily Offices

✠ **Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am; Sun, 10 am

✠ **Evening Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 5:30 pm; Sun, 5 pm

Until the end of May, all of the Daily Offices are said in the Round Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

The Scripture readings below can be read on their own, or with the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer (see pp. 1-24 in the Book of Common Prayer), or the shortened Family Prayers in the back of the Book of Common Prayer (see pages 728-736).

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Mon	Gen. 17. 1-13	Rom. 2. 17-end	Deut. 30	Col. 2. 8-15
Tue	Isa. 63. 1-6	Matt. 1. 18-end	Isa. 63. 7-end	1 Thess. 1
Wed	64	2. 19-end	65. 1-16	2. 1-16
Thu	65. 17-end	3. 1-4. 11	66. 1-9	2. 17-3 end
Fri	66. 10-end	4. 12-5. 16	60. 1-7	Rom. 15. 8-21
Sat	Isa. 49. 1-13	Luke 3. 15-22	Isa. 60. 9-end	John 2. 1-11

Prayer List

Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: Barbara, Evelyn, Lowell & Gladys, Wendy, Patricia, Daniel, Patricia, Kevin, Kent, Willis, Loren, Wade, Lorayne, Ron and Paulette, Ginny, Greg, Trudy, Daryl and family, Martin, Jack, Ginny, Gregory Armstrong, Dale, and Joan.

For the Faithful Departed: Rosemary Mason-Browne ('19), Gordon Smith ('06), Phyllis Anne Marsman ('23). Katherine Pye ('12), and Gerald Smith ('07), Mollie Ingram ('08), The Rev'd Bill Fairlie ('19), Brian Start ('10), Amelie Taylor ('08), and Alan Watson ('23).

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Father Hatt know (rector@roundchurch.ca).

Parish Prayer List 'Refresh'

Father Hatt has 'refreshed' the prayer list. If you have names of loved ones for the list, please pass them along to him (rector@roundchurch.ca).

Looking ahead to January 2024...

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with Choral Holy Communion on Friday, January 5th at 7 p.m.

Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Benjamin von Bredow, Rector of Christ Church, Shelburne

The service will be followed by our annual Epiphany Potluck, hosted this year at Trinity House.

The choir will lead Epiphany Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 7th at 5 p.m. The offering will go to the Friends of St George in support of the parish Music program.

Support for Afghan Family

Neighbouring St Patrick's Church has passed on a request for items required by two newly arrived Afghan refugee families. There are two brothers, with married children, and a total of 9 children aged 2 to 20 years old. The items needed are many. For the Maleka family: 5 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 coffee table, 1 loveseat. Karima family: 6 single beds, 2 king or queen size beds, 1 dining table and 6 chairs, 1 loveseat, 1 coffee table, plates, cooking dishes, kitchen items. Pickup of furniture at your home can be arranged. The contact is Abdul R. Shekib (email: ar_shekib@hotmail.com) or Jacque de Mestral.

A few 2024 Prayer Book Calendars still available!

Please contact Jordan in the parish office (902 423 1059 ext. 1 or office@roundchurch.ca) if you would like to purchase one of the few remaining copies

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, December 23 Team 6 led by Katie Carline. Food came from St. George's. 133 were served. Many thanks to everyone who helped cook the meal!

Yesterday, December 30 Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers came from St. Francis by the Lakes

Next Week, January 6 Team 2 led by Mary Hills. Food and volunteers will come from St. George's

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church. Thank you to Judith Fisher and Jordan Gracie for assembling these.

Works of Robert Crouse Book Launch - January 14th

On Sunday, January 14th St George's will host (with King's College) the launch of the publication of a series of works by the late Father Robert Crouse, a Canadian theologian, priest, and professor whose teaching legacy continues to be a source of inspiration and renewal for many Anglican parishes such as ours.

The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, former Bishop of Toronto, Edmonton, and Christchurch in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia will be our guest preacher that morning. Bishop Matthews was chair of the Primate's Theological Commission for the Anglican Church of Canada when Father Crouse was a member of the Commission.

There are many events planned for the day and into the following days which are listed below. For more information, visit <https://www.worksofrobertcrouse.com>

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY

At Saint George's Church, Brunswick Street, Halifax.

10:30 AM

Holy Communion. Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews.

2 PM

Paige Hochschild: 'Memory and Pilgrimage in Saint Augustine'.

Response: Christopher Snook.

3:15 – 3:30PM

Chamber music.

3:30 PM

Fr Gavin Dunbar: '*Pilgrimage and Friendship in the Eucharistic Lectionary*'.

Response: Daniel Watson.

4:45PM – 6:30 PM

Light meals available at Morris East on Vernon Street, or Prince Hall at King's.

At King's College Chapel, Coburg Road, Halifax.

6:30 PM

Choral Evensong with choirs of Saint George's and King's College.

7:30 PM

The Robert Crouse Memorial Lecture. Dr. Thom Curran.

'Bologna • Paris • Pisa • Wittenberg • Berlin: The Legacy of the Medieval European University'.

8:45 PM

Wine and Cheese Reception in the President's Lodge.

MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

At Dalhousie Scotiabank Auditorium, Marion McCain Building

3 PM

Bruce Gordon: '*Semper Reformanda: Robert Crouse and the Receptions of Augustine in the Reformation*'.

At Trinity Church, 321 Main Avenue, Halifax.

7 PM

Evensong. Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Ross Hebb.

8 PM

Banquet in honour of the speakers.

(please RSVP to ewagner.worksofrobertcrouse@gmail.com for meal planning)

Toasts to be given by Michelle Wilband & Roberta Barker.

Everyone is invited to all the events and we hope all participants and attendees will attend the closing banquet at which the speakers will be honoured.

It would be appreciated that you email your intent to attend the banquet on Monday evening for purposes of meal planning. A recommended donation of twenty dollars on Monday evening toward the cost of the meal would assist the organizers.