

Communion Motet *Gaudete omnes* – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

*Gaudete omnes, et laetamini,
quia ecce, desideratus advenit.*

Introite in conspectu eius in exultatione.

Scitote quoniam ipse est expectatio nostra.

Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, all of you
for behold he for whom you longed comes.

Enter into his presence with singing.

Know that he is our hope.

Alleluia.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 85

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Gloria in Excelsis

p. 86

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 293 THERE'S a voice in the wilderness crying *Ascension*

Postlude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 660 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

After the 10:30 service, please stay for tea and coffee in the parish hall. The hall is just off the door near the pulpit and up the concrete walk. There is a wheelchair ramp off the Maitland Street side of the hall.

Upcoming Services in the Round Church

Thursday, December 21 at 5:30pm: The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle will be celebrated with Said Holy Communion

Sunday, December 24:

Advent IV will be celebrated with Said Holy Communion at 8:00am, and Choral Holy Communion at 10:30am.

Christmas celebrations begin at 4:00pm with the Crèche Service for Children and Families.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10:30pm beginning with half-an-hour of special music.

Monday, December 25 at 10:30am: The Nativity of our LORD will be celebrated with Choral Holy Communion.

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.**

Services today

8 am Holy Communion begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Collect, Lesson & Gospel for today are found on pages 99 & 100.

Introit and Gradual Psalms are printed in this bulletin.

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

Lessons: Isaiah 28:9-22; Rev. 3:7-end. Psalms 11, 12.

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

Lessons: Isaiah 32:1-18; Matthew 3. Psalms 13, 14.

Meditation on Charles Williams' Descent of the Dove offered by Sue Zinck

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



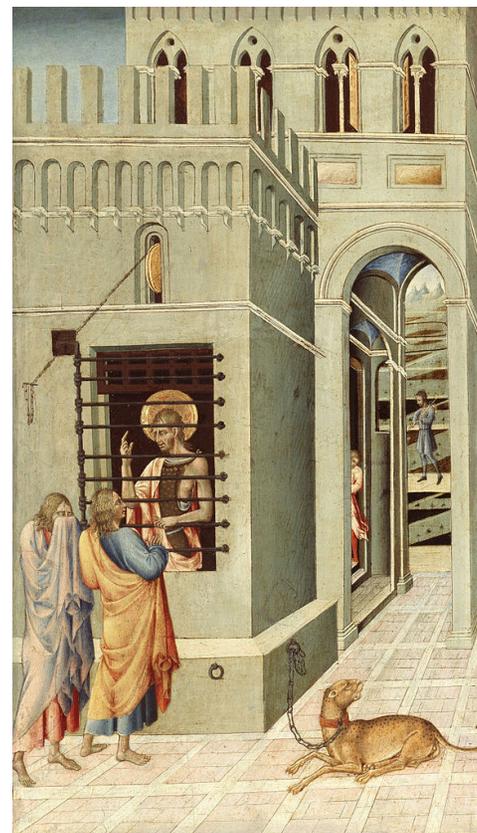
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The Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017



Saint John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples. (1455/60). Giovanni di Paolo (1403-1482)

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.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Mass setting: Missa VII *de angelis*

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510 - 1585)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see insert)

The O Antiphons

O Oriens (O Rising Sun)

O Dayspring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness:
Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

The ancient "O Antiphons" have been used by Christians for the last 1300 years. They focus our prayer on Old Testament prophecies of Christ. Traditionally sung before and after the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days leading up to Christmas, the choir will sing them over the Sundays in Advent at the 10:30 service of Choral Communion.

Opening Hymn 63 Hark! a herald voice is sounding

Merton

Introit Psalm 33:1-6

tone VIII.1



RE-JOICE IN the Lord, O ye righ-teous; /
for it becometh well the just to be thank-ful.

Praise the Lord with harp: /
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instru-ment of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song: / sing praises lustily with a good cou-rage.

For the word of the Lord is true, / and all his works are faith-ful.

He loveth righteousness and judge-ment: /
the earth is full of the good-ness of the^Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, /
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

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 pp. 69-70

The Kyrie p. 70

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy upon us,

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collects pp. 99, 95

Please sit

The Epistle (1 Corinthians 4:1) p. 99

Please stand

Gradual Psalm 80:1-3 tone I.4



HEAR, O THOU shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; /
show thyself also, thou that sittest up-on the che^ru-bim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Ma-nas-seh, /
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Turn us again, O God; /
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall^be whole.

The Advent Prose (see insert) Rorate Caeli

The Holy Gospel (St. Matthew 11:2) p. 99-100

The Nicene Creed pp. 71 - 72

The Sermon Ginny Wilmhoff

Offertory Hymn (see insert) PREPARE the way, O Zion

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession pp. 75 - 76

The Confession p. 77

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving pp. 77 - 78

The Sanctus and Benedictus p. 81

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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 pp. 82 - 83

The Prayer of Humble Access pp. 83 - 84

The Agnus Dei p. 84

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (bis).
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

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.

Communion Hymn 61 JESUS came – the heavens adoring St Thomas

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen is sorely in need of Team Leaders.

Soup Kitchen has been working at St. George's for over 30 years, and every Saturday of the year, soup kitchen feeds an average of 135 hungry souls in the parish hall. Right now, we're the only Hot Meal programme in this neighbourhood that regularly and reliably operates on Saturdays. **A Team Leader is responsible for the operation of the Soup Kitchen on a Saturday, and is usually on site from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, – this is a four-hour commitment every six weeks.** They are responsible for making sure that tables and chairs are set up, that cleanup occurs, and that volunteers have assigned tasks and know what they're doing: preparing and serving food, working the dishwasher, filling and refilling the dessert table, handing out food trays and cutlery, counting heads, and collecting and sorting slops and dirty dishes. On an average day, the Team Leader and a small contingent of volunteers from St. George's are supplemented by volunteers from another church or organization who also bring the bulk of the food - St. George's routinely only provides bread and desserts (through the generous help of Feed Nova Scotia's Food Truck Programme, which collects food which is going to be discarded from participating stores and delivers it to programmes like ours). In 2018, Soup Kitchen needs:

1. Someone who is willing to work with Jim Rawding to lead Team 1 every six weeks starting January 6.
2. Someone who is willing to work with Mary Hills to lead Team 2 every six weeks starting January 13.
3. Two people who are willing to work together to lead Team 4 every six weeks starting January 27.
4. Someone who is willing to work with Debbie Davidson to lead Team 6 every six weeks starting February 10.

If you're interested in becoming a Team Leader, or just joining a team, please talk to the Team Leader you'd like to work with, or contact Jordan Gracie at the Parish Office (ph. 902 423 1059; e:

office@roundchurch.ca). **The Soup Kitchen needs people who are willing to make a commitment to come every six weeks.**

Homeless Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 20 at 11:30am in the Round Church: Please join us in remembering and honouring those who have lost their lives while experiencing homelessness and poverty. Please contact Claudia Jahn at the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia for more information (ph: 902 406 1777).



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun – Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev'd John Smylie
Mon – Yambio - (Minye, South Sudan) The Rt Rev'd Peter Munde Yacoub
Tue – The Most Rev'd Stephen Than Myint Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
Assistant Bishop of Yangon - (Myanmar) The Rt Rev'd Samuel Htang Oak
Wed – Yei - (Loryko, South Sudan) The Rt Rev'd Hilary Luete Adebaba
Thu – Yewa (form. Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi
Fri – Yirol - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Rev'd David Akau
Yirol - Aluakluak Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Rev'd Isaac Nyaryiel Aleth
Yirol - Nyang Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Rev'd Paul Tokmach Lual
Sat – Yokohama - (Japan) The Rt Rev'd Laurence Yutaka Minabe

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

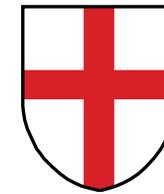
The Parish of Northumberland: The Rev'd Nicole Uzan; The Rev'd Bill Cook; The Rev'd Kathryn Cook, Deacon.
The Parish of St. John's, Truro: The Rev'd Lori Ramsay; The Rev'd Gary Yetman; The Rev'd Dorothy Tay.
Pray for the Parish of St. Timothy, Hatchet Lake and St. Paul's, Terence Bay.

Pray for the Sick: Susan, James.

For Continuing Prayers: Brian, Catherine, Lowell, Dick, Ken, David, Catriona, Ann, Patricia, Margaret, Stephen, Barbara, Barbara, Shonna, Fr. Gordon and Fr. Christopher.

For Those in Special Need: The Almasalma Family, Tiffany and baby.

For the Faithful Departed: Pierre Perron ('17), Evangeline Mary Giles ('03), Lloyd Tilley ('09), Carbara Elizabeth Conrod ('10), Diana Kulnys ('12), Dewitt Spurgeon Rockwell ('04), and Gordon Smith ('06)



St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements
December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday in Advent

Worship schedule

Daily Offices (All services will be held in the Round Church until June 4, 2018)

✠**Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am

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

Said Holy Communion: Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

Choral Holy Communion: Sun, 10:30 am

Evensong: Sunday, 5 pm

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, December 9: Team 3 led by Mike & Wendy Himmelman. Food and volunteers came from St. Peter's Birch Cove.

Yesterday, December 16: Team 4 led by Jacquie de Mestral (interim leader). Food and volunteers came from St. Thomas Anglican.

Next Week, December 23: Team 5 led by Leona Sweeney. Food and volunteers will come from Bedford Baptist.

If you are interested in volunteering with the soup kitchen, please contact the Parish Office (ph: 902 423 1059; e: office@roundchurch.ca)

Lessons for the week Advent 3

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Mon	Isa 42:1-17; Mark 7:1-23	Isa 42:18-43:13; Rev 18
Tue	Isa 43:14-44:5; Mark 7:24-8:10	Isa 44:6-23; Rev 19
Wed	Isa 44:24-45:13; Mark 8:11-9:1	Isa 45:14-end; Rev 20
Thu	Isa 46; Mark 9:2-32	Isa 47; Rev 21:1-14
Fri	Isa 48; Mark 9:33-end	Isa 49:1-13; Rev 21:15-22:5
Sat	Isa 49:14-end; Mark 10:1-31	Isa 50:4-10; Rev 22:6-end

2018 Prayer Book Calendars now available

Church calendars for 2018 following the Church Year according to the Book of Common Prayer are now available. You may call or email the parish office (ph: 902 423 1059; e: office@roundchurch.ca) to reserve your calendar or see Susan Harris after the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion. The cost of each calendar is \$7, the same as last year.

Hall and Church Keys

If you are in possession of any of the following keys to the Parish Hall: 9, 11, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 30, 32, 37, 39, 46, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90,

Or any of the following keys to the Round Church: 11, 25, 30, 31, 37, or 50, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Jordan Gracie. You aren't in trouble; we're just trying to make sure that all of the keys are accounted for.

No Coffee Hour Christmas Eve

In order to give our fellowship teams a much-needed rest during this busy season, there will **not be a fellowship hour after the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion on Sunday, December 24.**

Decorating of the Church on December 16

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church yesterday!

Helios Vocal Ensemble presents “An Illuminated Christmas” at St. George’s

Now in their third year, Helios offers an evening of candle-lit beauty and calm within the busy holiday season, in the warm, unique acoustics of the Round Church. This year’s programme will feature Renaissance polyphony by Lassus, Sweelinck, and rare female composer Raphaella Aleotti; as well as carols ancient and modern from England, Germany and Spain. Helios is establishing itself as Atlantic Canada’s foremost vocal ensemble, comprising five leading members of the choir of St. George’s: Eszter Horvath, Elisabeth Stones, Andrew Pickett, Garth MacPhee, and John Mark Dawson. Helios Vocal Ensemble presents “An Illuminated Christmas” on Tuesday, December 19, 7 pm at Knox United, Lower Sackville; and Wednesday, December 20, 7 pm here at the Round Church. Admission is by donation.

From the Treasurer

The financial statements to the end of November 2017 were presented to Parish Council on Tuesday evening. We are on target to finish the year in the black with continued support from all parishioners.

Remember that monthly direct debit offerings are a simple way to consistently support the parish even if you are away. If you are interested please contact the treasurer, Jan Connors, at jconnors@eastlink.ca

Christmas Flowers for the Altar

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas altar display, designate your donation to the Altar Guild. If you would like your donation to be made “in memory of” please send the name to the Parish Office (ph: 902 423 1059; e: office@roundchurch.ca) so that it can be included in the Christmas bulletin.

An Advent Message from the Wardens

Trinity Season is over, and Advent is upon us. As we prepare for the coming of the Light of the World, so do the wardens prepare for a number of changes coming to the parish. We will have a new Rector come Ash Wednesday. Less than two weeks later, we will have the parish AGM, with two new Wardens, and new Treasurer, and several new members of Parish Council. With all of this in view, the wardens are preparing not just for Christmas, but for a time of renewal in our parish. There continue to be challenges, such as getting enough parish support for the Soup Kitchen. There continue to be successes as well, such as the appointment of Fr. Hatt as our Rector. We also continue to look to the usual administrative and logistical duties necessary to keep St. George’s running as it should.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude to Fr. Purchase. He has been and continues to be a true shepherd of the flock here at St. George’s. Words do not do justice to the true amazement I have for him as a priest, as a person, and as an example.

As we all continue on in Advent, I would ask you to keep an eye on your neighbours. It can be a difficult time of year. The “little Lent” of Advent can impose a great deal of stress on some. Some may find a form of asceticism placed upon them without their asking. Watch out for them, and pray for each other. Pray for the lonely and the homeless, those without hope, and the sick. It is sometimes difficult to see the Light of the World through the dark glass placed before us by the cares of the material world. For those who now eagerly await the coming of the Light, it is our call to pray for those who have forgotten to pray for themselves.

A holy Advent and blessed Christmastide to you all.

A Wilson Senior Warden, for Sue and Jacquie

Shoebboxes for Seafarers

Patricia Martinson delivered 50 shoebboxes from the Parish to the Mission for Seafarers Shoebboxes for Seafarers campaign. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The O Antiphons

December 16th (17th in the Roman Calendar) is referred to in our Calendar as O Sapientia. This alludes to the ancient custom, dating at least from Charlemagne’s time (c. 800), of singing with great solemnity (rich vestments, bell ringing ...) special antiphons at the Magnificent of Vespers on this day until the day before Christmas Eve. All these Greater Antiphons start with an “O”, hence their name of “The ‘O’s.”. They are the theme of our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service. The number of seven such antiphons has been fixed since the late Middle Ages in the Roman Church, but in many places there were more - up to 12 in some places. Our Medieval forebears had noticed that if the initials of the second words are placed in order - (S)apientia, (A)donai, (R)adix, (C)lavis, (O)riens, (R)ex, (E)mmanuel - and read from right to left, one gets ERO CRAS, which means “I will be (here) tomorrow”. In English practice, there were usually nine antiphons – an additional one on December 21st in honour of St. Thomas, “O Thomas Didyme”, and another on December 24th in honour of Our Lady, “O Virgo Virginum”. - Peter Harper

Advent and Daily Services in the Round Church

At this time of year, when people ask each other “are you ready for Christmas?” they usually have in mind the purchase of gifts and the planning of decorations and social gatherings, rather than the preparation of heart and soul for the birth of Our Lord. But Advent is surely a time for us to examine our lives to try to make our hearts a home for the Christ Child at Christmas. On page 555 of the Book of Common Prayer, there is a very simple Rule of Life. This would be a good place to start.

Something to consider: On Monday to Friday each week, the Services of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer take place in the Round Church, generally conducted by lay people. One way to make Advent a special time of prayer and preparation would be to make a decision to attend even just one of these daily services for the Advent Season. Morning Prayer is conducted at 9 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and each service generally lasts no longer than a half hour. If morning at 9 suits your schedule on the way to run errands, perhaps that is the one for you. Or maybe 5:30 might work for someone travelling home after a long day and in need of a quiet time of prayer. Just slip in the door from the parking lot. We invite you to consider attending one of these Services as one way of making this season a blessed time of waiting for the coming of the Lord.