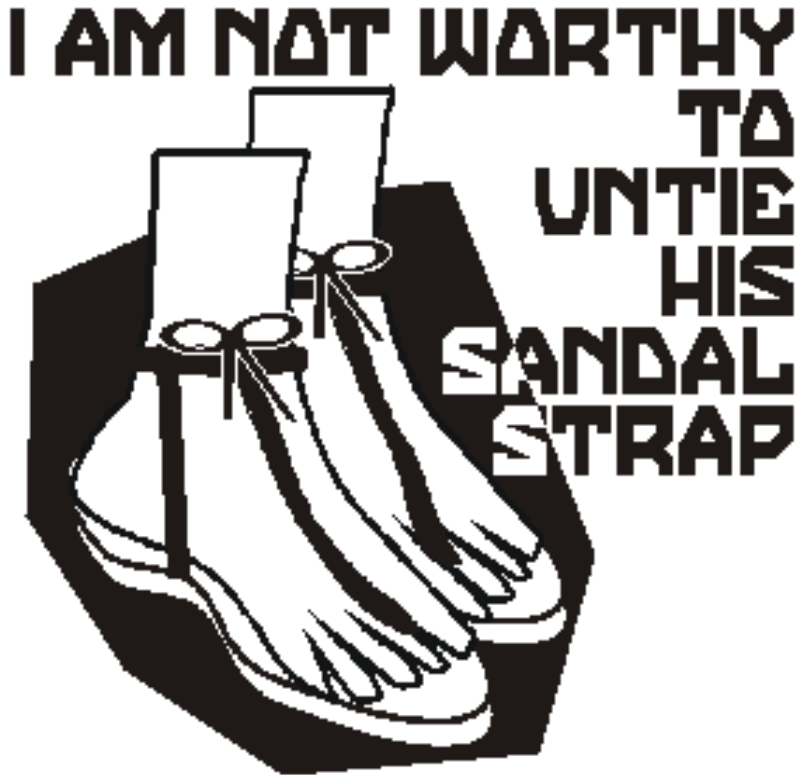


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 2011



Emmanuel Anglican Church
287 Harrington Street
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Collect God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Gathering of the Community

The Service is found in the green Book of Alternative Services

Please see the Blessing of the Advent Wreath on back cover

Processional Hymn: 103 *“On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry”*

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(The Gloria is omitted in Advent)

Collect of the Day (printed)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11* Dick Hunter (printed)

Psalms 126 (see printed refrain) Page 885

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24* Alan Houldcroft (printed)

Gradual Hymn: 116 *“Your Kingdom Come” - On Bended Knee*

The Holy Gospel: *John 1:6-8, 19-28* (printed)

Address

Apostles’ Creed Page 189

Prayers of the People *(remain standing)* Liz Barnes

Confession and Absolution Page 191

The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 101 *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

Prayer over the Gifts Page 271

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (Preface Page 219) (Sanctus Hymn Book #735) Page 198

The Lord’s Prayer Page 213

The Breaking of the Bread #5 Page 212

Administration of Holy Communion

During Communion please join in singing

Hymn 558 *“God, When I Stand, No Path Before Me”*

Hymn 56 *“I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life”*

Hymn 575 *“Let Streams of Living Justice”*

The Church Goes Into the World

Prayer after Communion Page 271 & 214

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Closing Hymn: 109 *“When the King Shall come Again”*

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion

Background to Today's Readings: *(for preparation before the service or study at home)*

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11 God's justice was a constant theme of the great prophets of Israel. In these lines of poetry from the unknown prophet of Israel's exile in Babylon, this theme applied to the promised return of the exiles to their homeland about 539 BC. Not only would the ruined cities of Judea be rebuilt, but the ancient covenant between Israel and God would be renewed. The end result would be a whole new quality of life for God's people. More than six centuries later, Jesus adopted the first verse of this passage as the basic theme for his ministry.

PSALM 126 This was another of the songs that might have been sung by pilgrims making their way up to the temple in Jerusalem. It celebrated Israel's deliverance from the Babylonian captivity. The concluding prayer asked for God's help in renewing the nation as the dry watercourses of the Negev desert and the reaping of an abundant harvest restored prosperity.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 There is abundant cause for Christians to rejoice and to give thanks in all circumstances, Paul wrote. Sound moral values and a holy life come from being obedient to the Spirit. By so doing, we shall be ready for the coming of Christ which the early Christians expected at any moment.

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28 John's Gospel contains no story about the birth of Jesus. The introductory paragraphs set that event in a cosmic context using metaphors such as life, light, glory and truth to describe God's full revelation in Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Then the focus shifts to John the Baptist and his ministry preparing the way for Jesus, the light of the world. John distinguished himself from Jesus as the one who is only a witness to the light. He thus set the stage for Jesus' appearance by reiterating this distinction when challenged by the religious leaders of Israel.

The above is taken from John Shearman's Lectionary www.seemslikegod.org/lectionary



Show us your mer - cy, O Lord.

Welcome! We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning. If you are looking for a spiritual home and wish to be added to our mailing list please fill out the blue card found in front of each pew and place on the offering plate.

Please Join Us for the Coffee Hour in the church hall for food and fellowship following the 10 a.m. service. You may enter the hall through the doors at the front left hand side of the church. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found in the foyer.

Sunday School takes place in the church hall at 9:45 a.m. Visiting youth are always welcome. **A Supervised Nursery** is available for babies and children under the age of four. Go out the left hand door, through the office and turn right to the end of the hallway.

First Response will assist in case of an emergency during the liturgies this morning. The person available today is Elva Brohart. (This is the person responsible for assisting anyone in difficulty).

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.” At present we say “The Word of the Lord” after the Old Testament and Epistle readings which can sometimes seem to imply that the scriptures belong to the past and are not living and active in the world and in our lives today. The phrase “Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church” is used in the New Testament, describing the words to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation. This response is used in many places in the Anglican Communion and it is suggested that we begin using this response in the new year at Emmanuel. It speaks of a more dynamic and active way of applying the scriptures to the way we live and work as a Christian Community now. Please let the Rector know if you have any thoughts about this.

Offering Envelopes for 2012 Please pick up your box of offering envelopes from the church porch today. If you are able to deliver any to fellow parishioners that would be appreciated. If you would like to receive offering envelopes OR begin using Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) please call Envelope Secretary, Mary Coreau at 613-623-6692.

Memorial Flowers for Christmas Please contact Helen Hall at 613- 623-5406 by Monday, December 19th if you wish to contribute.

Decoration of the Church for Christmas will be done on Thursday, December 22nd, starting at 1 p.m. All are welcome to help.

Christmas Plates for Homebound Seniors This is an annual project of Emmanuel, co-ordinated by the Pastoral Care Team and happily anticipated by many in our community. We are looking for donations of cookies and squares (home baked and nut free) as well as people willing to assemble the plates and/or deliver them. The plates will be assembled in the church hall on Tuesday, December 20th, starting at 9:30 a.m. Contact Liz Barnes at 613-623-8255 for more information or if you know of a homebound senior who would welcome a Christmas plate. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church for those who can contribute.

Get your copy of Emmanuel 150 Anglican Church (\$10)--available from Helen Hall, Lorna Affleck or contact the church office. Anyone wishing a copy of the Power Point presentation for our 150th celebrations please sign the list at the back of the church. Again Lorna and Helen will see that you get a copy-cost \$5.00.

A Group Picture of our 150th is available at Photo Max in the Mall. See copy and prices on the bulletin board in the hall vestibule. Any further questions contact Helen Hall at 613-623-5406.

Schedules for Greeters, Readers, Lay Assistants & Intercessors. If you have not received your new schedule electronically please pick it up at the back of the church.

Anglican Church Women (ACW) Christmas Bazaar The total profit from the Bazaar was \$4285.04.

Winners of the ACW Christmas Draw

Comforter – Lauren Wilson;
\$100 Metro Card - Marion Ray;
\$100 Mel's Flowers - Doreen Heise;
Bearington Bear – Winnie Reed;
Bearington Bear – Shirley Cavanagh;
Christmas Wreath – Shannon Mooney.

Meals on Wheels Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers to deliver meals. For more information please call 613-623-7981 and ask to speak to Debbie.

The 2012 budget is currently being developed, and any groups wishing to submit a request should do so to the church office by mid-December.

Food for the “Food Bank” Please bring your items for the Food Bank any Sunday you are in church and as often as you wish. Parish Council has asked to make every Sunday “Food Bank Sunday”. Non-perishable items such as dry pasta, canned goods, dried and packaged foods or mixes, etc., are suitable.

Prayer Group meets tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. New members welcome. Contact Bernice Strong at 613-623-6253.

Parish Council meets this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (see details in leaflet)

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tuesday 7 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday 7 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Study/Discussion Group

Saturday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. L'Arche Christmas Party in Parish Hall

Next Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Please Remember in Prayer

THE CHURCH John our Bishop, Colin our Metropolitan, Fred our Primate, Roger our Priest; St Paul's Kashechewan; for vocations to ordained ministry; all who serve as readers in the Sunday liturgy.

Anglican Communion Our companion Diocese of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Western North Carolina, The Rt Revd Granville Taylor.

Diocese of Ottawa St John the Evangelist, Smiths Falls, The Ven Jim Roberts; St Thomas', Stittsville, The Rev Jane McCaig; all travelers; all custodial staff serving the Parishes and Diocese of Ottawa.

Local Churches Arnprior Wesleyan Church

Our Parish Family Ab & Coral Neumann; Grace Wilson; Bob, Karen & Lee Graham; Donna Nych.

THE WORLD Peace & justice in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, the Sudan, The Middle East, Egypt, Libya, Syria. For those suffering in Haiti, Japan and Turkey, and for those engaged in rescue and relief work.

CANADA For our Prime Minister and Parliament; Canadian Forces especially those serving overseas, and their families; our Province, its Premier and Legislature.

ARNPRIOR AND AREA For our local leaders and communities.

THOSE IN NEED The sick: Ruth, Dorothy, Eric, Connie, Don, Barb, Rita, Buff, Russ, Bill, Dianne, Steven, Joan, Ann, Gordon, Robert, Gail, Mona, George, Mary, Betty, Shawn, David, Ray, Henrietta, Royce, Katherine, Dennis, Dave, Frank, Glen, Fern, Randy, Allyson, Gord, Reg. **If there are any names to be added to or removed from this list, please contact the Church Office or use the form provided.** *Note: In order to respect privacy, please ensure that you have received permission from the person(s) named.*

THE DEPARTED that they may dwell in the light and peace of our Risen Lord. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** *Please remember them in silence. If you wish to add a name for the leaflet, contact the Parish Office beforehand.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Carols and Sunday School Presentation

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Holy Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, Dec 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, January 1st, New Years Day

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

(Please note there will be one service only)

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THE MARKS OF MISSION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

**Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.**

**Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The candles are lit

May the light of Christ lead us to the joy of his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–24

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1.6–8, 19–28