

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2011



Emmanuel Anglican Church
287 Harrington Street
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Collect Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: 267 *“The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky”*

Service Begins Page 185

(The Gloria is omitted in Advent)

Collect of the Day (printed)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Donna Toole (printed)

Canticle 18a (Luke 1:47-55) (see printed refrain) Page 86

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Helen Hall (printed)

Gradual Hymn: 117 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 (printed)

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Prayers of the People (remain standing) Dick Hunter

Confession and Absolution Page 191

The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: *“Sing of Mary Pure and Lowly”* (Hermon 451) (printed)

Prayer over the Gifts Page 272

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 48 *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

Hymn 123 *“Once in Royal David's City”*

Hymn 137 *“What Child Is This”*

The Church Goes Into the World

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Closing Hymn: 89 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion

“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.

Vandalism This week the window in the baptistry/chapel was broken by a person who was taken into custody by police while committing the act. It will be months until a decision is made with regard to replacement, pending insurance and estimates. We are fortunate that no one was injured. **As a safety measure, the main door will be kept locked on Thursdays.** Those attending the 10 a.m. service are asked to use the hall entrance.

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.

Choir Cushion Covers Upholstery fabric has been donated to cover the choir seat cushions. We are looking for someone in the congregation to sew the covers. If you are interested in helping, please call Joan Wahay at 613-622-0018 for more information

Chicken BBQ Joan Wahay will not be co-ordinating the chicken BBQ in the spring and we are looking for someone to take on this fundraiser. Joan will be available to help. Jim Hall has agreed to take on the cooking of the chicken with John’s help. If you are interested in taking on this fundraiser, please speak to one of the wardens or call Joan at 613-622-0018.

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.

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

Memorial Flowers for Christmas Please contact Helen Hall at 613-623-5406 by tomorrow if you wish to contribute.

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

Christmas Plates for Homebound Seniors This is an annual project of Emmanuel, coordinated 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 this Tuesday 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.

Decoration of the Church for Christmas will be done this Thursday starting at 1 p.m. All are welcome to help.

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be held Sunday, February 26, 2012. All reports should be received in the Parish Office by Sunday, January 22nd. Written reports should be in a format that can be reproduced in the reports without retyping.

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.

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.

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 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Plates Assembly in Church Hall

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thursday 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

1 p.m.

Decoration of the Church

Please see Christmas Service Schedule

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

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 servers who assist at the altar.

Anglican Communion Our companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Medical Ministry at The Palestine Hospital, Amman, Jordan.

Diocese of Ottawa St John the Baptist, Richmond, The Rev Michel Dubord; the Canon Theologian, The Rev Canon Dr John Gibaut; for Hospital and Nursing Home Ministries; the Consultations of the GIFT Campaign.

Local Churches First Baptist Church.

Our Parish Family Brian & Sylvia Patterson; Muriel Barsoski; George & Lynda Wheeler.

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

ADVENT 4

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The Candles Are Lit

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming. Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus!**

SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY

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| (1) Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin-Mother wise and mild.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made Flesh, our very Brother,
Takes our nature by his birth. | (3) Joyful Mother, full of gladness,
In thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness,
All thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded
With a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to age thy name recorded
Shall be blest in every land. |
| (2) Sing of Jesus, Son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though it drove him from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died. | (4) Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends |

(Hymn 807 in the 1938 Anglican "Blue" Hymn Book)

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2011

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 16.25–27

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26–38