

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2011



Emmanuel Anglican Church
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Collect 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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Gathering of the Community

The Service is found in the green Book of Alternative Services

Please see blue insert for the Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Processional Hymn: 108 *“Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding”* (Stuttgart 88)

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(The Gloria is omitted in Advent)

Collect of the Day (printed)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-11 Liz Barnes* (printed)

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 (see printed refrain) Page 818

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-15a Jim Hall* (printed)

Gradual Hymn: 105 *“Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness”* (Dundee)

The Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:1-8* (printed)

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Prayers of the People *(remain standing)* Rob Cross

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The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 106 *“There's a Voice in the Wilderness”*

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The Breaking of the Bread #5 Page 212

Administration of Holy Communion

During Communion please join in singing

Hymn 59 *“Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him”*

Hymn 52 *“O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near”*

Hymn 95 *“O Come, Divine Messiah”*

The Church Goes Into the World

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Closing Hymn: 111 *“Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement”* (Regent Square 143)

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion

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

ISAIAH 40:1-11 With words of incredible power the unknown prophet of Israel's exile in Babylon proclaims the good news God's people have been waiting long to hear. Deliverance is at hand. God's people are to be brought home to Jerusalem. It is God who is doing this, as a shepherd leads his flock homeward at the end of the day.

Anyone who has sung or listened to Handel's "The Messiah" will recognize that he took the opening recitatives for his majestic oratorio from this passage. The words of this Hebrew poetry are music in themselves.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 The same theme is repeated in this psalm, perhaps written during the same period when Israel's return from exile was imminent.

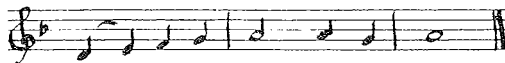
2 PETER 3:8-15 It is improbable that this letter was written by the apostle whose name it bears. More than likely, its author was some unknown Christian elder early in the second century AD.

He sought to encourage those of a later generation than the apostolic age anxious that Christ had not yet returned as the gospel promised and the church had long been teaching. The delay, this letter proposes, is due to God's patience so that no one may perish, but come to repentance and faith in a renewed relationship with God.

MARK 1:1-8 Mark's Gospel begins not with Jesus, but with John the Baptist. Immediately he quotes from Isaiah 40, transferring this reference to Israel's return from exile in Babylon in 639 BC to the coming of the Messiah. The early church searched the Hebrew Scriptures for every possible prophecy about the coming of Israel's Messiah. They understood the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, into the world as the fulfilment of those prophecies.

Now that God's love and purpose for Israel were being fulfilled, John called everyone to prepare by repenting and being baptized.

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 in the church hall for baking & refreshments 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 Donna Toole. (This is the person responsible for assisting anyone in difficulty).

Blessing of the Outdoor Creche (Nativity Scene) will take place at the end of the 10 a.m. service today. Please join us as we move outside. This has been a significant project and many people have contributed their time and talent. Our appreciation to the Sunday School and to Sylvia Patterson and her helpers for this beautiful addition to our parish Advent celebration.

This afternoon at 4 p.m. A Service of Carols, Hymns and Readings for Advent with the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell. This celebration of the Advent (coming) of Emmanuel will be a preparation for Christmas. Refreshments to follow. *This event is part of our Parish's 150th Anniversary celebration. All are welcome from the parish and community*

Memorial Flowers for Christmas Please contact Helen Hall-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, 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 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.

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.

Centre 454 Annual Christmas Celebration will take place on Thursday, December 8th, 2011 at Christ Church Cathedral Hall. Donations are requested. See bulletin board for further details.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (see details in leaflet)

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

Sunday 4 p.m. Service of Carols, Hymns and Readings for Advent

Monday 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Wednesday 7 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Study/Discussion Group

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

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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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; Intercessors at Emmanuel; White Lake Pastoral Charge.

Anglican Communion Our companion Diocese of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Western Kansas and The Rt Revd Michael Milliken.

Diocese of Ottawa St Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa, The Venerable Peter Crosby; all Church Musicians serving in the parishes of the Diocese of Ottawa; the staff and volunteers of Librairie Saint-Paul & Canterbury House Bookstore; Ottawa Hospital Chaplancies – Ottawa Civic and Ottawa General Campuses, The Rev Di Jaggassar, Chaplain, and Sheila Granger, Volunteer Coordinator at the Civic.

Our Parish Family Edna Carey; Isabel Wall; Cleo Fraser; Betty Burton; Marion Murdoch.

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

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 community.

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. **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.*

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

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2011

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 Peter 3.8-15a

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1.1–8

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT 2

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Two candles are lit

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you.
Giving you joy for sadness
and turn the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.
**Lord make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**