

Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Advent I

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev'd Molly Finlay Pianist & Cantor: Cara Halpin

Instructions for ZOOM/Dial-In Worship:

- We invite people to join between 8:55 and 9:00.
 - To join on ZOOM, please follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83137921818>
 - To dial in:
 - Dial (647) 374-4685
 - When prompted to enter the Meeting ID, dial 831 3792 1818

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People **Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader 1 We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader 2 For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the Land.

All Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Hymn *People Look East! The Time is Near (CP 91, verse 1)*

BESANÇON

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east and sing today: Love the guest, is on the way.

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered**
 despite the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision of our neighbours,**
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ⁹ And so will we never turn away from you;
 give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- ¹⁰ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Joanne Hincks

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

The Rev'd Benjamin Gillard

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Rev'd Molly Finlay

Solo *Christ Be Our Light* (pre-recorded by Vivien Illion, accompanied by Cara Halpin)

The Apostles Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally. We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found in the announcements.

Officiant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Intercessions

Bridget North

Leader Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader That God may establish among the nations his reign of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

All Come Jesus, come soon!

Leader We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father: [...] Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Welcome

- Curate* Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome Molly as our new priest into this community of St. John's.
- People's Warden* We welcome her to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Rector's Warden* We welcome and cherish her unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.
- All* **Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought Molly to lead us in the ministry you are calling us to. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Collect

- Officiant* Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

- Hymn** *O come, O come, Emmanuel* (CP 89, verses 1-2) VENI EMMANUEL
- O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
 that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
- O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
 to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Dismissal

- Officiant* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Parish Announcements

Advent Study: Journeying the Way of Love – Tuesdays at 7PM on Zoom/Dial-In

Join Molly and Benjamin for four sessions during Advent as we await the coming of Christ and explore the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke (there will be angels!). The sessions will be held on Zoom, beginning at 7:00 on the following Tuesday evenings: December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22. Please use this Zoom link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81103032967>. Dial-in number: (647) 374-4685. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 811 0303 2967.

Mid-Week Eucharist: Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

Beginning on December 2, we will be offering a small (10 person maximum) weekly in-person mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in the side chapel. To assist St John's in contact tracing and to ensure we do not exceed the 10-person gathering limit, we ask that you pre-register no later than 10:00 on the Wednesday you plan to attend: <http://stjohnsnorway.com/pre-registration-for-worship/>.

Lesson and Carols: Sunday, December 13 at 4pm on Zoom/Dial-In

Let's listen to the wonderful readings and sing our beloved carols together on ZOOM and by dial-in. Join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84550602734>. Dial-in number: (647) 374-4685. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 845 5060 2734.

Virtual Sunday School

For as long as physical distancing is in place, Sunday school will take place online via Zoom. We meet for 30 minutes every Sunday at 10am. It is a chance for the children to learn the week's gospel lesson through reading, video clips and discussion, as well as a chance to maintain friendships and a sense of belonging. Visitors are welcome to join, but we ask that you keep your camera on so that we can say hello! A link to connect to Zoom is posted to the main page of the parish website. If you have any questions, please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Elisabeth, at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Contributing Financially

There are three ways you can contribute financially to the parish:

1. By cheque, made payable to 'St John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church' and mailed to: 470 Woodbine Ave South, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 2H6.
2. Donate online through [CanadaHelps.org](https://canadahelps.org). A link can be found on the main page of the parish website (stjohnsnorway.com).
3. Pre-authorized Debit (PAD). If you wish to sign-up for automatic monthly withdrawals, please contact the wardens.

Tax receipts are issued for all gifts after year-end.

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