



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES

Darkness to Light

Expecting God in Advent



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

We are so glad to have you worship with us!

*We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.*



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**First Sunday of Advent
Family Eucharist
10:30 AM – Sunday, November 28th, 2021**

Leaders: The Rev. Molly Finlay
Lo Cook

Yohan Dumpala

Advent Candle Lighting: The Hames Family

Reader: Scarlett Hames

Intercessor: Kai Park

Music Director: Cara Halpin

Soloist: Tara Baxendale

Hand Chime Choir

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Advent Hymn

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

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 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 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* (verses 1, 3, 4) (CP 88)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.
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.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

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

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

(1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To you, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth,
for you are God, my Saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To you, I lift my soul.

For the Lord is good and righteous,
Revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To you, I lift my soul.

To the ones who seek the Lord,
Who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To you, I lift my soul.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

(Luke 21:25-36)

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Reflection

Yohan Dumpala and Lo Cook

(Please stand)

What We Believe

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
All **We believe and trust in him.**
Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
All **We believe and trust in him.**
Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
All **We believe and trust in him.**
Celebrant This is the faith of the Church.
All **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

All **We confess to you, Heavenly Father,
how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions.
We strive for recognition and acclaim from others.
We look out for our own needs and concerns,
failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes.
Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts.
Show us how we can only achieve greatness
and gain our lives by giving them away.
Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit
so we become more like you
and so bring glory to our Father in heaven.
This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People **Amen.**

(Please stand)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of God's peace to one another, with a smile or peace sign.
No hugs or handshakes for now.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to Offering

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 can to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions online can be found on our website. If you wish to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please visit our Welcome Desk or contact our Parish Administrator via e-mail or telephone using the information listed on the back of our bulletin. Thank you.

(Please stand)

Celebrant Together, let us pray.
People **God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and rejected.
On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate
the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
People **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Music

Prepare the Way of the Lord(Taizé)
(Allan Shantz, viola)

Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of God.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light(Kathleen Thomerson)

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.
All **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-3) (CP 89)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

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. [Refrain]

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

Dismissal

Celebrant So now go in peace, remember the poor,
be kindly affectioned one to another!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *And the Glory of the Lord* (from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel)

*The flowers on the altar are given by Bridget North to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Joan Hendricks, a member of our parish.*

Announcements & Events

St. John's This Week

Wednesday Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 12noon

Thursday Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7-9pm

The Advent App is Here!

At the Heart of Christmas is your companion through Advent and Christmas 2021, featuring daily reflections with audio, a family activity Advent Calendar and more! **To download this app**, simply visit the **App Store** and search for “**At the Heart of Christmas**”, tap the download button and enjoy!



Apartment needed

One of our people needs a new home—soon! They are looking for a **one or two bedroom apartment and some kind of outdoor space** would be a dream. The **budget for this is \$1500/month**. Please **email Molly with any leads!** Thank you for brainstorming about this need in our community.

Hand Chime Ringers

Thank you to our Hand Chime Ringers for their hard work and dedication: **Rob Corrigan, Cathy Dawson March, John Kaunds, Jane Roberts, John & Yvonne Tait, and Bill Watts.**

Choir

If you would like to join in this wonderful ministry, please contact Cara at music@stjohnsnorway.com or call her at 416-712-7922 for more details.

Small Groups at St. John's

Due to popular demand, we are forming small groups to begin this winter term in January for 6 weeks! If you are interested in this life-giving way to gather for prayer, bible study, and fellowship please email the office or sign up outside in the narthex. Let us know if you would like to be in an in-person group or on ZOOM!

Youth Event

All youth, ages 12-17, are invited to join our Youth Minister, Yohan, on Friday December 3 at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to youth@stjohnsnorway.com if you will be attending and bring a friend!

Food Bank Drive

On Saturday, December 4th, the city of Toronto is having a food drive. To be part of this, just leave a bag of non-Perishable food on your veranda marked **Miracle Toronto** or **Food Bank**. To ensure the food is picked up, **please take a minute to register on the Toronto Miracle website torontomiracle.org**. We are also in need of **volunteers to pick-up food on your street**. All food will be given to the **Daily Food Bank, Second Harvest, Feed Scarborough, North York Harvest Food Bank and Salvation Army**. These food banks distribute to many smaller food banks around the city.

Advent Outreach

Let us prepare for the coming of the Christ Child by ensuring that babies in our community have the basics. Moorelands Kids is a local organization supporting at-risk kids and their families. Please bring in one of the following during Advent for Moorelands' "baby bundles":

- 2 Undershirts size 3-6 months
- 3 Sleepers size 3-6 months
- 2 Receiving Blankets
- 3 Bibs
- 3-4 Baby Wash Cloths
- 2 Bath Towels
- 1 Baby Blanket
- 1 Package Baby Wipes
- 1 Zinc Oxide Cream 50-100g
- 1 Baby Lotion 500mL
- 1 Baby Soap 500mL
- 1 Sweater or Jacket
- 1 Soft Toy or Board Book

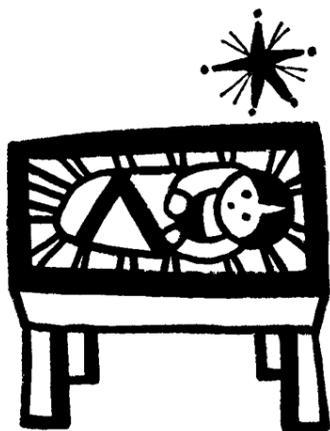
Financial donations can be made to St John's. Please mark for Baby Bundles on your envelopes. Contact Pat Murray at 416-698-7128 or at pat.murray58@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Let us care for the young vulnerable in our neighbourhood this Advent! All items should be in by December 12th.

Memorial Flowers

If anyone wishes to give flowers to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one, please contact Edward at the office for more information.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

- December 19 10:30am Service of Lessons & Carols
- December 24 4pm Family Christmas Service
with Nativity Animals & Pop-Up Christmas Pageant
7pm Classic Christmas Eve Service with Carols
10pm Candlelit Choral Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 10am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
- December 26 10:30am First Sunday after Christmas
Family Eucharist



*Let us go to Bethlehem
and see this event
which the Lord has made
known to us*



Notes

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands

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