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ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Making Room for God This Advent



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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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Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM – Sunday, December 11th, 2022

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Deacon: The Rev. Yohan Dumpala

Subdeacon: John Quaggin

Advent Candle Lighting: Barbara and Peter Paton

Reader: Jane Roberts

Chalice Bearer: John Monahan

Music Director: Cara Halpin

Soloists: Tara Baxendale, Vivien Illion

Prelude

***Veni Emmanuel* (arr. G. Clarke)**

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Advent Hymn

***CP 91 - People Look East! The Time is Near* (verse 3)**

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader 1 We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

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

CP 114 - *Lo, He Come with Clouds Descending* (verses 1, 3, 4)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

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.
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.

All

Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Isaiah 35:1-10)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger
The Lord sets the captive free.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader

A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

(James 5:7-10)

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel is carried down the centre aisle into the midst of the people gathered, as a symbol of God's sending out of Jesus—who is the "Word made flesh" into the world.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

(Matthew 11:2-11)

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Sermon

The Rev. Molly Finlay

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant
All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.
You may be seated after the sharing of The Peace.*

(Please remain standing and join in singing)

Offertory Music

CP 94 - Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart!

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.

If you wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please scan the QR code and follow the link. To sign up for pre-authorized giving, you may contact the Church Office at admin@stjohnsnorway.com or call us at 416-691-4560. Thank you!



(Please stand)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People 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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All

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!**

CP690 - Lamb of God

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

*We are pleased to now offer communion in both kinds—the bread and wine.
You are welcome to take a small sip of wine from the chalice server,
guiding the cup with your hand, or you can simply pass the cup by.
Please know that you are receiving full communion with the bread alone.*

Communion Music

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (E. Poston)
Past Three O'Clock (arr. Charles Wood)*

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
Merciful God,
may this eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever.

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

CP 89 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 4-6)

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. **[Refrain]**

O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. **[Refrain]**

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (J. Pachelbel)

Announcements & Events

St. John's This Week

Tuesday Small Groups in the Van Lane Room and online 7-8:30pm
Wednesday Mid-Week Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon
Thursday Hand Chime Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 6-7 PM
Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7-8:30 PM

Welcome to St. John's Norway

No matter where you find yourself on your journey of faith, **you are so welcome to be here with us!** We are a community of people—young and old, from all backgrounds and walks of life, who are learning to follow Jesus. We ask questions, don't avoid the tough issues that life presents, and we want to love our neighbours. Please **[fill out a Welcome Card online](#)**. We would love to hear from you!

Small Groups

Join us for our Small Groups on Tuesday evenings! These sessions will take a deeper look at our readings from past services as well as Bishop Andrew Asbil's Advent series. For more information or to join, you can contact Rev. Yohan at **curate@stjohnsnorway.com**.

Choir

The choir rehearses at 7pm on Thursdays in our beautiful church. We are always looking for new members, and we are currently looking for a Tenor to join us. If you are interested please contact Cara at **music@stjohnsnorway.com** or call her at **[416-712-7922](tel:416-712-7922)** for more details.

Memorial Flowers

If anyone wishes to give flowers to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one, please **[email the office](#)** for more information.

Save the Date!

Our own **Yohan Dumpala**, by God's grace **will be ordained a priest in our parish on January 29 at 4pm**. This will be a time of great celebration for us all so please mark this important date on your calendar now!

St. John's Food Pantry would love your help!

A big thank you for your non perishable food contributions to our pantry. **Right now we are in most need of the following items: peanut butter, jam, cookies, tinned fruit, vegetables and sardines.** Thank you for your continued support!

Children's Ministry Donations Needed

Do you have **small tables, short shelves, coffee tables, or any other small/child-sized furniture** sitting around that you're not sure what to do with? The Children's Ministry would love them! Please get in touch with our Children's Minister, Bridget, if you have something that might fit the bill.

Children's Ministry over the Holidays

On Christmas Day (Dec 25) and New Year's Day (Jan 1), we will give our wonderful Children's Ministry leaders a time for rest. On these days, children are welcome to come and stay in the service with you, or use our **Play & Praise area.** Many blessings to you during the Christmas season!



ADVENT GIFT CARD DRIVE

This Advent, help us collect 40 \$25 value
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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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