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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off". Thank you.

After the service, we invite everyone (especially newcomers!) to join us for coffee or tea, and visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun! We look forward to getting to know you better!

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The official Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers, even if you signed up somewhere else previously. If you have any questions, please contact Donna in the office.

Our Service Today

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy. Our special Advent Candle-Lighting Liturgy was written especially for St. John's, and we encourage individuals and families to volunteer to read.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **All**.

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant:	The Reverend Georgina Harris
Deacon-in-charge and Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Chaplain:	Jill Parsons
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	John Spender, Cathy Dallimore
Intercessor:	Ann Hasle
Eucharistic Administrators:	Linda Harrison, Tracey MacLennan
Welcome Table:	Leeann Price
Greeter:	Diane Johnson

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.



Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministries to our community. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

Prelude & Announcements

Advent Call To Worship - Prepare the Way

Processional Hymn - Prepare the Way, O Zion

We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open,
all desires are known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily,
magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All 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. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We sing the first two verses of the Advent song while a liturgical assistant prepares to light the Candle of Hope.

Advent Song - Hope Is A Star

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Families are invited to gather around the Advent Wreath.

First Voice Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us.

The candle of Hope is lit.

Second Voice The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. Peace is a word that we hear a lot. It is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

- First Voice The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.
- Second Voice We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

The candle of Peace is lit.

- First Voice Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.
- Second Voice Let us pray. Thank you God for the peace you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

**All O God, come, travel with us through Advent.
Give us the courage to spread peace in the world.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: read by John Spender.

A reading from book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72

Please remain seated as we sing the psalm together.

The Second Reading: read by Cathy Dallimore.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:4-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first three verses of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.

The Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last 2 verses of the Gradual hymn.

Sermon

The Reverend Georgina Harris

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

Prayers of the People

240 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

The musical score is written for a choir and voice parts. It features an Ostinato Chorale in the background. The vocal lines are in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O". The score includes repeat signs and a "Last time" marking for the final phrase.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Text: Psalm 102: Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, b. 1923
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You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

The Church: We pray for the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-designate of Canterbury. We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Rector, for Shawn our Deacon-in-charge and Curate, and for Georgina our Associate Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For Archdeacon Adam Yates (Granville); Christ Church, Hope; St. Laurence, Coquitlam - The Reverend Philip Cochrane, The Reverend Patricia Ratcliffe. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan, The Reverend Tristan Bati-el.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School, Lookout Housing and Health Society of the North Shore.

The World: Give peace in our time, O Lord:
 Peace and reconciliation among the nations;
 Peace and unity within the churches;
 Peace and harmony in our communities and our homes;
 Peace and love in all our hearts;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie

The Dearly Departed: We pray for Anne Dunne and her friend Donna Burnes as they mourn the passing of Donna's husband, Lawrence Burnes. We pray for all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Mercy and Kingsley Agyeman, Kathryn Atkinson and Kevin Benoy, Barbara Backer, Pasha Bagheri, Maurice Beasant, and their families.

Confession and Absolution

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

(A prayerful silence is kept)

Most merciful God,

**All 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.

All Amen

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All And also with you.

The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".

The Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be presented to the altar.

Offertory Hymn

CHRISTIAN YEAR Advent

106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Unison



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Zi - on, give voice to good tid - ings, as -



call from the ways un - trod: pre - pare in the des-ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des-o - late



high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. The



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought
works of pride all per - ish, like flowers they shall de -



Text: Is 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.
Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988).
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low; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es
cay; the power and pomp of na - tions

where the Lord our God may go!
shall pass like a dream a - way.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The Soprano part begins with a half note 'low;' followed by a quarter note 'cay;'. The Bass part begins with a half note 'low;' followed by a quarter note 'cay;'. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are: 'low; cay; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es the power and pomp of na - tions where the Lord our God may go! shall pass like a dream a - way.'

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The Deacon sets the Altar and prepare the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. The Offertory Plate, that holds our donations for the needs and responsibilities of the Church, is then brought forward to be blessed before the Altar.

Doxology

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength,
All **we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving /Eucharistic Prayer 3 (DoNW)

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| <p>Celebrant
All</p> | <p>The Lord be with you.
And also with you.</p> |
| <p>Celebrant
All</p> | <p>Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.</p> |
| <p>Celebrant
All</p> | <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |
| <p>Celebrant</p> | <p>Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices with
the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.</p> |
| <p>All (sung)</p> | <p>Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.</p> |
| <p>Celebrant</p> | <p>We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;</p> |

Celebrant

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 isolation into community,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

**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 for ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

- **This Is The Body of Christ**
- **Break Now the Bread of Life**
- **Long Before the Night**

The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the priest and cross your arms over your chest.

Celebrant Takes Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant takes Communion at the altar, saying the following.

Celebrant: The body of Christ, food for our journey.

The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

All Amen.

The communion hymns continue as the Deacon clears the altar.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Faithful God,

**All we thank you for feeding us
with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen**

Please be seated.

The Thanksgiving Box

On the first Sunday of the month we invite everyone who wants to give thanks for particular blessings in their lives (birthdays, anniversaries, new job, etc.) to come forward and share their story with the congregation. All donations placed in the Thanksgiving Box will go to the minister's discretionary fund.

Celebrant Prayer of Thanksgiving

Everyone returns to their pews.

Please stand as you are able.

The 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

Recessional Hymn - Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding

Dismissal

Deacon

Words of dismissal

All

Thanks be to God.

There is a postlude, for those who wish to remain



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

Advent - Week 2

Joseph and Mary continue their long journey to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. In our church, the figures of Mary and Joseph journey from the back of the church to the altar during the season of Advent. Can you find them this week? Do you think the donkey knew he was carrying Mary, mother of the Son of God?

Word Play

Unscramble the letters to find the names of people in this service:

E A I R O G G N

A L G N I A

A S N H W

Z L A H E

Draw a Picture

Today we lit the first and second flames in the Advent Candle Wreath. Draw your own Advent Candle Wreath, with two candles lit.