

The First Sunday in Advent

being the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day

November 28, 2021



Christ driving the moneychangers from [the] Temple. (1635). Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669). Etching.

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

8 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Nicholas Hatt, Rector

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are found on pages 95-96. The Introit (Psalm 25:1-7) is found on page 358. The Gradual is printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Nicholas Hatt, Rector Mass setting: Missa XI Orbis factor Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see insert)

The Litany		p. 30
The Kyrie		p. 70
Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.	ŕ
The Collect		p. 95
Please sit		

Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 85:4-7

The Epistle (Romans 13:8)

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TURN US, O God our Sa-viour, /and let thine an-ger cease from us~~.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for e-ver? /

and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to a-no-ther~~?

Wilt thou not turn again and quick-en us, / that thy people may re-joice^in thee~~?

O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us, /and grant us thy sal-va-tion~~.

The Advent Prose (see insert)	Rorate Cœli
The Holy Gospel (St Matthew 21:1)	p. 96
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Children, grades Primary through 6, exit through the door to the right of the pulpit to go to Sunday School in the hall.

The Sermon The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Rector

The O Antiphons

O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonaï (O Lord)

O Adonaï, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire and gavest him the Law on Sinai: Come and deliver us, with an outstretched arm.

The ancient "O Antiphons" have been used by Christians for the last 1300 years. They focus our prayer on Old Testament prophecies of Christ. Traditionally sung before and after the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days leading up to Christmas, the choir will sing them over the Sundays in Advent at the 10:30 service of Choral Communion.

Offertory Hymn 64 THE LORD will come and not be slow Old 107th

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession	p. 75
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The Confession p. 77

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving p. 77

The Sanctus and Benedictus p. 81

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (bis).

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. (*repeat*) O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. At the 10:30 am service, please remain in your pew until the greeter or sidesperson has indicated that it is time to go forward

Communion Hymn 65 HARK the glad sound!

St Stephen

Communion Motet Hosanna to the Son – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 85	
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86	
The Blessing	p. 86	
Closing Hymn 548 COME, thou long expected Jesus	Stuttgart	
VoluntaryNun komm her Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)		

Upcoming Special Services & Events in the Round Church

Feast of Saint Andrew: Tuesday, November 30

Holy Communion (said) at 5:45pm immediately following 5:30pm shortened Evening Prayer

Advent Lessons & Carols: Sunday, December 5 at 5pm

Today's Daily Offices

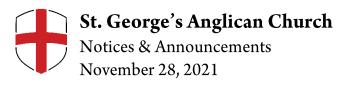
10 am Morning Prayer begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book.

Psalm 9; Isa. 1:20; Rev. 2:1-17

5 pm Evening Prayer begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book.

Psalm 50; Isa. 2:10-end; John 3:1-21

To learn more about worship, outreach, Sunday School, music, and events at St George's, visit our website: www.roundchurch.ca



Worship during the Pandemic

During this time of pandemic, please ...

- Sanitize your hands upon entering the building.
- Sign-in with a greeter or in the binder provided.
- Wear a mask at all times, including while singing.
- Do not sit in the pews which are closed off.
- Follow the arrows on the floor when moving about the church.

At the time of Communion, please follow the directional arrows on the floor to direct you forward to the altar. At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, please remain in your pew until a greeter has signalled that it is time for you to go. As per Provincial and Diocesan guidelines, proof of vaccination is not required to attend worship services. The clergy of Saint George's are happy to share with you that they are both fully vaccinated.

Scripture Readings for the Week

The Scripture readings below can be read on their own, or with the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer (see pp. 1-24 in the Book of Common Prayer), or the shortened Family Prayers in the back of the Book of Common Prayer (see pages 728-736).

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Mon	Isa. 3. 1-15	Mark 1. 1-20	Ecclus. 14. 20- end	1 Cor. 4. 9-16
Tue	Zech. 8. 20- end	John 1. 35-42	Ezek. 47. 1-12	John 12. 20-32
Wed	Isa. 9. 8-10. 4	Mark. 2. 1-22	Isa. 10. 5-23	Rev. 8
Thu	10. 24-end	2. 23-3. 12	13. 1-14. 2	9
Fri	14. 3-27	3. 13-end	17	10
Sat	18	4. 1-20	19. 1-17	11

Parish Council meets this Tuesday, November 30th at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room.

Financial Update

Total Budgeted Undesignated Offering for 2021:	\$291,020.70
Budgeted undesignated offering as of the end of October:	\$242,517.25
Total received as of the end of October:	\$211,351.39

Soup Kitchen Update

Our Saturday Soup Kitchen has been operating as a take-out only service since the start of the pandemic. We thank all those who have continued to volunteer, and the parishes and organizations who partner with us to offer hot meals on Saturdays for residents of the inner-city.

Last Week, November 20th: Team 5 led by Jordan Gracie. Food and volunteers came from Bedford Baptist; 136 were served.

Yesterday, November 27th: Team 6 led by Jordan Gracie. Food and volunteers came from St Peter's, Birch Cove.

Next week, December 4th: Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers will come from St. Margaret of Scotland.

Prayer List

Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: Barbara, the Almasalma Family, Evelyn, Lowell, Wendy, Noah, Daruka, Daniel, and family, Donald, Ferghal, Sister Vicky, Leroy, Bruce, Jacquie and Arie, Patricia, Ginny, Bonita, Steven, Patricia, Alice, Kristian, Louise, Ernest, Linda, Eric, the Beardon Family, William, Elizabeth, Rosanne, The Robertson family, Carolyn and Bev.

For the Faithful Departed: Sy Stewart ('11), Fr. Wilfred Wagner ('14), Eric Hedley Smith ('01), Anne West ('15), Ann Mitchell ('21), Frank Cameron Garrett ('21), Janice Parker ('11), Charles "Chuck" William Richardson ('09), Joan Hammond ('13), Petronella "Nellie" Neish ('11), Karen Hawrysh ('21), Marie Angotti ('21), Nan Robertson ('21), the Rev'd Canon Eric Ingraham ('17), and Dorothy Lirette ('20).

If you have names to add to the list, please email Father Hatt (rector@roundchurch.ca) or speak with him in person.

2022 Prayer Book Calendars still available

Church calendars for 2022 following the Church Year according to the Book of Common Prayer are still available. You may call the parish office (902 423 1059) to reserve your calendar or, on Sundays, see Maxine Miles after the 8am Holy Communion service or Susan Harris after the 10:30am Choral Holy Communion service. On Wednesdays, see Leona Sweeney after the 10am Holy Communion service. The cost this year is \$8.00.

Craft Supplies for Sunday School

The Sunday School is looking for donations of craft supplies! If you have any lingering around in your house you would like to donate, please speak with our superintendent, Meghan Jamieson or email her at meghan j ca@yahoo.ca

Next Sunday - Sunday School St. Nicholas Day Celebration

The Sunday School will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day on December 5. There will be craft-making and activities in the Sunday School Room and, if we're very lucky, there might be a special visitor joining us after the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion.

Offering Envelopes for 2022

Boxes for envelopes for your regular offerings for 2022 are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to pick yours up! If you frequently use the guest envelopes located in the pews, please consider signing up for a regular box of envelopes. This will assign a particular number to your offering and makes recording your givings much easier for the counters and our envelope secretary. You can sign up by emailing our envelope secretary, Judith Fisher at judithellenfisher@gmail.com.

Shoeboxes for Seafarers

Every year at Christmas time, the local Mission to Seafarers provides care boxes to seafarers who find themselves in port in Halifax, far from home. St George's has helped to provide some of these boxes for many years now. Donations are always welcome (see the list

at https://www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca/events/christmas-shoebox-campaign/). We have a lot of donations already on hand, but are especially looking for donations of men's gloves. Donations can be left on the greeter's table at the back of the church (please label them for the shoeboxes) or given to Anne Tilley. Thank you!

Next Sunday - Advent Lessons and Carols

The Parish Choir sings Advent Lessons and Carols next Sunday, December 5th at 5 p.m. in the Round Church. Music for the service will include Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's Matin Responsory and also his Vesper Responsory, the motet Vigilate by William Byrd and Michael Praetorius, Nun komm der heiden Heiland. In addition, motets and anthems by Bennett, Bruckner, and Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck will be featured. Traditional hymns of the season, including Come thou Redeemer of the earth (Puer nobis nascitur), Wake, O Wake! with tidings thrilling (Wachet auf) and O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel) will be sung by all. The closing Organ Voluntary will be Nun komm der Heiden Heiland by J.S. Bach. The Offering at the Carol Service will be in support of St. George's Christmas Family Outreach.

Christmas Garland for the Round Church

Come and help make the Christmas garland for the Round Church! Saturday, December 18th at 10 a.m. in the church hall. Last year, COVID restrictions meant that we were unable to gather to make the garland, so it is a joy that we can do so this year. This is an important, tangible way in which we prepare the church and our hearts for the birth of our Saviour. This is a great event especially for young people and families.

Christmas Outreach

For many years now the parish has provided food and gifts for families in need in our neighbourhood. We are in need of monetary donations and donations of frozen turkeys. If you can help, you can place a donation on the offering plate or send an etransfer to treasurer@roundchurch.ca with a note that it is for Christmas Outreach. The offering at Advent Lessons and Carols next Sunday will also go towards supporting this ministry. If you can donate a frozen turkey, please let Kim Lickers know at klickers@dal.ca. We will gather to wrap at 10 am in the Sunday School Room, and delivery of gifts will start at 11:30 am on Saturday, December 18th at 10 a.m Please let Kim know if you can help or sign up at the back of the church. (Those helping with wrapping are required by law to be double-vaccinated)

Dalhousie Collegium Cantorum presents a concert *The Joy of Singing* on Monday Nov. 29 at 7:30 pm at St Andrew's United Church, on the corner of Coburg and Robie, Halifax with Conductor Gary Ewer and accompanist Tara Scott. Musical selections from Bach, Ewer, Handel, and Lauridsen. Admission by donation. [Proof of double vaccination required]

Album Release Concert Dec. 1 at Saint George's Round Church featuring The Spruce Larks, who are Kirsty Money (nyckelharpa) and Jude Pelley (bouzouki).

This past September Kirsty and Jude released their first recording, "Out of the Nest" featuring their own compositions, traditional Swedish tunes, some Bach and a little Beatles! They are thrilled to be able to offer a concert at Saint George's at the beginning of the Christmas Season. If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift, the recording will be for sale at the performance.

Time: 7:30

Date: Wednesday, December 1

Cost: \$20. Tickets are available online (paypal.me/KirstyMoney) and at the

door.

We hope to see you there!

The Aeolian Singers present "Where Light Begins"

The Aeolian Singers invite you to join us for "Where the Light Begins", a joyful concert event celebrating our shared voices, shared experiences and beginning again. This vibrant, fun program showcases the versatility of the singers with an eclectic mix of contemporary and contemplative music - including a new commissioned work, and familiar songs we know and love.

We are thrilled to be singing again for our community; this music will leave you as it does us - energized, uplifted and looking forward to new adventures. Certainly an event to remember!

Sunday Nov. 28 - 4:00pm - Knox United Church - Sackville

Adults \$20. Students/Underwaged \$10, Live Stream \$15pp

For tickets go to our website: www.aeoliansingers.ca

The First Sunday in Advent excerpt from COMMON PRAYER: A Commentary on the Prayer Book Lectionary Volume 1: Sunday Next Before Advent to Epiphany VI

"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee," proclaims the Prophet in today's gospel (B.C.P., p.96). This announces Advent's principal theme: the coming of the Lord, which stirs in us a sense of expectation. We await the coming of the Lord, who is our salvation. The epistle sounds this same note of urgent expectation, that "now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer" (p.95). Expectation of his coming leads to preparation for his coming. "Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (p.96).

Penitence and prayer are the elements of our preparation. The works of darkness which we must cast off or repent of are the "lusts of the flesh" (p.96), that is, our wills as turned towards the world rather than to God. Today's gospel illustrates this in Christ's casting out of the money-changers and merchants from the temple of God (p.97). We repent of our sins so that we may become the temple of God. The casting off is followed by the putting on. The armour which we put on is Jesus Christ: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" (p.96). His coming means both his great humility in putting on our humanity and his glorious judgement upon our darkness which he has overcome. The collect gathers all these themes together. We pray this collect every day throughout Advent.

The office readings for this week enlarge upon our expectation and our preparation in the light of the Lord's coming in humility and in judgement. The Old Testament lessons are taken from the Book of Isaiah; Isaiah is our Advent prophet. Through the prophet, God makes man aware of sin, and of the divine righteousness which overcomes sin. The prophet's vision extends beyond Israel to all the nations of the world (chapters 13-23). The expected salvation will be universal (49.6). That salvation ultimately means the coming of Emmanuel —God with us — who comes both in humility and in judgment (7.14-17).

The second lessons at Mattins for the season of Advent are taken from St. Mark's Gospel. Here we begin to see what Christ's coming to us means. The preparation ror his coming in John the Baptist, the inauguration of his public ministry by his baptism, the call of the disciples, the casting out of demons, the healing of the sick, his teaching throughout all Galilee, show us the coming of our Lord to establish his kingdom of righteousness and peace. "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1.15).

With the opening of the seals, we continue our reading of the Book of Revelation at Evensong. The seals are opened to reveal a vision of the judgement of God upon all time, all history, and all creation. The Lamb of God alone can open the seven-sealed Scroll containing the eternal purposes of God, for he is the Revelation of God and the Redemption of mankind. The opening of the seventh seal reveals the final consummation of all things in the judgement of God. "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11.15). Through the Lamb of God, "the temple of God in heaven was opened" (Rev. 11.19).



St. George's Anglican Church

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sunday School: Meghan Jamieson

Sun – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Mon – The Diocese of Idoani – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

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Tue – The Diocese of Ife – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)

Wed – The Diocese of Ife East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)

Thu – The Diocese of Ifo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)

Fri – The Diocese of Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

Sat – The Diocese of Igbomina - West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chignecto Region

Amherst: The Rev'd William Ferry; The Rev'd Charlotte Ross, Associate Parish Priest

Parrsboro Shore: The Rev'd Dr. Brian Spence