



# St. George's Anglican Church

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## The Sunday Next Before Advent

## November 22, 2020



*Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* (detail from the Ghent Altarpiece). (1432). Jan van Eyck (1390-1441). Oil on wood.

## 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.

# 10:30am Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*  
Mass setting: Missa Brevis – G. P. da Palestrina (1547-1580)  
*Creed* and *Gloria*: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn 73** ‘THY kingdom come’ – on bended knee

*Irish*

**The Introit** Psalm 85:1-7

tone IV.8



LORD, THOU ART become gracious un-to thy land: /  
**thou hast restored the fortunes of Ja~cob.**

**Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy peo-ple, / and covered all~ their^sin.**

Thou hast taken away all *thy* dis-plea-sure, /  
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indig-na~tion.

**Turn us, O God our Sa-viour, / and let thine anger 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 a-gain and quick-en^us, /  
that thy people may re-joyce~ in^thee?**

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Ho~ly^Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, /  
**world without end. A~men.**

*Please kneel*

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

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The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

*sung by the choir*

*Kyrie eleison*

Lord have mercy upon us,

*Christe eleison*

Christ have mercy upon us,

*Kyrie eleison*

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect

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*Please sit*

The Lesson (Jeremiah 23:5)

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*Please stand*

## The Gradual Psalm 85:8-13

tone VIII.3



I WILL HEAR-ken what the Lord *God* will say: /

**for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart~ to ^him.**

**Surely his salvation is nigh *them* that fear him, / that glory may dwell in *our~* land.**

Mercy and truth are *met* to-ge-ther: / righteousness and peace have kissed each *o~*ther.

**Truth springeth out of the earth; /**

**and righteousness hath looked down from *hea~*ven.**

Yea, the Lord shall give *what* is good; / and our land shall yield her *in~*crease.

**Righteousness shall go be-fore him, / and shall direct his going *in~* the ^way.**

The Holy Gospel (St John 1:35)

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**The Nicene Creed**

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The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

**Offertory Hymn 384** PRAISE to the Holiest in the height

*Gerontius*

*After the biddings, please kneel*

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

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**The Confession**

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The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus and Benedictus

*sung by the choir*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt caeli 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

*sung by the choir*

*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.

**The 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 Motet *Omnes gentes, laudite* – Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

*Omnes gentes, laudite manibus;  
jubilate Deo in voce exsultationis:  
quoniam Dominus excelsus,  
terribilis, rex magnus super omnem terram.  
Subjecit populos nobis,  
et gentes sub pedibus nostris.  
Elegit nobis haereditatem suam;  
speciem Jacob quam dilexit.  
Ascendit Deus in jubilo,  
et Dominus in voce tubae.*

O clap your hands together, all ye people:  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high, and to be feared:  
he is the great King upon all the earth.  
He shall subdue the people under us:  
and the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us:  
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.  
God is gone up with a merry noise:  
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	p. 85
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 85
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>	p. 86
The Blessing	p. 86
<b>Closing Hymn 287</b> ZION'S King shall reign victorious	<i>Austria</i>
Voluntary	<i>Fantasia in g, BWV 542 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)</i>

## Upcoming Special Services in the Round Church

**Monday, November 30:** The Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle will be celebrated with Holy Communion (said) immediately following 5:30pm shortened Evening Prayer

## Services today

**8 am Holy Communion** begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer. Bulletins for that service are available at the back of the church.

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

Psalm 80; Eccles. 11 & 12; Heb. 11:1-16

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

Psalms 81 & 82; Malachi 3:13-4 end; Heb. 11:17-12:2

*To learn more about worship, outreach, Sunday School, music, and events at St George's, visit our website: [www.roundchurch.ca](http://www.roundchurch.ca)*



# St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements

November 22

## Worship during the Pandemic

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means that we must take extra precautions to help prevent the further spread of the virus. While in the church, please ...

- wear a mask;
- clean your hands upon arriving;
- check in with the greeter to record your name;
- do not sit in the pews marked off with a ribbon;
- refrain from shaking hands and try to cough or sneeze into your elbow.

At the time of the Holy Communion (during the 10:30 a.m. service only), please remain seated until the greeter has signaled that it is time for you to go. Those sitting around the outside aisles and the upstairs Gallery will go first, followed by those sitting around the centre aisle.

There are two stations for receiving the Sacrament, one on each side of the Communion rail. We ask that only one person or household go to each station at a time.

Upon leaving the Communion rail, please turn to the left and go through the vestry door or follow the arrows back down the central aisle of the chancel. (The latter may be easier for those with mobility problems).

**At the end of the service, please exit by any of the doors (the vestry door to your left, the parking lot door on the right, or the Brunswick Street doors). Please leave your prayer books and hymnals in the crates provided.**

At all times, we must observe physical distancing in the church, keeping six feet or two metres from those outside of your family or household.

If you have travelled or have been in direct contact with someone who has travelled outside of the Atlantic 'bubble' within the last fourteen days or are feeling unwell and have symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to church. Let the Rector know if you are unwell so we can offer our care and our prayers for you.

## Worship schedule

**Holy Communion (said):** Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

**Choral Holy Communion:** Sun, 10:30 am

**Daily Offices**

✠**Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am; Sun, 10am

✠**Evening Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 5:30 pm; Sun, 5pm

## Financial Update

Total Budgeted Undesignated Offering for 2020:	\$260,269.21
Budgeted undesignated offering as of the end of October:	\$216,891.01
Total received as of the end of October:	\$208,507.99

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<b>Total needed for repairs to the Round Church</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Total raised as of last Sunday</b>	<b>\$15,325</b>

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## Soup Kitchen Update

*Since the pandemic, the Soup Kitchen has been operating as a take-out only service. We thank all those who have continued to volunteer, and the parishes and organizations who partner with us to offer hot meals on Saturdays.*

**Last Week, November 14:** Team 6 led by Jim Rawding, filling in for Jordan Gracie. Food and Volunteers came from St. Mark's Anglican; 111 were served.

**Yesterday, November 21:** Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and Volunteers came from St Peter's, Birch Cove

**Next Week, November 28:** Team 2 led by Samuel Landry and Mary Hills. Food and volunteers will come from All Saints' Cathedral.

## Prayer List

To add the name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Hatt ([rector@roundchurch.ca](mailto:rector@roundchurch.ca)).

**Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:** Bruce, Jennifer, Rob, Vernon, Marie, Patrick, Travis, Leroy, Debbie, Barbara, Patricia, the Almasalma Family, Evelyn, Lowell, Richard, Wendy, Lauren, Mary, the McAllister Family, Ginny, Betty-Jane, Barbie, Blake, and Bishop Michael.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Ann Connell ('10), Robert McKelvie ('17), Robert "Bobby" Chisholm Douglas ('08), Sy Stewart ('11), Fr. Wilfred Wagner ('14), Eric Hedley Smith ('01), Anne West ('15), Charles "Chuck" William Richardson ('09), John Hammond ('13), and Petronella "Nellie" Neish ('11).

## Daily Office lessons for this week

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<b>Sun</b>	Eccles. 11 & 12	Heb. 11. 1-16	Mal. 3. 13-4 end	Heb. 11. 17-12. 2
<b>Mo</b>	Wisd. 1	Matt. 5. 1-16	Wisd. 2	Rev. 1
<b>n</b>				
<b>Tue</b>	3. 1-9	5. 17-end	4. 7-end	2. 1-17
<b>Wed</b>	5. 1-16	6. 1-18	6. 1-21	2. 18-3. 6
<b>Thu</b>	7. 15-8. 4	6. 19-end	8. 5-18	3. 7-end
<b>Fri</b>	8. 21-9 end	7. 1-14	10. 15-11. 10	4
<b>Sat</b>	11. 21-12. 2	7. 15-end	12. 12-21	5

## YouthNet Update

This week at YouthNet's after-school program, the kids made their own t-shirts and tried their hand at screen-printing at RADSTORM, an arts co-op on Gottingen Street. We also played some drama games, as well as continuing with our Capoeira (Brazilian martial art) workshop series. In Teen Program this week, we took a field trip to Dartmouth to visit a Graffiti wall, led by one of our volunteers, Gabe, who specializes in Graffiti art at NSCAD.

## Consecration of New Diocesan Bishop

On Saturday, September 18th, The Rev'd Sandra Fyfe, presently Rector of St John's, Horton in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, was elected bishop of our Diocese. She will be consecrated and installed on the Feast of Saint Andrew (Monday, November 30th) at All Saints' Cathedral. Due to current gathering restrictions, only those specifically invited to the Cathedral will be able to attend the service in person. A number of gatherings are being organized throughout the Diocese at which people will be able to watch the service live. It will also be live-streamed online through YouTube and Facebook. More information will be published as it comes available.

## **Christmas Outreach for Families**

Every year Saint George's tries to help families in our neighbourhood by providing them with Christmas gifts, gift cards, and everything they need to cook a Christmas dinner, including a turkey. You can help by providing financial support, donating a turkey, groceries, new (with tags) children's clothing, new toys, or diapers. The cost to sponsor an entire family is usually about \$250, depending upon the number of children. You can place donations in the offering plate clearly marked "Christmas Outreach" or make an e-transfer to [treasurer@roundchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@roundchurch.ca). If you'd like to donate some items, or want to know how else you can help, please get in touch with Kim Lickers at [klickers@dal.ca](mailto:klickers@dal.ca) or speak with Father Hatt. Last year we provided support to 15 families. The need is especially great this year. Typically, volunteers would gather on a Saturday morning in late December to help wrap and deliver gifts. Obviously, this may not be possible due to the ongoing pandemic, but we will keep you posted.

## **2021 Prayer Book Calendars are still available**

Church calendars for 2021 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 remains the same as last year at the bargain price of \$7.50.

## **Shoeboxes for Seafarers still needs donations**

We have but **two** months in which to build and launch this worthy program in support of those in peril on the sea. The target is 50 boxes. **Needed: Scarves, Gloves, Socks, Toiletries, Writing Paper & Envelopes, Pens, Pencils, Souvenirs, Cards, Sweets (only sealed hard candies, please).** If seeking any information, speak to Anne Tilley or Patricia Martinson.



## **Rector away until Tuesday**

The Rector is currently taking his final week of vacation for the year, returning to the parish on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Father Peter Harris is taking services today, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, assisted by Father Purchase. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Father Harris at (902) 225 3372.

## **Notice of Parish Council Meeting**

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. online via Zoom.

## **Update from the Finance Warden**

Our financial year (January to December) is drawing to a close.

In October the Parish continued to carry a surplus of about \$40 000. Undesignated offerings increased slightly from September. Rental income is approximately 25% under budget due to COVID restrictions in the spring, and total expenses have climbed up to 74% of our annual budget. We continue to receive wage subsidies for the Rector, Music Director and Parish Administrator, but at a reduced rate (down from a peak of 62% to a low of 7%). This rate is adjusted monthly. Despite COVID we have done well. The wage subsidies have given us the freedom to spend some funds on necessary repairs to the Round Church. We hope to recover some of that money through extra donations - please see the announcement in this bulletin.

We hope to be able to carry a surplus into 2021, a year which will surely be as challenging a year as 2020. If we maintain or increase offerings in the next seven weeks we will achieve that goal. The parish functions best when offerings are regular and stable. Stability is especially difficult to achieve during a pandemic. We can do our part to create stability by making our offering to the church regularly - monthly or weekly.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the life of our parish so far this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of the wardens.

## **Repairing the Round Church**

In September we told you that the Parish undertook three major maintenance projects in the Round Church this summer all of which are now complete. The first was the installation of a new natural gas furnace. We give thanks for a generous donor who provided the resources for us to undertake this project in such a timely fashion. The second project was the painting of the upper exterior portion of the drum and the cupola. This work was completed in September. The third project was the re-shingling of the church roof. The shingles were close to their end-of-life and needed to be replaced before winter. This work was completed in October.

## **Appeal for Funds for Repairs**

The total cost of the painting and reshingling was approximately \$80,000. We received a grant of \$10,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia and a grant of \$25,000 from the Municipality towards these two projects. Parish Council approved the transfer of \$20,000 from our short-term Preservation Fund to help fund these projects. These monies are funds which have accumulated from the interest on Preservation Endowment and can only be spent on the maintenance of the Round Church. This means that we need to raise \$25,000 by the end of this year to pay for these projects.

To date, we have raised approximately \$12,000, so we are about half-way there. We are writing to ask for further donations so we can meet our target by the end of December. You can do this by placing an offering on the collection plate or via e-transfer to [treasurer@roundchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@roundchurch.ca). Please mark your donation "Repairs to the Round Church".

Let us give thanks that we have been blessed as a congregation with the resources to maintain this national historic site in love for God and for this neighbourhood.

## The Sunday Next Before Advent

excerpt from COMMON PRAYER: A Commentary on the Prayer Book Lectionary

"The Lord our Righteousness", prophesied by Jeremiah (B.C.P., p.259), sums up the season of Trinity and turns us toward Advent. The gospel of the Sunday Next Before Advent concludes with the finding of the Righteous One: "We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

This righteousness is what we have sought in Trinity season through the practice of Christian virtue. By following daily the teaching and example of Jesus and by the nourishing grace of the Holy Spirit, we have endeavoured to grow up in the Righteous Branch, and so to "plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works."

"Christ our righteousness" brings us to the cost of the goodness we have from God and so points us toward Advent. To make us righteous Jesus had to bear our unrighteousness and accept the judgement on our sins. The Christ must die; he is "the Lamb of God". So John the Baptist, the Advent prophet, proclaims. The sacrifice of Jesus is the beginning of all the goodness we have, just as his perfect life is the example of the ideal we seek. He comes to be our judge because he has first come in great humility to be our Saviour. Advent begins in the longing for righteousness, and so we start by praying God to stir up our wills. Advent goes on to the humiliation of Christ coming to die for our sins, and proceeds to that judgement in which all unrighteousness is consumed and those who are in Christ arrive home to dwell with God.

The Office readings for the week of the Sunday Next Before Advent confront us with the righteousness we seek in the "Sermon on the Mount" from the Gospel according to Matthew. Yet God does not send Jesus to condemn the world by the standard of an impossible perfection, but rather to save it by raising us into the very righteousness of God present in his Son. We read the Book of Wisdom as a First Lesson because it concerns the Word of God which in creation and providence runs mightily from one end of the earth to the other and orders all things well (Wisdom 8.1).

The Book of Revelation presents fearsome judgement in order to bring us to the Lamb who begins and ends not only this Book but all things. Revelation begins with "Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come" (1.8) and ends with the word of Jesus that

*I am Alpha and Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end. (22.13)*



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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

**Sun** – Pray for the Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Rt Rev'd Nicholas Dill – Bishop of Bermuda

**Mon** – Santiago (Chile) The Rt Rev'd Hector (Tito) Zavala

Santiago (Philippines) The Rt Rev'd Frenzel Ray P Piluden

**Tue** – Sao Paulo (Brazil) The Rt Rev'd Francisco Cezar Fernandes

East Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev'd Robert Skirving

**Wed** – Sapele (Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Dr Blessing Erifeta

East Kerala (South India) The Rt Rev'd V S Francis

**Thu** – Saskatchewan (Canada) The Rt Rev'd Michael William Hawkins

East Ruwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Rev'd George Turyasingura

East Tennessee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev'd Brian Lee Cole

**Fri** – Saskatoon (Canada) The Rt Rev'd Christopher Harper

Eastern Himalayas (North India) Vacant

**Sat** – Sebei (Uganda) The Rt Rev'd Paul Kiptoo Masaba

Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong) The Rt Rev'd Timothy Kwok

Kyushu (Japan) The Rt Rev'd Luke Ken-ichi Muto

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: South Shore Region

**Yarmouth and Tusket:** The Rev'd Patrick Bright, *Priest-in-Charge*

**Retired Clergy of the South Shore Region:** The Rev'd Frances Boutillier; The Rev'd Linda MacDonald; The Rev'd Barbara Minard; The Rev'd Gillian Neville-Ball; The Rev'd Oliver Osmond; The Rev'd Alvin Westgate; The Very Rev'd John Wright; The Rev'd Gordon Druggett; The Rev'd Ronald Barkhouse.

**Widows:** Mrs. June Coote; Mrs. Catherine Rigby; Mrs. Holly Mitchell; Mrs. Barb Tuck