

Morning Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020



The second candle on an advent wreath represents preparation. Listen to a reading from Mark.

His voice is shouting in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him! The messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented for their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. *Mark 1: 3-4*

John the Baptist, Jesus’ cousin, spread the word that Jesus was on his way. Part of our preparations for Christmas can include letting other people know what Christmas is all about – the birth of our Saviour.

All: **Two candles, burning bright,
Chasing away the darkness from light.
Two candles, glowing light,
The blessing of God, giving new sight.**

Dear God, we pray that our hearts will be ready for your coming through your son, Jesus the Christ. Help us to see how you call us to prepare.
Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

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.

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The Invitatory

The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship**

Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

40 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40: 1-11 (NRSV)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake.

A reading from the second letter of Peter

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 Peter 3: 8-15a (NRSV)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Mark 1: 1-8 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

Come to Us

Scattered and broken bent in our way
We are Your people gathered to praise You
A vineyard uprooted narrow in sight
Come Lord of glory come Lord of light

Chorus:

Come to us O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts
Come to us O Lord of glory and make us anew
Lord we wait for You Lord we wait for You
Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory

Come Lord our dayspring come from on high
As we Your people gather to praise You
Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine
But Your word will heal us come light divine

Chorus:

Come to us O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts
Come to us O Lord of glory and make us anew
Lord we wait for You Lord we wait for You
Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory

Come Root of Jesse come David's son
Come Star of Morning we come to praise You
Hope of creation of all humankind
Reign over body spirit and mind

Chorus:

Come to us O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts
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Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

Collect

Almighty God, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All:* 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.**

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord, and these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored, and though these are the days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword, still we are the voice in the desert, crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun,
at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, in the year of jubilee,
for out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
and these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of
praise.

These are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world,
and we are the labourers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the
Lord.

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun,
at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, in the year of jubilee,
for out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

(Sing chorus 3 times)

(Repeat for out of Zion's hill salvation comes at end)

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Blessing

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer – South Shore Region

Springhill and Lantz, Nova Scotia

Readings for next week: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Canticle 18; 1
Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Notices from within the Parish



PWRDF: Our PWRDF project this year will be to raise money to buy donkeys! In Kenya they are used for carrying waterprecious water from a well, like the one we bought last year!

Some families still have to travel a distance to get to the wells. A donkey can carry four times the weight that a person can, so they are often given to older people to make the journey easier. Your gift will go towards providing a strong-backed donkey to shoulder cans of fresh, clean water from the well to home.

Perhaps you'd like to "pin a tail on a donkey" by making a donation! You can donate by cash or a cheque in an envelope to be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church. Donations can also be made online <http://www.churchofsaintandrew.ca/donations/> where you just click on FUND and scroll to PWRDF. Look for more information as to how donkeys enrich many lives next week!

Update – Rachel MacLean Concert:

With the new restrictions upon us for the next two weeks, unfortunately, a decision has been made to **cancel** the upcoming Rachel MacLean concert on Friday the 4th of December. I will be in touch with everyone regarding refunds and such, but should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Be safe everyone. Darlene Battiste 902-435-4363

Church Calendars: 2021 church calendars are now available for \$7.00. To purchase calendars, please call Brenda Tucker at **902-462-7006**, to place an order. Calendars can be picked up at the church on Monday afternoons between 1 and 4 p.m. in the library. Please pay with exact change or a cheque.



FURTHER CHRISTMAS OUTREACH UPDATE 2020

We now have acquired from the Christmas Registry of Feed Nova Scotia the 15 families in our community that our parish looks forward to supporting. These 15 families consist of 12 children ages 0- 18 years of age and 23 adults.

For the safety of our congregation and our Christmas Families we need to follow health and safety protocols. Therefore, we are changing to gift cards to replace all perishable and non-perishable food collection.

The non-perishable food that we usually collect from September to December from our parishioners each week using the food list is valued at approximately \$130.00. In order to replace the collected food, we are going to substitute Superstore Gift cards.

We are unable to have a giving tree with gift tags this year due to the health and safety protocols. In order for our Christmas families to still enjoy Christmas and receive gifts we will replace the tags that we would have on the Giving Tree with Walmart gift cards. In previous years the gift cards value averaged between \$20.00 and \$25.00 per tag.

Donations can be made to Christmas Outreach in the following ways.

1. **Superstore or Walmart Gift Cards:** ensure you have the purchase receipt enclosed with the gift card.
2. Cash or cheque donation specified to Christmas Outreach.
3. Through the church's website
<http://www.churchofsaintandrew.ca/>

Click the "Make a Donation" tab on the top, right of the screen and ensure that Christmas Outreach is the fund chosen.

The gift card or cash donations can be put in the offertory basket at a church service, dropped off at the church office or mailed to the church, attention Christmas Outreach. Please put your **church envelope number, your name or PAR number** on the donation envelope to make sure the donation is included on your income tax receipt.

Our delivery date to the Christmas Families will be Sunday, December 13th. All gift cards and monetary donations will need to be into the church by Friday, December 11th in order for the committee to assess and see if any gift cards need to be purchased by the church. If you require any further information in regards to Christmas Outreach please contact Anna Henderson at 902-435-1530 or Carole Caines at 902-430-5148. **If you know of any parishioner of our parish that require Christmas assistance please contact the church office at 902-462-1818.

Christmas Poinsettia Update: In gratitude for your generosity over the years and in recognition of our "interesting" times, the Altar Guild will not be collecting donations towards flowers for this Christmas. Instead we invite you to consider forwarding your generosity to the PWRDF Campaign for a donkey and to the Christmas Outreach program.

The Altar Guild is always grateful for your support of our ministry over the years and we choose this year to support your remembrances by purchasing poinsettias on your behalf from the flower fund. As many of your remembrances have remained the same over the years, we will use last year's bulletin. If you wish to make a change/ addition or to be reminded of what was there please email Carole Aylard and she will make those changes for you. caylard@accesscable.net

Nature & Nurture: Each day we will be posting a new photo on our Facebook page and asking you to suggest a scripture verse or inspirational quote that speaks to you when you view the image. We will choose one of the inspirations and post the picture and inspiration on our Webpage. The quotes have all been great so far and the choice has been tough. We look forward to more people joining in and making the choice even harder. We love to see different pictures from people! Please send along any picture you have taken that you would love to have posted. Also, if you can't think of a scripture or inspirational quote, even a word about how it makes you feel! We love participation! Use these as a daily prayer, a thought for the day, or a blessing in the moment

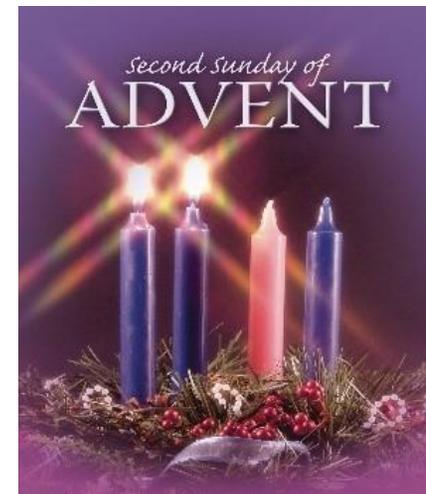
The Hate U Give: - Join us on **January 16, 2021** for a movie and discussion afternoon 1pm. We will be watching "The Hate U Give" and will be following with a discussion on the movie and how it relates to the racism we are seeing not only today but building up from the past. We will also discuss how we can make a difference in our community. Due to Covid-19, there will be a limit of 20 people, please contact the office (902-462-1818) to reserve your spot.

Notices from the Community

Clothing/Small Household Item Drive: Big Brothers and Big Sisters will take clothing and small household items. They will pick things up at your door. In addition, they happen to be doing a drive in the Cole Harbour area on Friday, Dec 11. Please call 902-454-4025 for pick-up. You likely will have to leave a message with name, number, and general address and get a call back.

Hope & Inspiration Art Show: The Diocesan Environment Network or DEN for short will be hosting an online art show starting **Nov 6th-Dec 6th** titled Hope and Inspiration. The month-long event will be hosted entirely online and will feature an online gallery, paint along events for youths and adults and interviews with the featured artists. If interested check out the Hope & Inspiration, Anglican Diocesan Environment Network, Environment Network Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI Facebook page, or the website: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/pages/hope-inspiration> or contact The Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies for more information at marian.lucas.jefferies@gmail.com

Keeping it Clean





A Community of Faith Since 1794
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

Protective measures against COVID-19 from the World Health Organization (WHO)

- 1) Wash your hands frequently
 Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- 2) Make wearing a mask a normal part of being around other people
- 3) Maintain social distancing
 Maintain at least 2 metre (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- 4) Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- 5) Practice respiratory hygiene
 Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- 6) If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early
- 7) Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider



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DIOCESAN SEASON OF PRAYER COLLECT - (By The Rev'd. Michelle Bull)

O God our Creator and Redeemer, it pleases you to invite us into the mission of Jesus, establishing the reign of God on earth. You promised through your Son to send the Spirit upon us, to teach us everything. We pray that you will send a fresh outpouring of your Spirit on this Diocese. Grant us clear vision and wisdom to discern what you are now calling us to do and the courage, love and creativity to perform it to your glory. We ask it in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.