

***Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action  
the Hope in Jesus Christ that is Within Us***

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and in which this diocese serves, is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenasaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral) and Wendat peoples.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to be reconciled to the treatment of this land and to those who have been impacted.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name,  
Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Organ Voluntary

**Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**#89**

**Lighting of the First, Second and Third Advent Candles**

**Bidding Prayer**

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus. Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: *The first sin and its punishment***

Rev. Alex

I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head and you will strike his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pangs in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you.” And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:15-19

The Word of the Lord

**All    Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson: *The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile***

Christine Crossley

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 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. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 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. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the Word of our God will stand forever. 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!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him and his recompense before him. 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

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**Third Lesson: *The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King***

Candy King

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Jeremiah 23:5-6

The Word of the Lord

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Carol:

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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**Fourth Lesson: *The one who is to rule Israel will be born  
in the village of Bethlehem***

Sheila Eisler

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; Micah 5:2-4

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**Fifth Lesson: *God promises that a child shall be conceived  
who will be known as "God with us."***

Chris Levett

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. Isaiah 7: 10 - 15

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## **Sixth Lesson: *The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Hilary Bowring

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38

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**Carol:**

**Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming**

**# 117**

**Seventh Lesson: *St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Saviour***

Rev. David

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1:18-23

The Word of the Lord

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**Carol:**

**People, Look East! The Time is Near**

**# 91**

### **Vesper Responsory**

v. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, not be dismayed:

**r. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

v. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

**r. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

v. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**r. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *monotoned*

Celebrant 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.**

v. We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

**r. In the midst of thy temple.**

*A moment of silence is kept.*



### **The Collect for Advent III**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no person evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

**All Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending #114**

Postlude: Rhapsody on Noels Eugene Gigout

The **Flowers** on the **Altar** are to **Glory of God** and in loving memory of Rev. Philip & Margaret Harding, Joseph & Doris Muise & our Grandparents, given by Bob & Mary Muise.

If you would like to place flowers or light the Aumbry Candle, in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Sheila Eisler at 519.304.1110, or email her at [sheila.eisler@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.eisler@gmail.com).

Alternately, if you would like to make a donation to the Window Restoration project in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please email [admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca](mailto:admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca)

**PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 19 (ADVENT 4)**

Micah 5:2-5a; Hymn 362; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

December 12	Third Sunday in Advent Lessons & Carols 10 am
December 19	Fourth Sunday in Advent BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Service BAS Holy Eucharist 4pm & 730pm
December 25	The Birth of the Lord 10 am
December 26	First Sunday After Christmas BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am

**CELEBRITY PRODUCTIONS**

The next production will be December 17th with Christmas Classic Crooners! Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call Helene at 519.752.6814, x21  
Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9-12.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

The Sanctuary will be decorated with memorial Poinsettias for Christmas. If you have a loved one whose name you would like on the memorial list, please make your donation in a specially marked envelope, which can be found at the back of the church. **Envelopes must be returned no later than December 15th, to be published in the bulletin.**

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Thank you for your ongoing donations and support. As of the end of October, our offerings were short \$7,500. Please keep this in your prayers as we hope to make up this deficit by the end of the year.

We all must live within a budget, including the church.

As you go through your budget for next year, please consider making a pledge to your home church. Completing a pre-authorized giving form or making a private pledge to the wardens helps us plan.

### **2022 CHURCH CALENDARS**

The Church calendars have arrived! Still only \$5! Please see Dave Johnston or drop by the office Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12.

### **ADVENT CONSPIRACY BOOK STUDY**

Join us Mondays at 7 p.m. in Advent in the upper parish hall for this book study. COVID screening (masks and proof of double vaccination) will be in effect. Talk to Chris Levett if you want to learn more.

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### **GRACE CHURCH FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to all who support our food drives! The next Food Drive will be held Saturday, December 18th.

*Welcome to historic Grace Church. Greetings in the name of Christ!  
We are a fully accessible, child friendly community.*



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