

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

Sunday, December 19, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Celebrating Holy Eucharist at 10 am
The Rev. Alex Morris, Celebrant and Preacher



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

Voluntary Three settings: From Heaven High to Earth I Come

All Stand

Processional Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #89

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

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.

People And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.
 Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
 to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
 now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace
 your will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Micah Nancy Watson

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 labour 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; and he shall be the one of peace.

MICAH 5:2-5A

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 362 Tell Out My Soul

The Epistle

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Marion Bailey

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

HEBREWS 10:5-10

 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All Stand for the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

LUKE 1:39-55

Reader	The Gospel of Christ.
People	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rev. Alex

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light;
very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance
with the Father; through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, was made man
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Litany #12

Chris Levett

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

Leader 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.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader 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.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader 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.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader 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.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader 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.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader 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.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader We pray for our Bishop, Todd, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop and Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and for all the clergy and people.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader We especially pray today for: Grace; Michael; Bella; Pat; Jo; Bob; Marnie; Roy; Marguerite; Bud; Ruth; Elizabeth; Mary Lee; Donna & Family.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: Bethan Katadotis; Peter & Melody Katadotis; Emily Kelly; Candy & Bob King; Susan King; Thys Koekkoek; Irene Lear.

People Amen.

The **Flowers** on the **Altar** are to **Glory of God** and in loving memory of Roger Murray, given by his wife Pam and daughter Kate.

The **Aumbry Candle** shines in loving memory of my husband Anson Avey, given by Trudy Avey and family.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of Gifts

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer # 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the
day when he will come again in power and great triumph to
judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice
to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our
voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of
heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of
your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly
gives you praise.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts
and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good
news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

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.**

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Amen.

Communion Hymns	Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour	#84
	We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus	#80

All stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All **Amen.**

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

Celebrant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn When the King Shall Come Again #109

Voluntary Allegro, Concerto A Minor Vivaldi-Bach BWV 593

PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 24 AT 4 PM & 730 PM

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-2

DECEMBER 25

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

DECEMBER 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS-DECEMBER 19, 2021

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 19	Fourth Sunday in Advent BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Service BAS Holy Eucharist 4pm Joint Service with The Meeting House Christmas Eve Service BAS Holy Eucharist 730pm
December 25	The Birth of the Lord 10 am
December 26	First Sunday After Christmas BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am

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.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A Grace Church parishioner has a family member who is looking for rental accommodation at the end of January. If you know of anyone who may have A room for rent, please see Christine Crossley or call her at 519.752.9640.

THE DAILY BREAD PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our daily bread program needs some help on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the mornings to pick up donations from the food bank warehouse for re-distribution at Grace. Heavy lifting is involved and a van or truck is required. Contact Maureen Brook (mjbrook11@gmail.com) for more info.

2021 CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Pick up the flyer at the back of the church to see how we are supporting the community this Christmas. We are still looking for donations to support this year's program (Nova Vita, Brantford Food Bank, Gift bags for our food cupboard clients). Visit our website to see our progress.

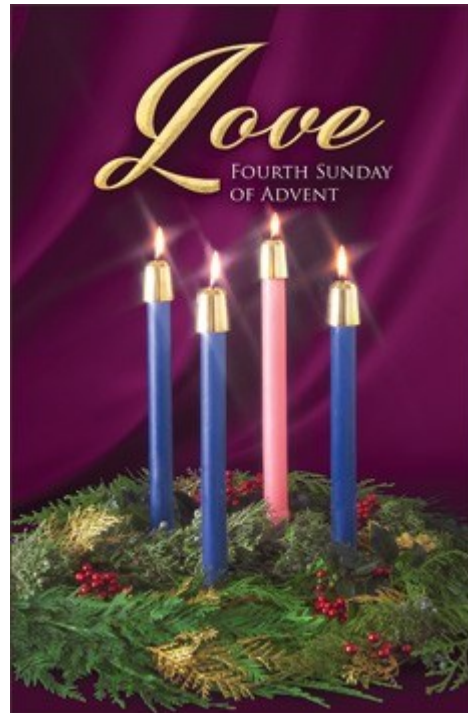
<https://graceanglicanbrantford.ca/be-the-change/christmas-outreach-2021/>

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

There are still a few Church calendars available. Please see Dave Johnston or drop by the office Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12.

GRAND RIVER CHORUS

The Grand River Chorus will present a mini concert, ie: 45 minutes on Monday, December 20th at 7pm, here in Grace Church. All seating precautions as usual. Entry by donation.



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



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