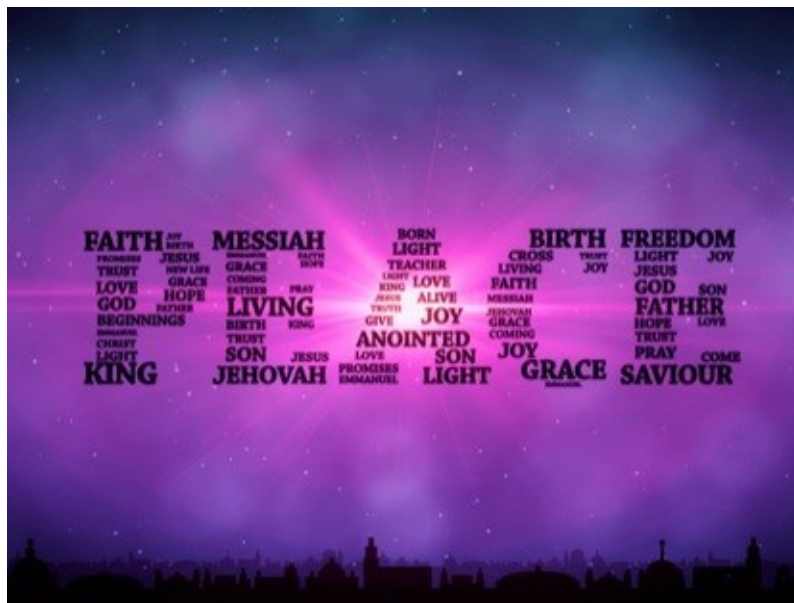


GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
*Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action
the Hope in Jesus Christ that is Within Us*

Sunday, December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday of Advent
Celebrating Holy Eucharist at 10 am



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 Whither Should I Fly BWV 646 J.S. Bach

All Stand

Processional Hymn On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry #103

Lighting of the First and Second Advent Candle

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is
one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy
heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all
thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour
as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and
the prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

All Amen.



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Nancy Watson

Reader A reading from the Book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

MALACHI 3:1-4

Reader The Word of the Lord.

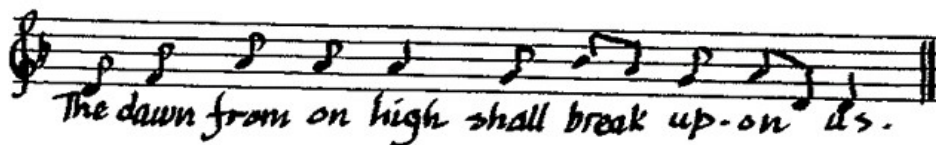
People Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTUS

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

Refrain



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Refrain

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us
from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

Refrain

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

Refrain

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Refrain

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high
shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

Refrain

The Epistle

Rev. Alex

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

People The Word of the Lord.
 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 the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea and Herod was ruler of Galilee and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" LUKE 3:1-6

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rev. Paul

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

Renee Anderson

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For peace from on high and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy
Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader 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,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the cities of Brantford and Brant, for every city and
Community and for those who live in them in faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For good weather and for abundant harvests for all to share,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader	For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, especially today: Grace; Michael; Bella; Pat; Jo; Bob; Mary Jane; Marnie; Roy; Marguerite; Bud; Ruth; Elizabeth; Mary Lee; Donna & Family We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: Brian lezzi; David & Cathi Jacklyn; Esther Jacklyn; Gavin & Tannis Jacklyn; Carolynne Jarvis-Stadnick; David Johnston; Stephen & Jan Johnston.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For prisoners and captives and for their safety, health and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For all who have died let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another and our whole life to Christ our God.
People	To thee, O Lord.
Leader	Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt hear their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting; for thou, Father, art good and loving and we glorify thee through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
People	Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden and I will refresh you.
Matthew 1.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came
into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith:
If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the right-
eous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but
also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2.1,2

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things and judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.
We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus
Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in
newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

People **And also with you.**

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The Preparation of Gifts

Prayer over the Gifts

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

People And with thy spirit.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

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 with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All 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.**

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion,

may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.

The Communion

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

Communion Hymn

Prepare the Way

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The Communion

All stand

Prayer After Communion:

Celebrant Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah

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Voluntary Jehovah, Let me now Adore Thee S. Karg-Elert OP. 65

PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 12 (ADVENT 3) LESSONS & CAROLS:

Rev. Alex: Genesis 3:8-15; Candy King: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7;
Christine Crossley: Luke 1:26-38; Sheila Eisler: Luke 2:1, 3-7;
Chris Levett: Luke 2:8-16; Hilary Bowring: Matthew 2:1-11;
Rev. David: John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14

The **Flowers** on the **Altar** are to **Glory of God** and in loving memory of Chuck Hyatt from his wife Annette Hyatt and family.

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 5, 2021

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 5	Second Sunday in Advent BCP Holy Communion 10 am
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.

GRACE CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

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

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.
info@graceanglicanbrantford.ca

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 (mjbroad11@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/>


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