

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec, 6, 2015

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer

Announcements

Advent Dialogue - We praise you, O God, for this circle of light
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whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Please stand) B.A.S. Pg. 394

Readings: Malachi 3: 1 - 4
 Luke 1: 68 - 79 (Canticle 19a) B.A.S. Pg. 88
 Philippians 1: 3 - 11
 Luke 3: 1 - 6

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services

Processional Hymn: # 102

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All Earth is Hopeful - All earth is hopeful, the Saviour comes at last!
 Furrows lie open for God's creative task
 this, the labour of people who struggle to see
 how God's truth and justice set everybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
 "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
 she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth
 restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

The gathering of the community P. 185
 Collect of the Day (stand) P. 394
 Malachi 3: 1 - 4
 Luke 1: 68 - 79 (Canticle 19a) P. 88
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Gospel Acclamation # 712

Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 1 - 6

Sermon:

The Creed P. 188

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution (Stand or Kneel)

Offertory Hymn: # 103

Prayer over the Gifts (celebrant) P. 394

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: # 735

The Lord's Prayer (wording found in the first prayer) P. 211

The Breaking of the Bread P. 212

Agnus Dei: # 701

All baptized Christians may receive the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Hymn # 100

Ablutions Hymn: # 106

Prayer after Communion (Stand) P. 395

Doxology P. 214

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: # 108

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Our Ministers for today:

Host: Georgina Adderley

Greeter: 10:30: Jim Bolt

Readers: 8:30 a.m.- Dorothy Nesbitt, Laurie Hardman

10:30 a.m. - David Reid, Marjorie Peel

Prayers of the People: Linda Rintamaki

Servers: 8:30 a.m. - Judy Mostow

10:30 a.m. - Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistant: 8:30 a.m. - Larry Gorst

10:30a.m. - David Reid

Chancel Guild: Karen Ristanen, Irene Roy

Coffee hosts: Mary Ripley, Grace Dawson, Neil Love

Food Cupboard: Closed.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: your prayers are asked for Western Louisiana - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) and The Rt. Rev. Jacob Owensby.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada and the National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Christ Church, Port Sydney and The Rev. Paul Walmsley, St. Mary's, Beatrice, and St. George's, Falkenburg and The Rev. Howard Hawes.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: William & Lillian Richmond, Linda Rintamaki & Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley & Grace Dawson, and Karen Ristanen.

Next Sunday - Dec 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings:

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| _____ Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20 | Isaiah 12: 2 - 6 (Canticle 3) |
| _____ 1 Philippians 4: 4 - 7 | Luke 3: 7 - 18 |

Parish Statistics (last week):

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| 10:00: 59 | Total: 59 |
| Parochial: EOP: \$1336.43 | Givings: \$1120.00 Total: \$2456.43 |
| Required to meet our budget: \$3070.00 per week | |

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thurs. Dec. 10

7 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, Dec. 12

2 - 4 p.m. Farewell Appreciation Reception in the hall

Please Note - 3 envelopes are included with your bulletin or are available at the back of the Church. One is for a Special Christmas Offering to the Church, another is for the Christmas Cheer Fund, which is part of our Community Outreach. Identifiable donations made using these envelopes will be included in your annual tax receipt. The third envelope is a personal gift to Pastor David for which no receipt will be given.

Sat. Dec. 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. there will be a Reception for the Rev. David Knudson and Julie Heroux, our organist, on their retirement from St. John's. All parishioners are invited to attend this event as a time of fellowship and an opportunity to say farewell and thank you to David, his wife Joan and to Julie.

Christmas Services will soon be upon us and volunteers are needed to serve as: greeter, readers, prayers of the people, server, EA's, & coffee/tea time hosts. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the church. If you are able to help please print your name in the appropriate spot. Services are: Christmas Eve. At 7:30, Sun. Dec 27 at 10:30 & Sun Jan. 6 at 9:30. Thank you for your help.

Christmas Altar Flowers - Please call Audrey @ 344-4955 or see her at church if you want to donate towards the flowers for Christmas. Audrey also needs to have the correct spelling of names for the bulletin.

The Anglican Journal, The Algoma and St. John's newsletter The Lamplighter

There are copies of the current issues of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not already received a copy of any of them and would like to have one, please help yourself.

The Second Sunday of Advent - Dec. 6, 1015

Introduction to the first reading:

Malachi is a book of prophecy directed to the priests in the Temple. Priests have replaced kings as those closest to God on earth, but the priesthood is corrupt. The prophet speaks in God's name.

In place of the Psalm we will say Canticle 19a found on Page 88 of the BAS.

Introduction to the second reading:

In the verses following the salutation of the letter, Paul thanks God for the Christians at Philippi, for sharing in the community of faith ever since their conversion. He expresses confidence that God will complete, at the end of the era, the transformation to godliness already begun in them.

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