



**A Service of the Word
for**

**All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
St James' (Roseland) Anglican Churches, Windsor
and**

**Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow**

**The 3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13th, 2020**

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All And also with you.

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 156 **The People That in Darkness Sat**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One Jesus said, 'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The third candle is lit

One Jesus is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can ever put out.

Sing to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

**A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome great Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow**

Confession and Absolution

One Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

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.

One Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Collect of the Day

One God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world's scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 6S:1-4, 8-11

Canticle 18 The Song of Mary/Magnificat

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gradual Hymn CP88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

The Rev'd Robert Clifford, Rectory

All Saints' Anglican Church (Downtown), Windsor

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

All 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

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord

One Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One 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.

Doxology

One 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP362 Tell Out, My Soul

Dismissal

One The day of the Lord is coming; therefore strive to live in peace, for God's salvation is near.
All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Also, we have begun to offer onsite worship in each of the sites listed – please contact your parish for information about how to participate.

Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue its ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized giving, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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Virtual Christmas Caroling

From Frosty to the Faithful!
"O Come" help us bring
Christmas Joy to the World,
one carol at a time

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH
@ 7:00PM THRU "ZOOM"**

To sign up to sing,
or to have our event streamed
to your care home or
community, simply email:
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to register

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area long-term care homes in our
numerous parish ministries

All Saints Downtown, St Augustine of Canterbury,
St James Roseland & Southern Trinity Parishes

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Drive Through Food & Toy Drive



First Reading: Isaiah 6S:1-4, 8-11

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

Canticle 18 – The Song of Mary/Magnificat– P:

REFRAIN My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

Refrain

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Refrain

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Refrain

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

Refrain

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

Refrain

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Refrain

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The gospel of Christ.

A: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP156 The People That in Darkness Sat

1. The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who
long
in shades of death have been.
2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.
3. For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.
4. For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of
Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

Act of Praise CP94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
Repeat

Gradual Hymn CP88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

1. 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.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Offertory Hymn CP363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of
the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my
Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my
loneliness
And my name will be forever
exalted
For the mighty God has done great
things for me
And His mercy will reach from age
to age

Refrain And holy, holy, holy is His name

2. He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His
glory
He has cast down the mighty in their
arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the
lonely
He has come to help His servant
Israel
He remembered His promise to our
fathers

Refrain And holy, (holy) holy,
holy is His name
Holy, holy, holy is His name

Closing Song CP362

Tell Out, My Soul

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my
spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his
word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his name!
Make known his might, the deeds
his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the
same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the
mighty one.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his might!
Powers and dominions lay their
glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are
put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted
high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord
to children's children and
forevermore!