

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence
in the Deanery of Essex,
with parish partnerships in
the Diocese of Huron,
members of the Anglican
Church of Canada.

A Service of Morning Prayer
for

The 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 2022

Proper Sentences, Advent Wreath Lighting & Penitential Rite

- One Most merciful God,
All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.
- One 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.
All Amen.

Welcome & Invitatory

Opening Hymn CP 156 The People that in Darkness Sat

- One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
All O come, let us worship.

Venite (Psalm 95,1-7)

- All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
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The Psalms

Canticle 18

The Song of Mary/The Magnificat

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My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gradual Hymn CP 91 **People, Look East! The Time Is Near**

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

The Rev'd Ryan Boivin

Rector – St. David & St. Mark, Windsor & St. Andrew, LaSalle

Responsory Hymn CP 94 **Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near**

Affirmation of Faith

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 & 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

Please respond to each petition by singing "Grant us peace; grant us peace; grant us peace, O Lord."

The Collect of the Day

One God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms. Grant perseverance and patience to all who long for

your Son's return, so that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through Christ whose day draws near.

All Amen

1st Sunday of Advent Collect

One Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn CP 88 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

One God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 160 **As with Gladness Men of Old**

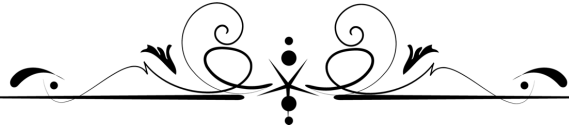
Dismissal & Apostolic Grace

One Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

All Amen.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. The simplest way to support this ministry is c/o St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church with "The SENT" in the memo line or notes field.

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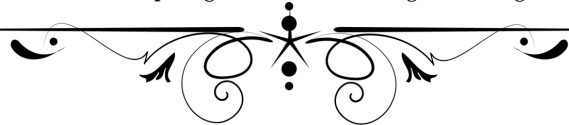
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Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55) *The Song of Mary/The Magnificat*

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

All REFRAIN **My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

One 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.

All REFRAIN **My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

OneHe has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

All REFRAIN **My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

OneHe has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

All REFRAIN **My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

OneGlory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

1st Lesson

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

MATTHEW 11:2-11

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW.
GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk,

the lepers are cleansed,

the deaf hear,

the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 156 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.

Gradual Hymn CP 91

People, Look East! The Time Is Near

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to
nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to
build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is
dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Responsory Hymn CP 94

Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

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

Offertory Hymn CP 88

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.

Closing Hymn CP 160

As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
to thy lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with joyful song,
raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.