



St. James
Anglican | Dundas



Advent 1

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Welcome to this time of worship!

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here! If you are visiting or looking for your spiritual home, please make yourself known to us. We welcome your presence with us.

Children are welcome here at St. James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time here, please go with your child to meet the leader and inform them of any allergies or special needs. For those not wanting to leave their parents, the prayer-ground is available throughout the service.

An offering plate is located at the entrance to the church sanctuary. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, simply place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn or e-transfer your donation at saintjamesgiving@gmail.com. Your gift will be used to support the varied ministries of St. James. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life today.

The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

The congregation responses are in **bold** type.

Prelude *O Saviour of the Heathen, Come*

BuxWV 211. Detrich Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

(Please stand as you are able)

One We gather on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe nations acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt.

All We commit ourselves to the work of truth and reconciliation with the Original Peoples of this land in a relationship of honour and mutual respect.

OPENING HYMN CP 114 *Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Person A:

A long time ago, a baby was born in a town called “House of Bread.” His name was Jesus. Mary, his mother, laid him in a feeding trough to rest. Soon, he would grow up to be called the Bread of Life. He would fill their hungry bellies; then, he would feed their hearts with love and truth.

Person B:

Today, we light the candle of hope. Hope is believing things will get better with compassion and imagination.

Person A:

As we light this candle we are reminded that, from the manger, hope is growing...growing to be God with us. His name is Jesus, the Bread of Life.

*The candle of hope is lit as we sing the first verse of
‘From the Manger’*

**A quiet town called House of Bread,
A newborn baby falls asleep;
a bed of hay beneath his head
Emmanuel begins to dream,
For all creation to be fed;
hope from the ground to the breaking of bread.
From the manger hope grows;
He will be God with us.
From the manger hope grows: Bread of Life, Jesus.**

The Gathering of the Community

One Sojourners of faith,
today we begin the journey to Bethlehem,
to the city called “House of Bread.”

**All We take one step toward Christmas,
the first step of many.**

Let this journey transform us from beginning to end.

One Whether your belly is full or empty,
whether your heart is broken or whole,
look toward the manger,
toward the stars over the city of David, and find hope.

**All We look with hope because Christ is coming to fill hearts
and satisfy bellies with goodness and peace.**

One Come, let us worship as we journey to the House of Bread,
where our Brother and Friend will be born.

All Glory to God, there is hope today. Let us worship!

The Collect

The Priest will lead a prayer collecting together our thoughts for the day.

One Loving God,
we rehearse the beloved story of Jesus' birth,
year after year,
because, in this world where people are hungry and
creation is suffering, the story gives us hope—
that all people will be fed and creation will be restored!

**All We gather in this season of hopeful expectation,
knowing you are faithful to meet us here in song,
prayer, and scripture.**

**Nourish our hearts as we worship,
and prepare us to serve the hungry around us. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading (*Jer 33:14-16*) *Please be seated*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (1 Thes 3:9-13) *Please be seated*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN CP 494 *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*

The Gospel (Luke 21:25-36)

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

One God be with you

All **and also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ**

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken

place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs

Prayers of the People

(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Priest begins.

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
alive in the world.
Reviving creation,
arriving soon. **Amen.**

One Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silent reflection

One God of mercy,

All **We confess that we are wounded.**

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

One God of might,

All **We confess that we are wounded.**

We have turned away from our neighbours.

We have trusted false prophets.

One God in our midst,

All **We confess that we are wounded.**

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

One A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Saviour
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through Christ Jesus,
whose day draws nigh.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN CP 606 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Prayer over the Gifts

One Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.

**All We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to offer thanks and praise.

One Blessed are you God of David,
for your faithfulness is steadfast
and your mercy has been from of old.

do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks,

and gave it to his disciples saying, “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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.”

One Great is the mystery of faith.

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

One God of power,

you have promised to make your way to us:

come quickly to those who wait for you.

Raise up every head that is bent low in sin.

Lift up every heart that is bowed down in shame.

Uphold every soul that is made heavy by oppression.

Inspire every weary throat to sing of the day
when justice and mercy meet.

Bring us through all that is passing away

to the life that shall never pass away,

when every eye shall be lifted up to gaze upon your Son

in everlasting glory with all your saints,

and when the redemption for which we have longed

shall forever be ours, in the company of your Son

and the power of your Spirit, holy Father, blessed Trinity.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us as we
sing:

**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.**

Invitation to the Table

One Siblings in Christ,
the baby born in Bethlehem came to restore
and redeem the whole world.
The bread he broke was broken for all.
The wine he poured was poured out for all.
All are welcome to the feast.
From manger to table, hope grows.
Come to the table and find hope in Jesus.

The gifts of God for the people of God
All Thanks be to God

*All are welcome at God's table.
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate
to your server.*

COMMUNION HYMN CP 73 *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*

Ablutions Anthem *Sleepers, Wake* Arr. Johann S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

(Standing as we are able)

One Generous God, in this holy moment,
you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of
salvation.
May the nourishment we have received sustain us as we
journey forth in hope and faith.

We thank you for the mystery of Christ's presence among us, born in Bethlehem, the "House of Bread."
From the creation of the cosmos to the baby in the manger to this moment in worship,
you have been faithful, filled with lovingkindness.

All **Guide us, Holy Spirit, as we go from here,
empowered to embody the simplicity
and compassion of Christ,
sharing your abundant love with a hungry world.
Amen.**

Blessing

One May Christ, the Bread of Life,
who brings hope to the hopeless, be with you.
May the love of our Creator,
who calls us to care for the hungry and the oppressed,
surround you.
And may the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
who empowers us to imagine a kingdom where all hunger
is satisfied,
strengthen you now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 111

Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

Dismissal

One Go in hope. Prepare the way for Emmanuel and share the
good news of Christ's coming.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Voluntary



***Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of our beloved Wayne Allan,
given by Sheila, Geoffrey, and Treasa.***

Cycle of Prayer

ACC / The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC/ The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

MOR/ The people of the Moravian Church in Canada

IN THE NIAGARA DIOCESE/ St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, The clergy and people of that parish.

PARISH/ Patricia and Paul Boothe, Bob Breaky and David Brown

Today's Ministry Team

Preaching and Presiding	The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs
Eucharistic Assistant	Lynn Dykeman
Organist/Choir Director	Richard Hansen, ARCCO
Server	Christine Aiken
Readers	Susan Nelson, Carol Overing
Greeters	Gillian Hendry, Maureen Ash
Warden on Duty	Terese Herron

Upcoming Events

December 1 – ADC Advent Walk in the Park @6pm

December 3 – Advent Organ Recital 12:15 pm Admission \$10

December 7 – Holiday House Tour

December 10 – Advent Organ Recital 12:15 pm

Guest organist: Dr. Aaron James /

Guest violinist: Corey Gemmell Admission \$10

December 14 - Saturday Service 7pm (Dinner at 5:30 pm)

December 17 – Advent Organ Recital 12:15 pm

Guest organist: Ian Sadler Admission \$10

December 22 - Advent 4, Singing the Story: A Contemporary Service of Lessons & Carols 10:00am

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Family Service with Communion 4:00pm

Traditional Service with Communion 9:00pm

December 25 – Christmas Day Service with Communion 10:00am