

Saint John's Anglican Church

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Sunday, December 5, 2021

Holy Eucharist—10:00 am
Advent II with Bishop Susan Bell



Sundays, **8:00 am** Holy Eucharist

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Said Service, Book of Common Prayer

Liturgy from the Book of Alternative Services and the Anglican world, with masked congregational singing supported by small choirs as per social distancing regulations

The Right Reverend Susan Bell
The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin
The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger
The Reverend Mary Ryback
The Reverend Olive Shepherd
Donna Ellis
Dr. Christiaan Teeuwsen
Carole Labranche

Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara
Rector
Honorary Assistant
Honorary Assistant
Honorary Assistant
Youth, Children & Families
Organist and Director of Music
Parish Administrator

Welcome to St. John's! ~ We're So Glad You're Here!
Advent II

For those remembered, flowers on the altar are given: In loving memory of our Mother Bernice Trollope, from her children Karen, Leonard, and Andrew.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude In Dulci Jubilo (*In Quiet Joy*) Settings by M. Dupré & D. Buxtehude

Territorial Acknowledgement ~ *Saint John's Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.*

Rector Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Hymn # 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

Advent Candle Lighting (Peace)

Rector Lord Jesus, come soon!
People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Rector 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 also with you.**

Rector Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Collect of the Day

Rector Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Rector Almighty God,
All **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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader **A reading from The Book of Baruch.**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory”.

Arise, O, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting
hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,

in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Baruch 5: 1-9

Rector The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19 *The canticle is prayed responsively:*
The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68–79

Rector Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

People **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**

Rector Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

People **He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

Rector 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.

People **You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

Rector to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

People **In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

Rector to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

People **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.**

Reader **A reading from The Letter of Paul 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 on 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

Rector The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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

Bishop The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Bishop 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

Bishop The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop of Niagara

Magnificat—Sung by Choir in Latin

My soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my Spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the low
estate of his hand maiden.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Et exultavit spiritus meus: in Deo
salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae.

An Affirmation of Faith ~ The Shema

Please stand as you are able.

Rector Hear, O Israel,

All **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Rector Let us pray.

*Please kneel, bow, or sit.
Silence is kept.*

*Please add your intercessions, thanksgivings, and memorial prayers to our litany
book at the entrance near the chapel.*

Rector Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Rector Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Rector 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.**

Bishop 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. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign or non-contact
greeting of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Offering plates will not be passed. Please place your gift on
the plates provided at the entrance and exit of the church.*

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Bishop God of our strength,
All **we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer 3 – Canada

*Please feel free to remain standing, as you are able,
throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Do this for the remembrance of me.” ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.” ♪

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Bishop

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop 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

Bishop God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God, for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:** *CP 745*
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please remain seated until a volunteer invites you to leave your pew. All are welcome (children and adults) to receive the bread of Holy Communion at the station in the centre of the aisle. Take the bread, step away to the area indicated with an X on the

ground, turn towards the altar, remove your mask, and eat the bread. Replace your mask before returning to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy. You are welcome to receive a contact-free blessing if you prefer and may indicate so by folding your arms.

Hymn at Communion

Hymn # 96 Creator of the Stars of Night
(Stanza 1, 4, 5~ALL, Stanza 2~Women, Stanza 3~Men)

Conditor Alme Siderum

The Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Bishop Faithful God,
All **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.**

Announcements

*Events in the church's mission,
ministry, and fellowship are shared.*

A Prayer for St. John's Church

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Gracious God,
All **in Jesus you call humanity to reconciliation and wholeness.
You call us to love you, to love one another, and to walk
humbly with you. May our ministries at St. John's reflect your
compassion and mercy, your wisdom and justice, your
generosity and welcome to all. May all we say and do
reflect your abundance and your grace. Amen.**

Advent Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

Bishop May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

Bishop May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn # 116 “Your Kingdom Come”—on Bended Knee

Irish

Dismissal

Rector Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

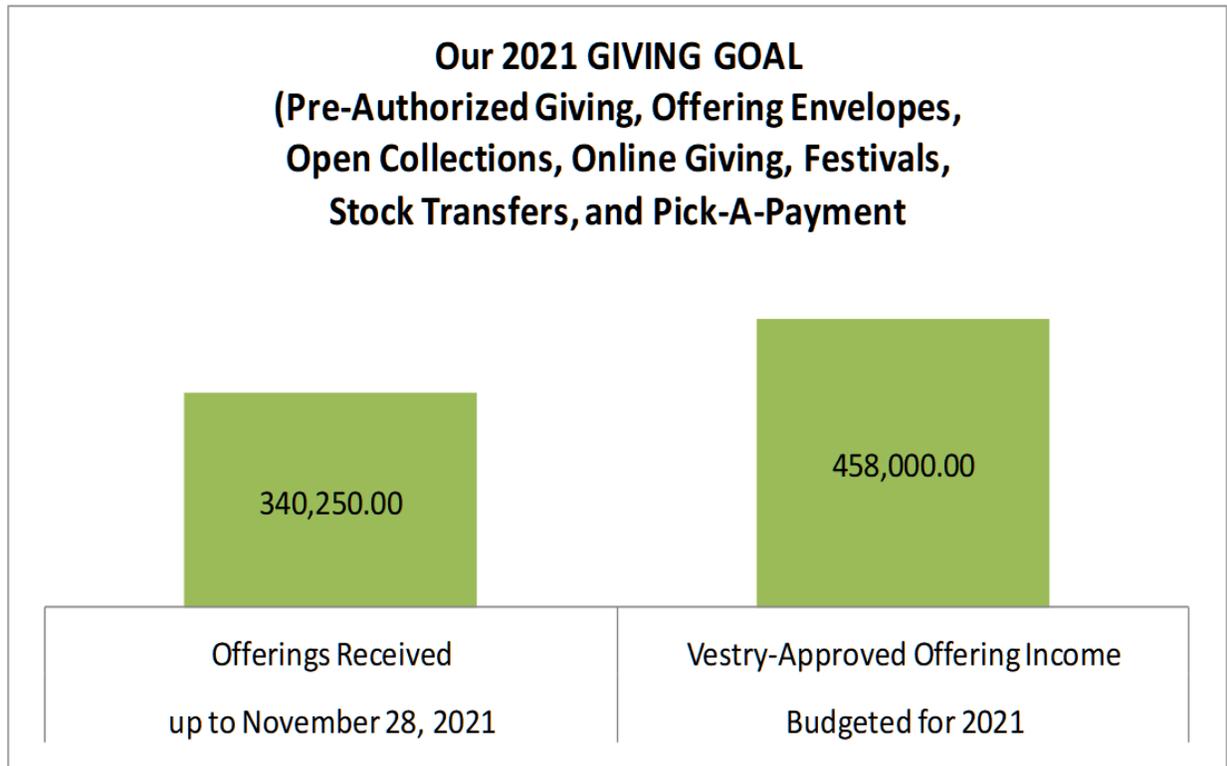
All in attendance must exit by the red doors. Our Magnificart (parish golf cart) is available for those who need assistance. If you parked in one of the accessible spots and need to use the elevator, or if someone is picking you up at that entrance and you need to use the elevator, you may exit through that part of the building. All others, though, will need to exit through the red doors to assist us in physical distancing requirements for the safety of all. Thank you for exiting promptly.

Postlude Noel

J.F. Dandrieu

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Our 2021 GIVING GOAL
(Pre-Authorized Giving, Offering Envelopes,
Open Collections, Online Giving, Festivals,
Stock Transfers, and Pick-A-Payment



Reopening ~ Recovering ~ Renewing

As we gradually and cautiously reopen our parish for ministry, we commend to your attention our target goal for income as approved at our annual Vestry meeting.

Each week we will be updating the above graph to highlight and celebrate the progress being made towards our goal. Help us, as you are able, to reopen, recover, and renew our ministry as we invest in our core ministries of Worship and Music; Pastoral Care; Youth, Children and Family ministries; Outreach; Adult Formation; and Community Building.

All our ministries are undergirded by our beautiful property with its two historic buildings and 8.5 acres to steward. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of St. John's.

Christmas Flowers ~ Please help us decorate our church for Christmas by donating towards our Christmas flowers in memory or celebration of a loved one. Please use the special Christmas flower envelopes available where you pick up your bulletins. Deadline for inclusion in our Christmas bulletins is **Sunday, December 12**. All monies received beyond the cost of decorating for Christmas are earmarked for ongoing altar guild expenses such as candles, vestment care and purchasing, wine and hosts, etc.

Needed ~ Pine and cedar boughs for decorating the church for Christmas. If anyone has pine and cedar trees and would like a few boughs trimmed off, please let Ann Cunningham know at 905-648-1433. Many thanks.

Church Family News

Congratulations and warm wishes to **Maureen Asselin**, who celebrated her birthday this past Thursday, Dec. 2. We wish you God's blessings throughout the coming year, Maureen.

Congratulations and our best wishes to **Marsha Letman**, who will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 7. May you feel God's love surrounding you, Marsha and blessing you with a special day.

To submit to Church Family News, please contact the office at 905-648-2353/
admin@ancasteranglican.org or Barbara Van Dyk at 905-679-6826
/bandbvandyk@gmail.com.

St. Matthew's House Christmas Program

It's that time of year again, when we gear up for the Christmas season and offer our support to St. Matthew's House with their gift giving program for those in need. Once again, this year we are asking for monetary donations to their campaign, rather than asking everyone to shop for gifts. Many people are still not comfortable being out in crowds shopping and/or gathering, and we hope that you agree with our decision and are able to support this event. In addition to these concerns, this year our youth group was unable to do their fundraising event to purchase gifts for the teens.

Last year we raised around \$3,500, which was absolutely amazing! Our parishioners have always been avid supporters of St. Matthew's House, and they, in

turn, sincerely appreciate our gifts. Your contributions will allow the staff at St. Matthew's House to purchase gifts and food vouchers as needed.

If you are able to contribute, kindly make your donations to St. John's and clearly mark them for the **ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**. Please go to our website www.ancasteranglican.org to see the many ways you can donate to this great cause. Please have all your donations in by **December 15th**.

Your support is always amazing, and we hope that next year we will be able to put up our Giving Tree once again outside the great hall and resume our practice of the purchasing and giving of actual gifts for the children. Many thanks, your Outreach Committee.

Christmas Giving – PWRDF: Here's a great idea to help with your Christmas shopping: the PWRDF World of Gifts catalogue. By going to this link you will find wonderful ideas of how to support many ventures by PWRDF around the world and make donations in honour of your family and friends. <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/shop-pwrdfs-world-of-gifts/>

Prayers of the People

At the rear entrance to St. John's (near the chapel), you will find a litany book where anyone at worship can contribute to our prayers of the people.

There are spaces for intercessions & petitions, thanksgiving prayers, and memorial prayers. Please feel free to include names of people, including yourself, as prayers are requested and needed.

Please note that first names are more than okay.

Hearing Assistance Available

We have eight hearing assistance transmitters. They can be used with earphones, ear buds, or a hearing loop device that works with your existing hearing aid.

Please ask a sidesperson for assistance when you arrive for worship. Please be advised ear buds are not available to be shared between people for sanitary reasons. You can, however, purchase your own ear buds and bring them to church each time you visit.

The ear phones provided will be cleaned with antibacterial wipes each week, and the hearing aid loop is simply worn around the neck.

St. John's Reaching Out ~ Our campaign to partner with the Junior League of Hamilton/Burlington to help survivors of human trafficking in the area was a great success. Parishioners made huge contributions to help fill 50 backpacks with essential items. Thank you to all of our parishioners and friends who reached out with generosity and love.

Offering Envelopes 2022 ~ Our offering envelope boxes for 2022 will soon be available. If you are currently using this method of giving but would prefer to switch to preauthorized giving (PAG), contact the office at the number or email below and ask for the 2022 PAG New Enrollment Form. If you would like to have an offering envelope box and don't currently have one, please contact the office at 905-648-2353 or admin@ancasteranglican.org.

Sunday School and Nursery ~ With the successful roll-out of the vaccine program for children, the diocese will now be permitting gatherings of children and youth with all applicable health and safety protocols. This means Sunday School and our professionally staffed Nursery will resume on **Sunday, January 9** (Baptism of the Lord), at our **10 am** service. Spread the word about this news to your families, friends and neighbours.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

St. John's Anglican Church

It is our holy privilege to invite you and your family, friends, and neighbours to join us in worship over the Advent and Christmas season.

Advent IV (Sunday, December 19)	8 am	BCP Eucharist
	10 am	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)	4 pm	Family-Friendly Communion with Carols
	7:30 pm	Choral Eucharist with Carols
	10 pm	Choral Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)	10 am	Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas I (Sunday, December 26)	8 am	BCP Eucharist
	10 am	Said Eucharist with Carols

Registration for our Advent and Christmas worship opens each week on the Monday prior to services and closes when full. While walk-ins are allowed as space permits, pre-registering guarantees you a spot (75-person capacity). Please go to

www.ancasteranglican.org/book-online to register. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office at 905-648-2353.