

All Saints' Parish, Sarnia
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10:30 am Holy Eucharist BAS
December 20, 2020, The 4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering the Community

Choir Anthem: "Comfort, Comfort" (1987) by Johann G. Olearius

(1611 – 1684) Arranged by John Ferguson

Choir: Barb Pajuk, Mary-Ann Bracewell, Sue Pickard, George Bracewell

Gathering Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome and Opening Sentence: I am the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1:38

Greeting:

Presider: From the Christ...be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Linda Saunders

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

All four candles are lit first.

Leader: In joyful expectation,

let us call out to Christ, who is our salvation. (*pause*)

Lord, you came once as a child of Bethlehem
to gather the little and lowly. (*pause*)

Lord, come and save us.

All: Lord, come and save us.

Leader: Lord, you come as the child of Mary,
Prince of Peace, to be Emmanuel,
God-with-us. *(pause)*
Lord, come and save us.
All: **Lord, come and save us.**

Leader: Lord, You come as the Son of God
to make your people leap with joy
at their salvation. *(pause)*
Lord, come and save us.
All: **Lord, come and save us.**

Let us pray. *(pause)*
Stir up the power of your Spirit among us,
O Lord, that we, like Mary,
may place our lives at your service,
and come to know your salvation.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Collect of the Day

After the presider says the prayer, the assembly says: Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Linda Saunders

Psalm 89: 1-4, 26-28

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; ***from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; ***you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ***I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, ***and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, ***my God, and the rock of my salvation**'.

27 I will make him my firstborn ***and higher than the kings of the earth.**

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, ***and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

Remember us, gracious God, when we cannot see your way and purpose, and renew in us the joy of your kingdom of light and life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

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All stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Canon Steve Harnadek

Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Linda Saunders

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ...

...confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

Greeting of Peace

There will be no movement during the Greeting. You are welcome to bow to one another, or some other kind of gesture.

Celebrating the Eucharist

All are seated as music may be played, or a song/hymn offered as the table is prepared, and the assembly listens in silence. Please stand as the offering is processed.

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presider continues with the preface.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread

As the Bread is broken the following anthem may be said

Lamb of God

People: **Have mercy upon us (2X)**

Grant us Your peace.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Your hands will be sanitized for you. You shall proceed to the altar, using the centre aisle, keeping a 2 metre distance. You shall receive the bread only, proceed to the area that is marked, remove your mask and receive Communion. You shall then place your mask back on your face, sanitize your hands again, and proceed down the side aisle nearest to you, to your seat. There will be no crossing in front of the altar. Those in the same household/bubble are encouraged to receive Communion together.

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

Assembly: **And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dismissal

Closing Hymn: In the Bleak Mid Winter

As the hymn is played, you shall proceed up the centre aisle, keeping a 2 metre distance from those around you, and exit the church by the door between the nursery and the door into the Chapel.

Prayers this Week

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Michael & All Angels, St. Georges & St. Jude's in London.

For God's Healing Presence

David, Leah, Adam, Darwyn, Deanne, Richard, Mark, Jeanne, Ray, Marilyn, Eric, David, George, Jack, Bob, Bobbie, LeeAnn, Tara, Jackie, Beth, Elliot, Vicki, Steve, Charlotte, Dan, Ken, Ruth, Claire, Thomas, Codey and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Five Marks of Mission, developed by the Anglican Consultative Council are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We at All Saints' Parish strive to integrate the Five Marks of Mission in all areas of our parish life.



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