

Welcome to St. James' – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist –Fourth Sunday of Advent

Book of Alternative Services (Green Book)

Interim Rector: The Rev'd Sue McCullough

Lay Readers: Bob Welt, Lorraine Livingston

Musician: Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence

Advent IV



## Welcome and Announcements

**OPENING SENTENCE:** *I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.* *Luke 1.38*

## **OPENING HYMN: STAY AWAKE, BE READY**

Stay awake, (clap, clap) be ready. (clap, clap)

You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.

Stay awake, (clap, clap) be ready. (clap, clap)

The Lord is coming soon! Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is coming soon!

Change your lives, (clap, clap) he's coming. (clap, clap)

The one who is the light of the world is coming.

Change your lives, (clap, clap) he's coming. (clap, clap)

The reign of God is near! Alleluia, alleluia! The reign of God is near.

By the power (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)

Mary will give birth to a son called Jesus.

By the power (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)

Emmanuel is near. Alleluia, alleluia! Emmanuel is near.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: "Today we light the first, second and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third candle is **JOY**, and the fourth candle is **LOVE**."

Scripture: "John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Prayer: "Loving God, Your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive Your love; and following the example of Your Son, spread the love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen"**

The candles are lit.

## Love Candle Song:

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Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

**REFRAIN: When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid**



**GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH (sung):**

**#365**

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship You, we give You thanks, Our Heavenly King.

We give You praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son,

The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the Holy One, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now You reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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*Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:**

First Reading: Micah 5: 2 – 5a

Debbie Landon

Canticle 18a

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Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5 – 10

Gary Van Kooten

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel. (Sung before and after the Gospel)*

**GOСПEL ACCLAMATION: EMMANUEL**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And, also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 1: 39-45**

**All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel,

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**P. 189**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:    Lord Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:    *Lord, hear our prayer.***

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

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**THE PEACE**



**OFFERTORY HYMN: TOLD OF GOD'S FAVOUR**

Told of God's favour, told of God's purpose,  
Mary said, "Tell me, how can this be?"  
Told of the Spirit, told of the power, Told of the promise, Mary said yes.

Yes to conceiving, yes to the body Changing and growing yes to the flesh –  
Yes to the new life kicking within her, Yes to the pleasure, yes to the pain.

Yes to the waiting, yes to the labour, Yes to the hurting, yes to the birth  
Yes to the baby, yes to the future, Yes to the holy, yes to the world.

Told of Christ Jesus, told of the Spirit, Can we say yes as Mary said yes?  
Yes for our bodies, yes for our spirits, Yes for the future, yes for right now.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFT: P. 272**

*Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of Your Son, make Holy all we offer You this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**THE CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:**

Eucharistic Prayer #3	P. 198
Preface of Advent	P. 219
Sanctus (sung)	P. 198
The Lord's Prayer	P. 211
Breaking of the Bread #5	P. 212
Agnus Dei (sung)	P. 247

**COMMUNION SONG: BREATH OF HEAVEN Carolin & Kristy**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: P. 272**

*Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to Your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**THE DOXOLOGY: (sung) P. 214**

*Glory to God, 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.*

**THE BLESSING**



**CLOSING HYMN: PEOPLE, LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR #91**

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your hour 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.

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.

**DISMISSAL:** This service has ended, but .....

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU: (sung)**

*May the peace of Christ be with you.*

*May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.*

*May the Spirit enlighten your way.*

*May you walk in the comfort of God's care.*



**Advent Services:**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 4:00 pm – Carol Sing @ Masonic Hall**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve @  
Masonic Hall: Eucharist Service**

First Reading:	Isaiah 9: 2 – 7	Jane Naisbitt
Psalm	96	P.834
Second Reading:	Titus 2: 11 – 1	Joanne Barker
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 2: 1 – 20</b>	

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve@ The  
Masonic Hall: Eucharist Service**

First Reading:	Isaiah 63: 6 – 12	Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence
Psalm	97	
Second Reading:	Titus 3: 4 – 7	Amy Thistle
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 2: 1 – 20</b>	

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 10:30 am – Christmas Day @ The  
Annex: Eucharist Service (said)**

First Reading:	Isaiah 52: 7 – 10	Marnie Cryderman
Psalm	98	P. 836
Second Reading:	Hebrews 1: 1 – 4	Beverly Leighton
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>John 1: 1 – 14</b>	

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 10:30 am – First Sunday after  
Christmas @ The Masonic Hall: Lessons & Carols**

IT SEEMS THAT TURNING THINGS UPSIDE DOWN IS JUST THE WAY GOD DOES THINGS. YOU KNOW, TO KEEP US ON OUR TOES.



I THINK THE FACT THAT GOD'S ACTIONS SEEM LIKE AN UPHEAVAL IS A SIGN OF HOW MESSED UP OUR "NORMAL" IS.



YEAH... NORMALLY



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## Looking Ahead: January 2025 Events St. James' !!

- Long Term Care Service: 2<sup>nd</sup> Secord Trails @ 3 pm
- Epiphany Potluck : 4<sup>th</sup> at 4-8 pm @ The Masonic Hall
- Building/Vision Committee Meets: 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm @ The Annex
- Needles & Craft Group: Meets Every Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 @ The Annex
- Parish Council Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm @ The Annex
- Fellowship Hour *after Eucharist Service*: 19<sup>th</sup> Hosted by the Watsons
- BAC Breakfast: 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am @ Louie's
- Sunday School: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- Vestry *after Morning Prayer Service*: 26<sup>th</sup> @ The Masonic Hall after Service (B-Y-O-Lunch)

### Donations

2025 Church Donation Envelopes are available at Church.

Rev'd Marty's Advent Letter is here!  
Did you get yours?

### Year-end Givings

We encourage Donors to donate by December 31<sup>st</sup>

in order to receive a 2024 Tax Receipt.

### Vestry

Mark your Calendar for Vestry! Sunday, January 26, 2025  
(after Morning Prayer Service).

Please bring a Brown Bag Lunch for yourself. Refreshments will be available  
Groups are asked to submit their reports, INCLUDING Financial Reports,  
to the Office by FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.





## PRAYER LIST

### Prayers of the People, By the People, For the People.

*St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness or are in need of prayerful support. Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace.*

*Lord, we pray for:*

Garnet, Little Jack, Murray, Clara, Nickolas, David, Joan, Matthew, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anne, John, Janey, Judy, Dorothy, Linda, Eleanor, Susan, Jo, Little J.J., Deny, Linda, Douglas, Gord and Matthew.



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***Holiday Office Hours: The Office will be closed Dec. 23-28, Dec. 31-Jan. 2.***

