

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

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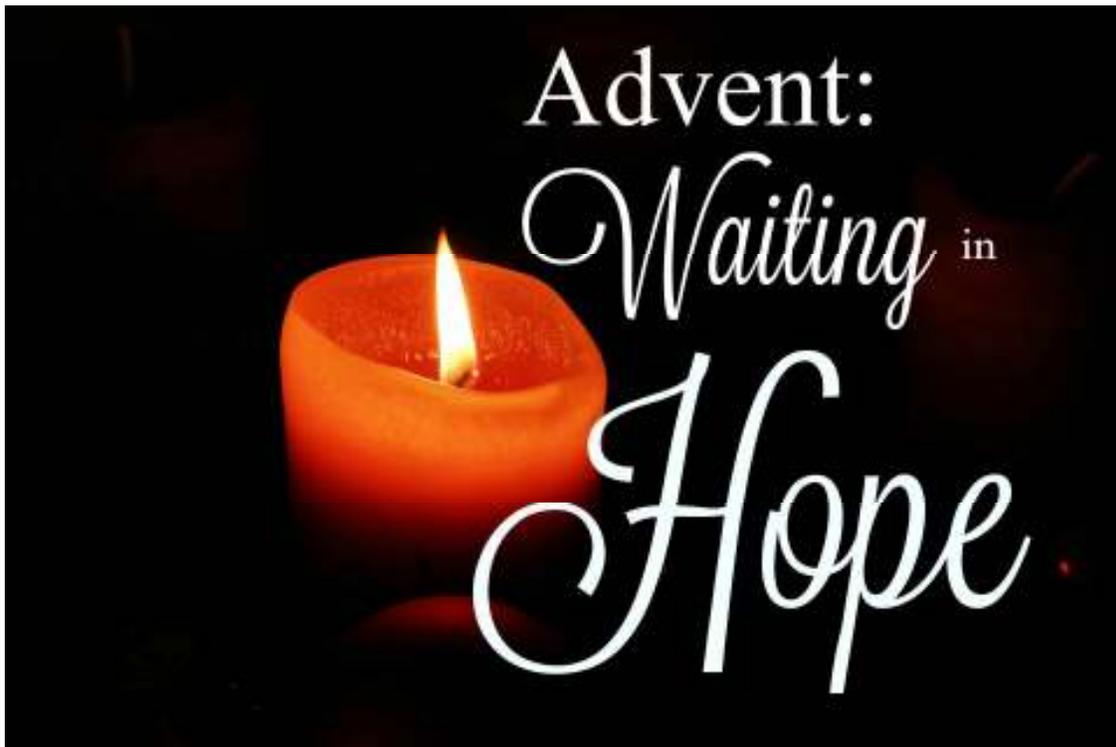
Church Office Hours: Tues to Fri 9:30 to 12:30 noon

Sunday Worship

The Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am every Sunday,
and at 11:00 am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month.

Morning Prayer at 11:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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Ministers: Every member of the congregation
Incumbent: The Rev. Victor Li – 416-617-4837

Rector's Warden – Phil Sharp

People's Warden – Joyce Brome

Director of Music – Laura Hope

Treasurer – Dennis Bucchan

Envelope Secretary – Janet Hudson

December 2nd, 2018 - The First Sunday of Advent

9:30 and 11:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Welcome to our worship today!

Today, we have the following persons on duty:

Sidespersons: 9:30 Aubrey McIntosh, Noreen Munroe
11:00 Dennis Bucchan, George Williams
Fellowship Host: Barbara Herman
Altar Guild are: Janet Hudson, Jackie Gill
Duty Warden: Cindy Mitchener
Lay Reader: 9:30 Diane Downing 11:00 Daphne Wint

ORDER OF SERVICE

(Book of Alternative Services)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: 92 O Day of God, Draw Nigh (*11 am*)

The Greeting p. 185

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath - - Introductory Remarks

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Advent.

Advent means “coming”, and in this season we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Our Advent wreath reminds us of the gifts Jesus brings to the world. It also helps us count the Sundays on our journey to Christmas.

Reader 2: The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God, and that God’s love and caring for us never ends. The evergreen branches are a sign of ever new life. The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ, symbolizing hope and anticipation. The white candle we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope.

Reader 2: Like the ancient Hebrew people, we cry out to God from a broken and hurting world. We acknowledge that our lives are not what God meant them to be. With the lighting of this candle, we celebrate the

hope of Israel, and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

All: We continue to hope in God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace.

Hymn: 368 He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope;

He came down that we may have hope;

He came down that we may have hope; hallelujah for evermore.

Collect of the Day [*Said Together*]

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. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

9:30 Jeya Edwards

11:00 Joyce Brome

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill 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."

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 25:1-9

Refrain:



To You O Lord I lift up my soul.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

**A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER
TO THE THESSALONIANS**

9:30 Cecil Edwards

11:00 Daphne Wint

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 110 “Sleepers Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us (*11 am*)

**Gospeller: THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE**

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, “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 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.”

LUKE 21:25-36

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: “Signs and Symbols - The Rev. Victor Li

Choir Anthem: “Jesus Is Coming” - W. A. Mozart

The Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of the People: Specific Petitions

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James' Cathedral

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St. George on Yonge

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Richard & Rosita Mandeville, Freda & Keith

Manning, Aubrey & Greta McIntosh, Olga McIntosh, & their families

Advent Litany #12 p. 119

Confession & Absolution p. 191

The Peace

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds (*both services*)

Prayer over the Gifts [*said together*]

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 p. 198

The Lord's Prayer (*sung at 11*) p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5 p. 212

Agnus Dei: 747 Jesus, Lamb of God

Communion Hymns: 99 Break, Day of God, O Break

65 Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[*Standing, let us pray together*]

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Benediction

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 109 When the King shall come again (*both services*)

Dismissal: Thanks be to God.

St. Cyprian's Announcements

Christmas Hampers

The “**Angel Tree**” is up, and gifts for the children should be returned by Sunday, December 16th. The Christmas Hampers are going to be delivered on Saturday, December 22nd.

*You are invited to help with packing
and the distribution of the gifts on that day.*

Canadian Church Calendars for 2019

On sale now from Lyn Lowry - \$5 each

The **Nominating Committee** is in the process of contacting people who may be interested in various positions of serving in our parish. You may receive a phone call or personal invitation. If you are interested or have certain skills and gifts for ministry in any area, please let us know.
- Fr Victor, Aubrey McIntosh, Norma Halstead & Phil Sharp.

Empowered & Empowering Women:

An Advent Reflection on Women in the Bible from Eve to Mary

Go to <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/advent2018/>

and sign up for a daily devotional this Advent.

The Reverend Robert Mitchell, parish priest of St. Olave's Anglican Church in Toronto, connects stories of courage and resilience exemplified by women in the Bible with stories of PWRDF programs.

Envelopes for donation to the **St. Cyprian's Flower Fund** are available on the table in the Narthex. Next Sunday December 9th is the deadline for submitting your envelopes.

Upcoming events:

Candlelight Memorial Service (8th Annual) will be held on Friday, 7:30 pm; December 21st this year. It is an Evensong service, designed for a quiet way of celebrating Christmas, especially for those who may be experiencing grief and loss. Please invite your friends and relatives to come to remember their loved ones.

Lessons & Carols on Next Sunday, December 9th at the 11 am service.

Healing Service on Sunday, December 16th at both services.

Christmas Services:

December 24th – 7:30 pm Choral Eucharist

December 25th – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Tri-Church Announcements

Christmas Choral Concert:

TONIGHT, December 2nd at 7:30 pm

Our annual concert with choirs from the 4 churches.

An evening of Christmas music, carol singing, and a mini-musical

Refreshments to follow, hosted by the 4 choirs.

The Amadeus Choir and Laura Hope have three wonderful but different Christmas concerts coming up within the next month.

Please speak to Laura or see the notice board for more details.