

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

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

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Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Incumbent: The Rev. Victor Li – 416-617-4837

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Pamela Lucas

Rector's Warden – Phil Sharp

People's Warden – Joyce Brome

Director of Music – Laura Hope

Treasurer – Dennis Bucchan

Envelope Secretary – Jane Tearne

**The First Sunday of Advent - December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**9:30 and 11:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

## **Welcome to our worship today!**

*May your spirits be uplifted, faith strengthened  
and empowered to do God's work in the world!*

Today, we have the following persons on duty:

**Fellowship Hosts:** Barbara Herman

**Sidespersons:** 9:30 Carol Berger

11:00 Norma Halstead, Dennis Bucchan, Eduardo Lobato

**Altar Guild are:** Janet Hudson, Loretta Bucchan

**Duty Warden:** Phil Sharp

**Lay Reader:** 9:30 Hanson Lam 11:00 Daphne Wint

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**(Book of Alternative Services)**

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn: 109** When the King Shall Come Again (*11 am*)

**The Greeting & Collect** 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 ISAIAH**

9:30 Gord Burchill

11:00 Daphne Wint

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**ISAIAH 64: 1-9**

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18** [*to be read responsively by alternate verses*]

1

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4

**O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

5

You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. Amen.

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

9:30 Judy North

11:00 Mary Macnamara

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind -- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: 97** Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring (*11 am*)

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake -- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**MARK 13: 24-37**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily:** “Ready or Not?” - The Rev. Victor Li

**Choir Anthem:** “O Come, Emmanuel” - arranged by Alice Parker

**The Apostles’ Creed** p. 189

**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:** Yvonne & Mandison Chin, Matthew & Carol Clarke, Linda Clarke, Norma, & Dwight Clarke, & 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.**

<b>Eucharistic Prayer # 3</b>	p. 198
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	p. 211
<b>The Breaking of the Bread #5</b>	p. 212

<i>Agnus Dei:</i>	<b>747</b>	Jesus, Lamb of God
<b>Communion Hymns:</b>	<b>56</b>	I am the Bread, the Bread of Life
	<b>615</b>	Just as I am

**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: 88** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (*both services*)

**Dismissal:** Thanks be to God.

**St. Cyprian's Announcements**

Tuesday Study Group on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Bible Study: the Birth of Jesus according to Matthew.

Envelopes for donation to the **St. Cyprian's Flower Fund** are available on the table in the Narthex. December 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting your envelopes, in order to include memorial flowers for Christmas.

## **Christmas Hampers**

Our annual Christmas Food Hampers will be distributed to members of our community on request on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

We need volunteers to help pack and deliver hampers and gifts, Please come here by 10:00 am. Thanks for your support!

**Memorial Service for Muriel McCulloch**  
**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**  
after the Hampers delivery.

**Forward Day By Day** booklets have disappeared too quickly...  
From 2018 on, it will only be available by subscription  
\$2 each. Please sign up for yours.

## **Tri-Church Announcements**

**The Annual Tri Church Christmas Choral Concert**  
**Tonight at 7:30 pm**

Come enjoy our 4 church choirs, for an evening of Christmas music and carol singing. Refreshment to follow, hosted by the 4 choirs.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Lessons & Carols** on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am service.

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**Candlelight Memorial Service** (7<sup>th</sup> Annual) will be held Friday, 7:30 pm; December 22<sup>nd</sup> this year -- an Evensong service designed for a quiet way of celebrating Christmas, especially for those who may be experiencing grief and loss. Invite your friends and relatives to come to remember their loved ones, by lighting candles.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

One Morning Service at **10:30 am**  
celebrating The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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### **Christmas Services:**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm Choral & Family Eucharist

December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am Holy Communion