

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn *ALL STAND*

Common Praise 88

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary A voluntary for the full organ

John Stanley

Sunday, November 2, 2008—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Eucharist 11am Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Parish Notices

We welcome The Reverend Don MacLeod as our preacher today, and invite everyone to join us after church for a continuation of our visioning. (We go offsite to the Board Room at the Banff Public Library as we have a wedding at St. George's this afternoon.)

We are invited to a Communion at St. Michael's, Canmore followed by a lunch on Wednesday at 11AM. Please speak to George if a ride is needed.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve 7:30PM and 10:30PM

Christmas Day 11:00AM



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**WELCOME!
A NOTE TO VISITORS**

If you are visiting this Sunday, a very warm greeting to you!

We are delighted to welcome you and trust you will feel very much at home in this beautiful place. A large part of the ministry of St. George's is to be a place of warm hospitality and worship for many visitors to this National Park from all over the world.

It has been the practice of St. George's for some time to alternate the two Anglican rites, the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services, so that there is a celebration using each rite each Sunday.

One of the challenges we face is ministering to the very many young seasonal employees in the park, many of who are away from home for the first time. We have begun this by supporting and connecting with the Living Room, a programme of the Banff Service Industry Network reaching out to 18–30 year old workers in our service industry.

And we are following a dream to build a programme of Wilderness Spirituality, helping residents and visitors deepen their relationship with God in the context of the incredible beauty which surrounds us, and exploring the theological implications human care for the environment.

We invite you to check out our website: www.stgeorgesinthepines.org. We are a small congregation and struggle to provide the resource to keep our ministry vital and the church building cared for. You may feel called to share in this support. There are visitors' envelopes on the back table, and your gift will be responsibly used and much appreciated. If you wish to help in a larger and more visionary way, please speak to the rector or wardens.

May God bless you in your visit to Banff and your return home.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2008 • Sung Eucharist at 11:00am

Prelude O Perfect Love

Joseph Barnby

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND*

Common Praise 101

Lighting of the Advent Candles *REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant We light again the Candles of Hope and Peace as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace. Today, we light the Candle of Love. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. He taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. Let us pray together.

All Lord God, your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All 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.

Trisagion *SAID THREE TIMES*

All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day *ALL REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Let us pray. God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading *PLEASE BE SEATED* *Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 *BAS p. 885*

The Second Reading *I Thessalonians 5.16–24*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 362*

The Holy Gospel *John 1.6–8, 19–28*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

AFTER THE GOSPEL,

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *PLEASE BE SEATED* *The Reverend Don MacLeod*

The Apostles' Creed *ALL STAND*

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Bidding Keep us faithful:

Response keep us faithful to your calling.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Peace *ALL STAND*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn *Common Praise 108*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and
make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

by Jim Stratheide

All Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

blessèd is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *BAS p. 212*

The Invitation *BAS p. 213*

Communion Hymn *Common Praise 54*

*IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION, ALL WHO ARE
BAPTIZED, IN WHATEVER CHURCH, ARE WELCOME
TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.*

Prayer after Communion *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Celebrant Let us pray. Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from
our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the
birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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 Advent Blessing

Celebrant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all
the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the