

All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Common Praise 109

Voluntary Little Prelude in d minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sunday, December 14, 2008—Third Sunday of Advent

8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 11am Sung Eucharist (BAS)

Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1.47–55

I Thessalonians 5.16–24 John 1.6–8, 19–28

Parish Notices

Vestry meets Tuesday at 7:30PM. As always parishioners are welcome to join us.

Next Sunday: December 14th the Reverend Don MacLeod will be joining us, preaching and leading us in our next visioning session. We will have that session in the Boardroom of the Banff Public Library as there is a wedding here. Lunch will be available.

Wednesday December 17th 11AM a special Christmas Service and Luncheon for seniors at St. Michael's Anglican Church, Canmore.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve 7:30PM and 10:30PM

Christmas Day 11:00am

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2008 • Sung Eucharist at 11:00am

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft ins die Stimme *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 100*

Lighting of the Advent Candles *REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, reminding us of our hope in Christ. Today we light the second, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace: like a light shining in darkness. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray together.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the World, whom the prophets saith would bring peace and save thy people from trouble: grant us peace in our hearts, that as we wait for thy coming again, remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship thee, to hear thy word, and to do thy will by sharing thy peace with each other. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law *ALL SING* *Common Praise 677*

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said the Law and the Prophets.

All Sing Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie Eleison *ALL SING* *Common Praise 678*

All Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Celebrant The Lord be with you;

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Old Testament Lesson *PLEASE BE SEATED* *Isaiah 40.1–11*

AFTER THE LESSON,

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

Psalms 85.1–2, 8–13 *SAID RESPONSIVELY* *BCP p. 438*

The Epistle *II Peter 3.8–15a*

AFTER THE EPISTLE,

Epistler Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 103*

The Gospel *Mark 1.1–8*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the ... *Common Praise 680*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AFTER THE GOSPEL,

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily *PLEASE BE SEATED* *The Rector*

The Creed *ALL STAND*

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us all and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again

according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Hymn *Common Praise 110*

Celebrant Blessèd be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *I Chronicles 29.10, 11, 14*

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

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Ye that do truly and meekly kneeling upon your knees.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you;

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts;

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet ever more praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus *ALL SING* *Common Praise 683*

All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and O Father Almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei *Common Praise 685*

Communion Hymn *Common Praise 102*

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

The Lord's Prayer *ALL KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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 them that 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.

Celebrant Almighty through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.