

Blessing for Advent

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

All Amen.

Closing Hymn *ALL STAND*

Common Praise 572

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Arrangement of Helmsley

David Willcocks

Sunday, 6 December, 2009—The Second Sunday of Advent

8 am Said Eucharist (BAS) 11 am Service for Advent with Carols

Parish Notices

Today is our monthly pot-luck Sunday. Please stay for good food and company.

The next meeting of Vestry will be on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 pm at the church.

Upcoming weekday services: Christmas Eve at 7:30 and 10:30 pm, Christmas Day at 11:00 am.

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WELCOME! A NOTE TO VISITORS

If you are visiting Banff from out of town this Sunday, a very warm greeting to you. Please join us for coffee and light refreshments after our service. Since 1889, St. George's has welcomed visitors from all over the world to Banff National Park.

In our worship, we alternate between the two approved Canadian Anglican Eucharistic rites: from the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services. Occasionally, we enjoy a rite from another part of the world.

We feel we are called by God to serve as a centre of Anglican worship, community service, and connection with creation within the community of Banff. Anchored by the Anglican tradition, we open our doors and our hearts to all regardless of their faith or tradition. We strive to demonstrate Jesus' love and teachings through our services, events, activities and practices.

We hope you enjoy your visit, and learn more about us. Please visit our website at www.StGeorgesInThePines.org from time to time. We are a small, hard-working congregation that struggles to provide the resources to keep our ministry vital and our 120-year-old building viable. You may feel called to become a Friend of St. George's and share in this ministry. There are visitors' envelopes on the back table and your gift will be responsibly used and much appreciated. You can also click on the "Canada Helps" link on our website and make a donation that will be instantly receipted by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for income tax purposes.

May God bless your time here in Banff, and may your time here be a time of relaxation, refreshment and renewal.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 November, 2009 • Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 am

Prelude Improvisations on Advent Melodies *Various*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND*

Common Praise 114

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ. We, too, believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. Hope is like a light in the dark. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray together.

All God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *ALL REMAIN STANDING*

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Common Praise 706

All Sing Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison

Trisagion

Common Praise 707

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

The Collect of the Day *ALL REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Let us pray. 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, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading *BE SEATED*

Jeremiah 33.14-16

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1-10 *CHANTED BY THE CANTOR*

Plainsong

The Second Reading

I Thessalonians 3.9-13

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *ALL STAND*

Common Praise 476

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21.25-36

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

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 Rector

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 Lord, show us how to live:

Response and give us the courage to go forward.

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 560

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

by Jim Strathdee

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

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Communion Psalm 85

Plainsong

IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION, ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED, IN WHATEVER CHURCH, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT. NO INTINCTION.

Prayer after Communion *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

All Amen.

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.