



# Saint John's Anglican Church

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Sunday, December 19, 2021

Holy Eucharist—10:00 am

Nine Lessons & Carols for the Season

## A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for the Season



Sundays, **8:00 am**  
Sundays, **10:00 am**

Holy Eucharist  
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Said Service, Book of Common Prayer  
Liturgy from the Book of Alternative  
Services and the Anglican world, with  
masked congregational singing  
supported by small choirs as per social  
distancing regulations



The Right Reverend Susan Bell  
The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin  
The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger  
The Reverend Mary Ryback  
The Reverend Olive Shepherd  
Donna Ellis  
Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen  
Carole Labranche

Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara  
Rector  
Honorary Assistant  
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Honorary Assistant  
Youth, Children & Families  
Organist and Director of Music  
Parish Administrator

**Welcome to St. John's! ~ We're So Glad You're Here**  
**Nine Lessons and Carols for the Season**

*For those remembered, flowers on the altar are given: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dianne Inglis, by Don and Sandi Inglis.*

**The Gathering of the Community**

Prelude; A Christmas Medley

*D. Johnson*

*Celebrant* I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

*Luke 1: 38*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Carol**

**Carol # 123** Once In Royal David's City

**Advent Candle Lighting** (Love)

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, come soon!

**People** Lord Jesus, come soon!

*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 are 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.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.      *Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father,

*All*      **who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## A Bidding Prayer

*Celebrant* Dear people of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this community of Ancaster.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

We especially bring to God in prayer today...

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and

that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**All**            **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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 those who 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*    The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

**All**            **Amen.**

**Hymn # 102** Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Please be seated.*

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson    *The first man and woman rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

*Genesis 3: 8-15*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir*      Adam lay ybounden

*P. Warlock*

**Carol # 89** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stz. 1-4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson *Christ's birth and reign are foretold by Isaiah.*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Isaiah 9: 2-7*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

***People***      **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol # 89** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stz. 5-7)

*Choir*      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*M. Praetorius*

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

*Micah 5: 2-4*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir*      *I Wonder as I Wander*

*N. Rawsthorne*

4<sup>th</sup> Lesson    *The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will  
bear the Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the

power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1: 26-38*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Carol # 103** On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry

5<sup>th</sup> Lesson *Mary visits Elizabeth (mother of John the Baptist), who rejoices in Mary’s news and faithfulness.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

*Luke 1: 39-45*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Carol # 121** O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Choir*      *A Maiden Most Gentle*

*A. Carter*

6<sup>th</sup> Lesson *Luke’s telling of the story of the birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Luke 2: 1-7*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir*      Sussex Carol

*arr. D. Wilcocks*

**Carol # 138** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

7<sup>th</sup> Lesson *The shepherds are visited by an angel and go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what

the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Luke 2: 8-20*

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol # 135** Shepherds in the Field Abiding

8<sup>th</sup> Lesson *The magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

*Choir Unto Us is Born a Son arr. D. Wilcocks*  
*9<sup>th</sup> Lesson Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation,*  
*the Word become flesh.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1: 1-14*

*Reader The word of the Lord.*

***People Thanks be to God.***

**Carol # 154 Joy to the World**

*Offering plates will not be passed. Please place your gift on the plates provided at the entrance and exit of the church.*

*Please be seated.*

## **Announcements**

*Events in the church's mission, ministry, and fellowship are shared.*

**A Prayer for St. John's Church**     *Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
*All*     **in Jesus you call humanity to reconciliation  
and wholeness. You call us to love you, to love one  
another, and to walk humbly with you. May our  
ministries at St. John's reflect your compassion  
and mercy, your wisdom and justice, your  
generosity and welcome to all. May all we  
say and do reflect your abundance and your grace.  
Amen.**

**Advent Blessing**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour  
Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you  
with the light of his blessing and set you free from all  
sin.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we  
await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant  
in love.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at  
his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*     **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Hymn # 148** See Amid the Winter's Snow

*Stz. 1—Choir; Stz. 2—Women; Stz. 3—Men; Stz. 4+5—All*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

***People***     **Thanks be to God.**

*Please wait for one of our volunteers to invite you to exit your pew. All in attendance must exit by the red doors. Our Magnificart (parish golf cart) is available for those who need assistance. If you parked in one of the accessible spots and need to use the elevator, or if someone is picking you up at that entrance and you need to use the elevator, you may exit through that part of the building. Thank you for exiting promptly in order to allow our staff the opportunity to thoroughly clean and sanitize the church before our next service.*

**Territorial Acknowledgement** ~ *Saint John's Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.*

Postlude; Variations on Bohemian Carol

*Dr. C. Teeuwsen*

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