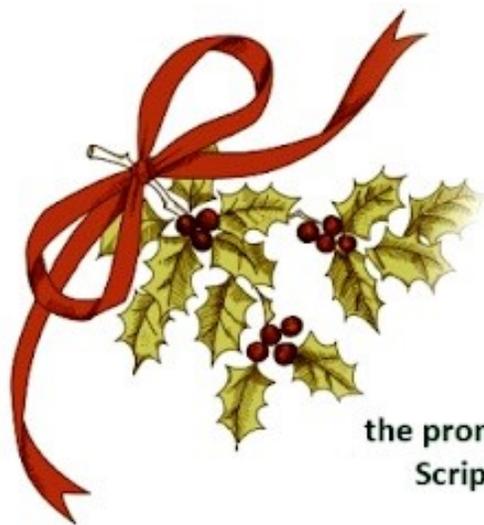


Parish of Estevan December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Advent



LESSONS & CAROLS

the promise of the Messiah - the birth of Jesus
Scripture - carols - choral music - hymns

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ST. GILES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Presider:	The Ven. Wilma Woods
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Sentence: *I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.* Luke 1.38

Hymn: When the King Shall Come Again

1 When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

2 In the desert trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!

4 There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean,
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

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Welcome

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather, is on in Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the homeland of the Metis people.

Advent 4 Candle Lighting

Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love.

Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus is God's love in human form. The bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

St Paul's letter to the Corinthians tells us that Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus

Light the Advent Candle *verse 4*

Light the Advent candle, four,
Think of joy forevermore,
Christ child in a stable born,
Gift of love that Christmas morn.

*Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

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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 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. We pray for those who live in faith, all those who struggle with their faith as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus yet.

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

For strength and hope through this advent season, as we continue to prepare for Christ's Coming. We pray for our clergy and churches: for Rob, our Bishop; Linda, our Primate; Mark, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Greg, our Metropolitan; Wilma, our Archdeacon; Brian our Honorary Assistant; Barb, our Deacon; for the clergy, lay leaders, congregation and ministries of the parish of St. Martin, Raymore; for The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith Worship and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, of the ACC; for Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada; for Pastor Lori James and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church; for the mission and ministry of the Mother's Union throughout the Anglican Communion; our companion dioceses of Lichfield and Musinga; for our ecumenical partners in the Lutheran, Anglican, Ukrainian Catholic, Roman Catholic Covenant (LAURC). For our ecumenical partners O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

For clergy and lay leaders as they lead their congregations through alternative services during Covid-19, for health care workers and all who are providing essential services through the Covid-19 pandemic; for our front-line workers especially the Sun Country Health Emergency Medical Services; and for support for members of our congregations as we adapt to the changes that we are facing through the pandemic.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for our church family especially: Ken Harris , Scott and Kelli Harrison and their children David, Joel & Kayla and their families.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for those who are sick or any kind of need especially: Autumn, Frank, Greg, Gwen, Bishop Rob and his family, his sister, Linda, and niece, Nicola, Lyle, Terry, Ginger Anderson, Raquel Be, Brian Brandon, Jodi Bryant, Gail Clark-Morgan, MacKenzie Delainey, Darlene Forbes, Wanda Friess, Dorothy Gaetz, Dave Genter, Luke Genter, Mike Gulak, Bob Haines, Glorhi Haines, Bishop Michael Hawkins, Alan Hodges, Brian & Nola Joseph, Bea Lukye, Mikayla MacPherson, Leanne McCarthy, Arnold Newton, The Rev. Jason Richards, Les Saxon, Kim Smith, Candy Smyth, Wanda Stang,

Dustin Taylor, Ed Taylor, Lisa Van de Velde, Edna Walliser, Meghan Wright, and Tom Wright, and those we name silently before you.

[. *Pause*]

Come Lord with your healing powers.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

We remember today: Stewart Doerr '92; Louise Attrill '94; Ivy Hitchcock '13; Bill Hedley '93; Ida Butler '89; Henrietta Kendall '95; Dick Carey '08 come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon! Amen

Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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| <p>1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fear and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.</p> <p>2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> | <p>3. Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring</p> <p>4. By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |
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A Reading from Genesis 2.4 - 9,15 - 25

Ken Harris

² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of

Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. The Word of the Lord

Prayer

*Creating God,
you call us to live in harmony
with nature, with one another, and with you.
Now fix our eyes upon the one
in whom your purpose for our world has been revealed,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen*

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

3. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

4. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

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2 A Reading from Isaiah 7: 10 - 15

Jan Harris

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?" ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

The Word of the Lord

Prayer

*God of hope,
look upon those who live with despair as their companion.
Give them signs of your healing presence
and of your eternal purpose of salvation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 1-4

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in its ways to go. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

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3 A Reading from Luke 1.5 - 25

Jan Blue

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord.⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty,⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense.¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years."¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

²¹Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary.²²When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.²³When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said,²⁵"This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

The Word of the Lord

Prayer

*Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn: Hark a Herald Voice

1 Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven,

4 that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

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4 A Reading from Luke 1.26 - 38

Emily Phillips

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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.

The Word of the Lord

Prayer

*Pour your grace into our hearts, o Lord,
that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Chris,
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,
may by his cross and passion
be brought to the glory of his resurrection'
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 5 – 7

5 O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. . . . *Refrain*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. . *Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O Bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. . . *Refrain*

5 A Reading from Luke 1.39 - 56

Laura Swirski

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of the Lord

Collect for Advent 4

*Heavenly Father,
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 forever.*

Amen

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Scott Coulter

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for ever more!

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6 A Reading from Luke 1.57- 80

Lynn Chipley

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:
⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Word of the Lord

Prayer

*Almighty God,
you called John the Baptist
to give witness to the coming of your Son
and to prepare his way.
Give your people wisdom to see your purpose,
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may witness to Christ's coming
and so prepare his way;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
the valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
the works of the pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

3 But the word, O God, is faithful,
Your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
In pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

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Offertory

During this time of pandemic, when we cannot physically put our offerings on the plate, we ask that offerings continue to be given by mail, e-transfer or pre-authorized deposits through your bank. Further information is on our website.

For the gifts and offerings, we receive, we give thanks and pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

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.

Together: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

This service is a prelude to our Christmas Eve service **The Nativity of the Lord** on the 24th – we welcome all to be with us for this special celebration.

Hymn: People, Look East! The Time is Near

1. People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:

give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.

even the hour when wings are frozen

God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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“Watch & Wait” Devotion
@ 8 pm each night through advent

Via zoom

See back page for info!



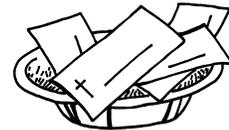
Announcements

Options for giving your offering to the church

Listed below are the options that we have:

1. You can mail your offering to:

St. Giles Anglican Church
317 12th Ave.
Estevan, Sask. S4A 1E3



2. e-Transfer your donation to:

stgiles@sasktel.net

3. You can sign up for automatic giving. Heather has forms or the form is on the website www.estevananglican.com. You can print it, fill it out and scan it back to stgiles@sasktel.net or put it in your mailbox at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone her or send her text so she knows to do that!)

4. You could put your donation in an envelope with your name on it in your mailbox at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone her or send her a text so she knows to do that!)

For Sale

- **Calendars for 2021 are available.**
\$5.00 per calendar

St. Giles Masks - \$10.00 / mask

Limited supply of:

- **Zucchini Relish ("Kay's" recipe)**
- **Peach Jam or**
- **Canned Peaches**

All jars \$4.00



If you are coming to church
remember to RSVP to:
the church at 306 634-4113

Or

Heather at
306 421-2457
Please do this by Friday evening.

~ Thank You ~



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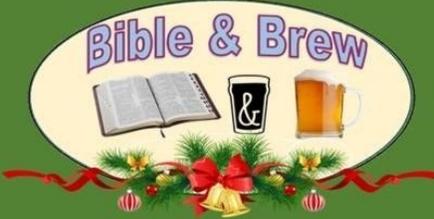
St. Giles now has masks!
Available during our
Sunday Service or call
306-634-4113




\$10



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WATCH AND WAIT Through Advent



During Advent we invite you to join us for 'Watch & Wait - An Advent Devotion. Every evening at 8 PM we will be offering a short devotional time via Zoom. Everyone is welcome!! The Zoom link is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81374979192>

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Our first Watch & Wait is Sunday, November 29, 8 PM.

If you have questions about this program or about Zoom please message us!