



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*



11 December 2016 Advent 3 Give More

The most powerful, memorable gift you can give to someone else is yourself. And nobody modeled this more than Jesus. So, what does this look like for you? When it comes to spending time with those you love, it's all about quality, not quantity.

Dec 11 – Advent 3

9:00 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Betty
(Isa. 35:1-10, Magnificat)
Reader: Glenna
(James 5: 7-10)
Greeters: ---
Chancel: Dawn / Joyce
Counters: Pat / Clarence

10:30 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Lorraine
(Song of Mary)
Reader: Elaine
(James 5: 7-10)
Greeters: Alice & Bruce
A/V: Elaine / Kevin
Sunday School: Alice / Diana
Youth Sunday School: Kate
Nursery: Sharon H

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The Advent Wreath

Reader- Last Sunday we lit the candles of Peace and of Hope. We light them again in hopeful expectation that Christ will come again and bring the world everlasting peace.

On this, the third week of Advent, we give thanks for the gift of Joy. We are told that at the birth of Jesus the Angel of the Lord appeared to certain shepherd and declared, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We light this third candle –the candle of Joy- to remember that in God's everlasting presence there is fullness of Joy for all people.

All - May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Collect - 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.

Isaiah 35: 1-10 (9:00 am Service only) - *The prophet Isaiah foresees YAHWEH gloriously bursting into creation and the life of his people, bringing about dramatic reverses of fortune. The parched land will blossom and flourish while the blind will see, the lame will walk and the deaf will hear. All the ransomed will return along a new highway to Zion in a transformed state of everlasting joy*

Magnificat BCP p 21 (9:00)

Song of Mary BAS p86 (10:30)

In Mary's Song, the Virgin praises God for raising her from obscurity to become the mother of the Lord. She proclaims this as part of the divine pattern of lifting up the lowly and needy and putting down the proud and rich, a pattern that is rooted in the covenant promise made to Abraham and his descendants.

James 5: 7-10 – *James encourages his readers to be as patient as a farmer waiting for his crops while they look toward the coming of the Lord. He assures them that since it will not be long before the judge arrives to set things right, they should remain in unity with one another and endure their sufferings as did the prophets before them.*

Matthew 11: 2-11 - *The Gospel today relates how John the Baptist, having been imprisoned by Herod, sends representatives to Jesus in order to confirm that he is the one to come after all. Jesus tells them simply to report what they see: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor receive good news. He then teaches the crowds that although John is in fact the herald of Messiah, the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” 4 Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Gale A, Jackie Bettle, Don Buchanan, Della Durelle, Loretta Derrah, Barb Glauser, Glen Hopey, Pat Keirstead, Donald Lamb, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Sue Scribner, Erika Wisted

Mission of the Month: **Hampton Food Basket**

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias
Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Kingston – Rev. Peter Gillies & Retired Clergy- Rev. David Gray

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Dec 18 – Advent 4

9:00 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Heather

(Isa. 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

Reader: Pat (*Romans 1:1-7*)

Greeters: Pat & Peggy

Chancel: Pat / Barb

Counters: Pat / Clarence

10:30 am HC – BAS

Christmas Pageant

Layreader: Myra

(Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

Reader: Stephen (*Rom 1:1-7*)

Greeters: Stephen & Barb

A/V: Elaine / Kevin

Sunday School: Raegan/Karla

Youth Sunday School: Betty

Nursery: Jenny

Christmas Eve Services 5:30 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day 10:00 am

Worship Fully – Spend Less – Give More – Love All

