

CHURCH OF ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 pm Compline by Candlelight

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 pm Procession,
Blessing of the Crèche,
and Solemn High Mass.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Solemn High Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

NO SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

NO SERVICES

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, CHRISTMAS I

8:30 am **Low Mass**

Gal 4:1-7

Matt 1:18-end

10:30 am **High Mass**

Is 63:7-9

Ps 148

Heb 2:10-18

Matt 2:13-23

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22 December 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

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Advent IV

22 December 2019

8:00 am Mattins is said in the Chapel.

8:30 am Low Mass begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are found on pages 95, 102-103. The Introit and Gradual Psalms are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Solemn High Mass

The Order of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (white booklet)

Hymnal: *The Book of Common Praise* (blue book)

Mass setting: *Missa Brevis No. 2 in F minor* - Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Creed - John Merbecke (c.1510-c.1585)

Prelude *Prelude on a 2nd Mode Melody* - Florence Durrell Clark (1891-1977)

Please stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Versicle The Angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary;

Response **All generations shall call her blessed.**

Versicle Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

Response **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Versicle And the Word was made flesh;

Response **And dwelt among us.**

Prayer We praise thee, our Father, for the wonderful news announced to Mary. We thank thee for her trust and love, and for her ready obedience to thy will. Give us grace and obedience, that we may be counted worthy to bear the good news to the world, and that thy Son came to save all people.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Opening Hymn 65 *Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes* BRISTOL

Asperges occur during the hymn; as the Celebrant sprinkles Holy Water on the congregation, it is customary to bow and the make the sign of the cross.

Introit Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we, beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance. *Ps.* We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. Glory be... Remember us, O Lord...

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Kyrie

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Collect of the Day (see insert)

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Proclamation of the Word (see insert)

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Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7; 16-19. *Qui regis Israel.*

Romans 1:1-7

Gradual Hymn 475 *O Love, how deep! how broad! how high!*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Gradual The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name. Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18-25 (see insert)

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (see insert)

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Confession, Absolution, and The Peace

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Offertory Be strong, fear not; behold, our God will come with a recompense: he will come, and save us.

Offertory Hymn 807 *Sing of Mary, pure and lowly*

HERMON

Canon of the Mass

pp. 9-16

Communion Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Music *O Emmanuel* - Plainsong

Ablutions Motet Dixit Maria – Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Mary said to the Angel:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,

be it unto me, according to thy word.

Thanksgiving and Dismissal

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Post Communion Hymn 62 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Announcements and Angelus

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Postlude *Fuga sopra il Magnificat*, BWV 733 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Well, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries), and for Redeemer Church, Amman, Jordan.

In our Parish, we pray for Judith and Bob Tyrrell, Jennifer Veitch, Joy Wallingford, and Wesley and Wendy Warren.

We remember those for whom our prayers have been asked: Patricia Boyce, Geoffrey, Joshua, Roger Beland, Emma and Family, Harvey Cottrell, Vera Iodko, The Rev. Deacon Henry Stauffenberg, Jarod, David Blackman, Murray Nash, Wesley, Fiona, Issac, Emily, Mary and Rob, Ronald Bentley, Bishop William Love, Fr. Borden, Joe O'Brien, Maurice Therrien, Mary Davis, Mary Fereday, Quinn Smith, Morris Redman, Phyllis James, Tony Fereday, Bart Beglo, Patrick, Lou MacKenzie, ThomasTims, Rick Peche, Tracey, Claire, Roger, Eric Murphy, Susan, Anna and Chris, and for all living with anxiety and depression.

For troubled areas of the world, we pray for the Middle East, with the continuing troubles in Syria, Palestine, Gaza, and Israel, Yemen, Sri Lanka, the Kurdish people, all suffering from disease, war, terrorism, and natural disaster, and for our Canadian Forces and aid workers serving worldwide.

For those celebrating a birthday: John Young, and David Meadows.

For all the faithful departed: Elizabeth Anne Davis, Kenneth John Harwood, Edward William Netten, and Mable Porter, and members of our family and friends.

Christian Virtue: An Advent Talk-and-Discussion Series

Peter Scotchmer is offering a series of one-hour talk-and-discussion lectures on several Christian Virtues as these make their presence felt in a number of significant literary works. These lectures will take place at **9:30 am each Sunday in Advent** before the 10:30 am High Mass and will continue in **Epiphany**, pending continued interest. The revised scheduled is as follows:

Dec. 22: Love: Shakespeare's King Lear.

Jan. 5: Prudence: William Golding's Lord of the Flies

Jan.12: Chastity: Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome

Jan.19: Faith: Shusaku Endo's Silence

Jan. 26: Patience: Jane Austen's Persuasion

While it is helpful for participants to have read each work in advance, no prior knowledge of each is assumed. Interest is the sole requirement.

Advent Devotions

Devotional booklets of daily Advent readings, **Let the Heavens be Glad: inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen**, may be found at the back of the Nave.

Parish Library: A table of Advent meditations and devotionals is on display in the Parish Hall.

*A warm Welcome is extended to all visitors and newcomers worshiping with us today. Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, and sign our Visitors' Book in the Narthex following the service. After High Mass, do join us for refreshments in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall.*

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 24th – CORRECTION: Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass **10:00 pm.**

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day: Morning Prayer at **9:30 am**, Solemn High Mass at **10:30 am.**

Nota bene

We sincerely thank **Donald Russell** for directing the music this morning, while Wesley is recovering from a hand injury.

Thank you to Warren and Sharon Halligan for preparing the Christmas mailing.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the parish clean-up yesterday.

A Pilgrimage to England, 19 - 28 September 2020, with Canon David Raths. Brochures and booking forms are available during refreshments after the 10:30 mass, or contact Canon Raths on 613-804-3200, or wdraths@gmail.com.

The **2020 Church Calendars**, published by St. Peter Publications, will be available from Wesley Warren following services today at \$8 per copy.

The choir's CD "**Exultate Deo**" may be purchased for \$20 after mass.

A **summary of results** from the questionnaire distributed at the Town Hall on October 20 is available in the Narthex.

Attention **Snow Birds:** Stay connected to parish life by signing up for the e-bulletin. Send an email to the parish or visit the website to sign up.

NO Parish Council this month. The next meeting will be on January 15th.

Please consider distributing the Brochure 'bookmarks', advertising our Christmas service times, to friends and family.

The Christmas/Epiphany issue of the **Anglican Planet** is available on the table in the Narthex.

Advent and the Four Last Things

Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell – have traditionally been themes for Advent meditation, representations of which have been depicted on the bulletin covers for the four weeks of Advent, taken from Hieronymus Bosch's *The Seven Deadly Sins and the Four Last Things*, c.1500. Advent I reminded us that although **Death** is a result of sin, our redemption ultimately comes about through it, following Jesus' own death and resurrection to new life: *for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive... For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.* (I Cor 15). **Judgement** on Advent II, reminded us that the season is as much about Christ's *second* coming as it is his first, when he will return in glory to judge both the quick and the dead – *His winnowing fork is in his hand...* (Matt 3:12). **Heaven** gave us reason to rejoice on Gaudete Sunday (Advent III), *for we shall see Him as He is.* (1 John 3:2). Today on Advent IV, we go out with a bang, as the series concludes with **Hell**.

Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. – Is 7:11

Hell, like Heaven, is a complicated place. Three different words in the New Testament have been translated as 'Hell': *Sheol/Hades, Gehenna, and Tartarus*. In Biblical cosmology, *Sheol* is the place where all the dead go, both righteous and unrighteous. Jesus' descent into *Hell* was to *Sheol*, to free those who had gone before him (Harrowing of Hell). *Gehenna* is a small valley in Jerusalem, where, in ancient times, children were burned as sacrifices, and later, a dumping ground for sewage and garbage. The term is used 11 times by Jesus in the synoptic Gospels, as an illustration of the final judgement of the wicked, the place where both the body and soul are reunited to spend eternity apart from God. *Tartarus* is used only once, in 2 Peter, and is the realm of eternal punishment in Hellenistic mythology.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. – Mt 1:21

Our readings this morning remind us of why God sent his Son into the world. Bosch's depiction of Hell depicts humans in various states of torment, each labeled with one of the Seven Deadly Sins/Vices. This may suggest the end result of lives spent in thrall to behaviours which lead away from wholeness and participation in Christ: *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly* (Jn 10:10). To be sure, the Hell of eternal damnation is not a popular concept: Origen in the 2nd century, was accused of holding to universal salvation; a recent book on the subject, *That All Shall Be Saved*, by the Orthodox philosopher and theologian, David Bentley Hart, has been causing a stir since it was published in September. The question is often asked, how could a good God send people to Hell?

In the New Testament, it is Jesus himself, who refers most often to the hell (*gehenna*) of unquenchable fire reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. He solemnly proclaims that *he will send his angels, and they will gather... all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire* (Mt 13), and that he will

pronounce the condemnation: *Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire* (Mt 25). But the God of Love has given us free will, and he will not compel us to love him or our neighbour as ourselves. Despite the primacy of grace and love throughout the Christian tradition, Hell remains a possibility for those who willfully, deliberately, and continuously reject God. C.S. Lewis wrote: *I willingly believe that the damned are, in one sense, successful, rebels to the end; that the doors of hell are locked on the inside.*

The Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar suggested that, *we must see that hell is not an object that is 'full' or 'empty' of human individuals, but a possibility that is not 'created' by God but in any case by the free individuals who choose it.* Balthasar also suggested that we may reasonably hope that all people will be saved. The Anglo-Catholic priest and poet, F. W. Faber, perhaps sums it up best:

I have no profession of faith to make about [the lost], except that God is infinitely merciful to every soul, and that no one ever has been, or ever can be, lost by surprise or trapped in his ignorance; and, as to those who may be lost, I confidently believe that our heavenly Father threw his arms round each created spirit, and looked it full in the face with bright eyes of love, in the darkness of its mortal life, and that of its own deliberate will it would not have him.

This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmèd wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy!

Excerpted from *Newe Heaven, Newe Warre*, 1595
– Robert Southwell (c.1561-1595)