



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
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December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST THE KING

Prelude: O Come, O come, Emmanuel - 13th Century Gregorian Plainsong

Introit: Will Jesus find us watching? Fanny J. Crosby /
William H. Doane - Vv. 1 & 4 sung by the Senior choir

Congregational chorus: O can we say we are ready, brother?
Ready for the soul's bright home?
Say, will He find you and me still watching?
Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come?

Come and Light this Candle - Joseph M. Martin –
sung by the Five Alive Singers

*Responsive Call to Worship (Isaiah 2, Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me,
let us go to the house of the Lord!

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: Hail to The Lord's Anointed **# 115 Blue**

Our Prayers of Adoration:

Loving God, our praises and prayers this first Advent day flow from the
season's joyous news. You come to your people. You visit us. You dwell with
us.

You come and your presence alone changes reality.
Your truth breaks forth, shaking our world and shattering lies, setting
your people free. Your coming is our hope. The Kingdom of God has
drawn near.

Your season comes, Lord. Come once again, and feed your flock like a
shepherd. Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the
sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth.

Join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our
own household. Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through
your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our Prayer of Confession:

**God of hope, we confess that too often we prefer darkness to light, and
our plans to your principles. We have distorted the truth and accepted
lies. We have praised our own cleverness rather than your glory. We have
exploited neighbours, abused the earth, and chosen strife instead of
peace. In your mercy, hear our silent confession of sin; forgive what we
have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be.**
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements **(See Insert # 1)**

Musical Item: Come and Light this Candle - Joseph M. Martin - sung by the
Five Alive Singers

GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Lighting the Candle of Hope Five Alive Singers **(See Advent Insert)**

*Youth Hymn: Hope Is A Star **# 119 Blue**

Children's Story:

The Scriptures: Psalm 122 **Refrain # 1** Ivy Jones
Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 550) Sheba Sampras
New Testament: Romans 13:11-14 (Page 923)

Anthem: Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God - G.F. Handel arr. by Hal Hopson

Sermon: Living In Hopeful Anticipation

Hymn of Transition: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus **# 110 Blue**

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

We Confess Our Faith: Apostles' Creed (BoP#539)
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (BoP#564)
Communion Hymns: # 543 & # 366 Blue

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering: The Huron Carol -
Father Jean de Brebeuf

*Offertory Hymn:

Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Halle, halle, halle, lujah.
Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

WE GO OUT TO LIVE AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: The Comforter Has Come **# 93 Red**

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God

Postlude: Emmanuel, Emmanuel - Bob McGee

Welcome to St. Mark's

Today we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. We welcome everyone to this worship service as we give joyful praise to our King who comes in the name of the Lord. We wish for everyone a tremendous blessing as we worship and fellowship together by God's grace. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time.

If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

Nursery: The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Indra Birbalsingh and Lydia Brown

Duty Elder: Ivy Jones and Ernest Birbalsingh

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you require pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com.

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **Advent 1 Communion:** On this first Sunday in Advent we celebrate the Lord's Supper as we wait in hope and anticipation for the coming of Jesus into our lives. **All are invited to share in a time of fellowship in the Lower Hall following this worship service. We are also seeking volunteers to provide or prepare refreshment for our fellowship time. Please speak with Velda Walkes if you would love to volunteer in this ministry.**
- **Kirk/Session:** The Kirk/Session will meet on Monday December 2, 2019 for our monthly meeting.

- **Communion:** On Sunday, December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited.
- **Need a Lift?** Do you want to attend church but do not have regular transportation to get here? Please speak with Rev. Germaine if you require a ride to get to church on Sundays and we will help you get here.
- **Scriptures Readers:** If you would love to participate in our worship services through reading scripture please write your name on the scripture reading list on the table in the narthex.
- **Music Ministry:** The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mark's Messengers and the Intermediate choir will rehearse following the service of worship.
- **St Mark's Young Society:** St. Mark's Young Society will meet for our annual Christmas Carolling and Potluck Supper on Sunday December 15 at 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or sla1302@sympatico.ca (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today were donated by Anita Jhoda.

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2020 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

Website:

Our Technology committee has updated our website. Please visit our website at: <http://stmarksmalton.ca>. Give us your feedback!

Especially in our prayers

“ Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick, or who are homebound:

“ Nashwill Gordon

“ Lee Younger

“ Muriel Bennett

“ Helen Forsyth



- “ Sandra & James Moravek
- “ Edna Hazel
- “ Verna Dockendorff
- “ Sarwar Paul Hussain, (Azar Paul’s Father)
- “ Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharran (Susan Ramneres’ nephew and 1st Cousin who are both recovering from illness)
- “ Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery. Abhijit sends thanks to his church family for all the prayers on his behalf.
- “ Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is faithfully going through chemotherapy as he battles cancer)
- “ Cordaleen Hinds who had surgery and is recovering well so far.
- “ Other Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
- “ Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith.

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:

- “ For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.
- “For the people of Hong Kong as protests continues and anger and hurt continue to rise.
- “ For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God’s light lead and guide them forward.

Prayer Chain: If you would like the prayer chain to pray for you or for a particular concern please contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com.

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark’s at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com

We’re At Advent

Advent is the beginning of the church year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is sometimes the last Sunday in November, and ends on Christmas Eve at sundown. Sometimes the fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve.

Meaning of Name:

The term Advent comes via Old English from the Latin *adventus* (“arrival”). It is a combination of *ad* (to) + *venire* (come). In Advent, we are anticipating the arrival of the baby Jesus ushering in hope, joy, peace and love for all people.

The season of Advent is a highlight of any congregation’s life. It is a time of joy, color, light, and anticipation. And it is a time of worship. This is a season that calls us to fall to our knees in worship of the awesome God. Advent is the season where we remember that God chose to put on flesh and dwell among us. God reached down from incomprehensible heights to touch the life we live. And God chose to be born in the humblest of ways, in a manger, in a barn, or a cave, or on the side of the road. The Creator God Almighty crying in the prickly hay, fodder for animals. There is no proper response, other than worship.

At the same time, Advent is a reminder that there is more to come, that we are on a journey toward a new reality, a new way of being.

Benediction -

*May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect Peace,
Courage in every endeavour.
Lift up your heart and see His face
Full of grace forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever*