

The Anglican Church of
ST. MARY MAGDALENE

“We are a church that help others find and follow Jesus.”

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Services: Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30 am

*The hymns can be found in the Common Praise book
(the blue book at the end of the pew).*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Processional—O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, then, most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you here to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
In love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever for you with praises new,
And from your name shall never with-hold the honour due

The Gathering of the Community p.185 *(stand)*

Priest: 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.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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

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 for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word (*sit*)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. MALACHI 3:1-4

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

I thank my God every time I remember you, -constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, -because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. -I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. -It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you

share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. -For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight -to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, -having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.—PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #107—Prepare the Way of the Lord

The Gospel p.188: (*stand*)

The Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia!)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" LUKE 3:1-6

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostles Creed p.188 (*stand*)

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People p.190 (*sit or kneel*)

Confession and Absolution p.191 (*sit or kneel*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Peace p.192 (*stand*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #156 The People that in Darkness Sat (omit 3)

Prayer over the Gifts *(stand)*

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3 p.198

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Left up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

The Lord's Prayer p.211

Breaking of the Bread #5 p.212

Priest God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

All believing and baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive the wine from the common cup, cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive the communion, but would like a blessing from the priest, come to the communion rail and cross your arms over your chest.



Song During Communion

Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light

Shine in Your church gathered today

Prayer after Communion p.214

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology p. 214

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Please sit for announcements

Recessional Hymn #154— Joy to the World

The Dismissal p. 215 *(stand)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God

Diocese of Ontario – Cycle of Prayer

In our Diocese Cycle of Prayer we pray from the Parish of Newboro-Westport, the congregations of St. Mary's Newboro, and St. Paul's Westport and their priest The Venerable Blair Peever.

Prayer List

Lillian Alkenbrack, George Biggar, Ruth Harvey, Cindy McGrath, Bill & Kim McGinley, Jean Morgan, Laurie Snider, Suzanne Garrah, Bill Nacu, Ruth Reid, Brenna, Wendy Fisher,, Candy Craigen, Vic Hales and Helen Huff.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent calendars are quite popular. Each day of Advent you get a piece of chocolate or a small toy. This year our parish is doing a Reverse Advent Calendar. A calendar has been inserted into your bulletin. Each day in Advent we will be supporting Morningstar Mission in a different way.

Christmas Services

We have a full schedule of Christmas services coming up. Everyone is welcome at any/all of these services. Christmas is a great opportunity to invite others to join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Sunday, December 22 @ 10:30 am	Carols and Lessons Service
Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:00 pm	Holy Communion Family and Children Service
Tuesday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm	Holy Communion Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 pm	Holy Communion Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am	Holy Communion Book of Alternative Services

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