

**8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist****Book of Common Prayer**

Announcements

**Advent Dialogue** - We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath**That marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.**

As we light the candles on this wreath,

**Open our eyes to see your presence****In the lowly ones of this earth.**

Enlighten us with your grace,

**that we may sing of your advent among us****in the Word made flesh.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord,

**whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Collect of the Day (Please stand)

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Readings: Micah 5: 2 - 5a

Luke 1: 46b - 55 (Canticle 18a)

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Hebrews 10: 5 - 10

Luke 1: 39 - 45

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist****Book of Alternative Services****Processional Hymn: # 97****Advent Dialogue** - We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath**That marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.**

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Furrows lie open for God's creative task

this, the labour of people who struggle to see

how God's truth and justice set everybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:

"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";

she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth

restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;

new highways opened, new protocols declared.

Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!

All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste.

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.

This same Lord Jesus today has come to live

in our world; he is present, in neighbours we see

our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

The gathering of the community

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Collect of the Day (stand)

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Micah 5: 2 - 5a

Luke 1: 46b - 55 (Canticle 18a)

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Hebrews 10: 5 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation # 712****Holy Gospel:** Luke 1: 39 - 45**Sermon:**

The Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution (Stand or Kneel)

**Offertory Hymn: # 101**

Prayer over the Gifts (celebrant)

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Eucharistic Prayer

**Sanctus: # 735**

The Lord's Prayer (wording found in the first prayer)

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The Breaking of the Bread

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**Agnus Dei: # 701***All baptized Christians may receive the Holy Eucharist.***Communion Hymn # 90**

Prayer after Communion (Stand)

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Doxology

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Benediction

**Recessional Hymn: # 363  
Announcements**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. Dec. 21**

7 p.m. Advisory board meeting

**Tues. Dec. 22**

6 p.m. Choir Practice

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion - with high delight - "we proclaim the Lord's death."

**Our Ministers for today:**

Host: Elizabeth Whalley

Greeter: 10:30: Neil Love

Readers: 8:30 a.m.- Brenda Coopman, Larry Gorst  
10:30 a.m. - Bruce Adderley, Dale Sparkes

Prayers of the People: Elizabeth Whalley

Servers: 8:30 a.m. - Judy Mostow

10:30 a.m. - Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistant: 8:30 a.m. - Larry Gorst

10:30a.m. - Ann Osborne-Seyffert

Chancel Guild: Erminie Reid, Cyndi Roy

Coffee hosts: Audrey Love, Al Chisholm

Food Cupboard: Closed.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** your prayers are asked for Yewa (formerly, Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) and The Rt. Rev. Michael Adebayo Oluwarhunbi.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Director Eileen Scully and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry and Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice and Leadership.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. James', Goulais River and The Ven. William Stadnyk.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Solomon & Janet Sofea, Dale & Sharon Sparkes, Eric & Ann Strand, and Peter & Marion Strawson.

**Our Christmas services will be - Dec. 24 - Family Eucharist - at 7:30 p.m.  
- Dec 25 - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.**

**Next Sunday - Dec 27 - First Sunday after Christmas**

**Scripture Readings:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Samuel 2: 18 - 20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Luke 2: 41 - 52

**Parish Statistics (last week):**

8:30: 13

10:00: 41

Total: 54

Parochial: EOP: \$1336.43 Givings: \$1085.00 Total: \$2421.43

Required to meet our budget: \$3070.00 per week

**Please Note** - 3 envelopes are included with your bulletin or are available at the back of the Church. One is for a Special Christmas Offering to the Church, another is for the Christmas Cheer Fund, which is part of our Community Outreach. Identifiable donations made using these envelopes will be included in your annual tax receipt. The third envelope is a personal gift to Pastor David for which no receipt will be given.

**Christmas Services** will soon be upon us and volunteers are needed to serve as: greeter, readers, prayers of the people, server, EA's, & coffee/tea time hosts. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the church. If you are able to help please print your name in the appropriate spot. Services are: Christmas Eve. at 7:30, Sun. Dec 27 at 10:30 & Sun Jan. 6 at 9:30. Thank you for your help.

**Christmas Altar Flowers** - Please call Audrey @ 344-4955 or see her at church if you want to donate towards the flowers for Christmas. Audrey also needs to have the correct spelling of names for the bulletin.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Dec. 13, 1015

**Introduction to the first reading:**

**Micah has told of the humiliation and difficulties Israel must experience in the near future, but he has written that later God will give them victory over their enemies. A shepherd-king will be born of David's line, and put an end to their oppression.**

**In place of the Psalm we will use Canticle 18a found on Page 86 of the BAS.**

**Introduction to the second reading:**

**Under Jewish law, each year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of certain sins, but Christ's sacrifice, his total self-offering, once and for all on the Cross, renders continuation of these sacrifices unnecessary.**

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