

St Barnabas on the Danforth



Advent | Lessons and Carol Service

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This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Organ Prelude Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Come Now, Saviour of the Gentiles), BWV 659 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Rev. Louise Dightam

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(Please stand in body or spirit as we sing our Advent Hymn and light the Advent Wreath.)*

Advent Hymn **Longing for Light (SNC Hymn 2 – V1)**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Hope

Reader One When I look around, I see shadows of hunger.
Many people in this city and around the world will
go to bed hungry tonight.

Reader Two When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the
rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer,
everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone
somewhere will fall asleep out in the cold tonight.

Reader One In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

Reader Two In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we
light a candle of hope.

Light the first candle in the Advent wreath.

Reader One Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader Two Friends in Christ, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

All God of Hope, we seek you. During this holy season of Advent, help us to see you in all whom we encounter. Amen.

Advent Hymn Longing for Light (SNC Hymn 2 – V3)

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Bidding for Advent (*Please sit.*)

My friends in Christ, in these days of shadow and of hope, let it be our duty and delight to listen now to the story of our faith, and hear again the prophets' words of blessing and warning. And, as we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby, let us remember that he also comes to judge the just and the unjust, and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, may we respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord, and await with eagerness the creation of the new heaven and the new earth.

As we remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, we will pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that Christ shall reign for ever and ever, we will pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and

justice on earth, and for the mission of the Church, that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God’s reign of peace, let us hear again the story of Christ’s coming, and join with Mary and Joseph, and all our forebears in faith, in offering our worship.

Opening Hymn 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! (V1-4)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 read by Teresa Johnson

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ A voice says, ‘Cry out!’ And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’ All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Hymn 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Prayer

God our hope, hear again the cry of exiles, imprisoned in a dark land of war, hunger and intolerance. Come among us with strength and healing and bring us back to the world of your just and holy purpose. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 23:5-6 read by Sharon Tranmer

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

Hymn 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Prayer

Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people, O Holy One of Israel. Remember now your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to you, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity. Amen.

THIRD LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10 read by Sheila Miller

A reading from the Book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and

victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

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

Hymn 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Prayer

O God of the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 read by Louise MacKenzie

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for

calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

Hymn 90 How the World Longs for Your Birth

Prayer

God of gentleness and peace, teach our hands to shun the tools of violence and our minds to conceive the paths of peace, that we may know with thanksgiving the joy of your generosity, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 35:1-6 read by Joyce Tan

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

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

Prayer

Creating and renewing God, giving life in all its fullness, bring, we pray, all the children of this earth to the freedom of your holy purpose. May we see your beauty and glory in seas and lakes washed clean, in fields of plenty and forests strong, and in humanity made whole in body, mind and mutual care, in the pattern of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38 read by The Rev. Deacon Grace Caldwell

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the

servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’
Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Anthem Ave Maria, Op. 2, No. 2 – Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Prayer

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior. Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise, that we may announce glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

The Prayers of the People by Fiona Strachan
(Please stand, sit or kneel.)

The Peace *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Exchange the Peace of Christ as is comfortable for you.)

Offertory Hymn SNC 35 Hope Is a Star

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain: When God is a child, there's joy in our song.
 The last shall be first and the weak shall be
 strong,
 and none shall be afraid.

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
 giving a promise of safety and worth.
 Ref. When God is a child ...
3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
 telling the world that the Savior is born.

Ref. When God is a child ...

4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.

Ref. When God is a child ...

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Collect (*Please remain standing in body or spirit.*)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Said.*)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 114 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Ascending

Dismissal

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

Announcements

Postlude Organ: Postlude on “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (Tune: O DER ALLES) – Raymond H. Haan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of former ACW members.

Today we remember in our prayers

Anglican Cycle: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle: St. James Cathedral

Deanery Cycle: Hospital Chaplains & Spiritual Care Workers in our deanery & ministerials

Parish Cycle: Our Prayer Chain Ministry

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle: All Saints, Collingwood; All Saints, King City; All Saints, Kingsway

Today’s Liturgical Team

Presider:	The Rev. Louise Dightam
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Grace Caldwell
Spirit Squad Leader:	Jordan Sandrock
Intercessor:	Fiona Strachan
Server:	Annie Strain
Chancel Guild:	The Rev. Deacon Grace Caldwell
Organist & Choirmaster:	Dr. Konrad Harley
Sidesteam:	Gary Davenport (Captain), Daniel Kushner, Grantley Hinkson, Irving Stoute

LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR COMMUNITY

Service Schedule

Every Sunday at 10:30 am: Choral Eucharist

Every Thursday at noon: Said Eucharist

Last Sunday of the month at 9:00 am: Said BCP Eucharist

Readings for Next Sunday, Advent II

Malachi 3: 1-4; Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79); Philippians 1:3-11;
Luke 3:1-6

Upcoming Services

Monthly Taizé Service: Sunday Dec 15 at 7 pm

Taizé is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Simple music, prayerful silence, and short readings in a candle-lit environment.

Community Carol Sing: Saturday, Dec 21 at 7 pm

We are trying something new! We're inviting the community to join us for an old-fashioned carol sing. We'll also listen to the Christmas story and light candles as we celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby in a manger. This is a great event to bring friends, family and neighbours who may not normally attend a church service. Rev. Louise will be our MC. We are keeping it simple, but if you are able to help with greeting at the door or taking up the collection please speak to Rev. Louise.

Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant: Tues Dec 24 at 4 pm

All children are invited to join in a drop-in pageant.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Tues Dec 24 at 10 pm

Christmas Day Service: Wed Dec 25 at 10:30 am

Announcements

Thurs Dec 5 at 10 am: Volunteers needed to help with church cleaning.

Sun Dec 8 at noon: Gingerbread Cookie Decorating (for all ages)

Join the children in decorating gingerbread cookies (materials provided) on December 8 at noon after the service. We are also

looking for volunteers to bake gingerbread cookies ahead of time. If you can help, please speak to Jordan.

Thurs Dec 12 at 10 am: Decorating the Church for Christmas

In the sanctuary. Options: putting ornaments on the tree, hanging garlands under the windows, putting bows on the pews. If interested in participating, please let Teresa know.

Advent for Everyone: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm Dec 3, 10 and 17

Come and pause, connect and deepen your spiritual journey during this holy season. We are hosting an in-person St. Barnabas group to join this online series (as a “watch party”) on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We gather in the Study, enjoy refreshments, watch the session live on Zoom, participate in group discussion and conclude with a brief service of compline. The evenings will be hosted by Bishop Andrew Asbil, Bishop Kevin Robertson and Bishop Riscylla Shaw. You can also join from home - register at

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

Can You Help with Coffee Hour?

From Nov 24 through to January, we are trying a new way of organizing coffee hour. Please check out the signup sheet and prayerfully consider if you can volunteer for set up, bringing treats, serving or clean up.

Christmas at Kennedy House

Once again, we will be providing a present of a gift card and Christmas Card to each youth living at Kennedy House (at Pape and O'Connor) over the holidays. We appreciate your contributions! Please place cash or cheques in the box at the back of the church or in the offering plate clearly marked for Kennedy House (use an envelope to receive a tax receipt) or send an e-transfer to this email address:

stbarnabasanglican.treasurer@gmail.com (mark in the notes field that your e-transfer is for Christmas at Kennedy House).

We are also looking for bakers who would be willing to bake in mid-December for the many staff of Kennedy House who work through the holidays.

Kennedy House provides emergency shelter and essential services for youth. They address issues of homelessness by helping youth stay healthy, as well as helping them access jobs, permanent housing, clothing, and other resources. They also provide housing to youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and to youth involved with children's aid societies.

See: www.kennedyhouse.org

Calling for Volunteers in 2025

Much of the work of our church is done by our wonderful team of volunteers. Many hands lighten the load and also allows all of those who wish to contribute their skills and experience to do so.

The Nominating Committee is now starting to go through the list of volunteer positions for 2025 so that we can approve the recommended appointments at our annual Vestry Meeting on March 2nd. There are all types of volunteer positions available (please see the posted list at the back of the church) and there is literally something for every member of the congregation. If you are interested and want to learn more, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team. Thank you very much for considering.

New Outreach Committee

We are forming a new outreach committee to discern and coordinate our outreach efforts, including our support of Kennedy House and our annual FaithWorks campaign, while determining where else God is calling us to support those in need in our community. The committee will be led by Rev. Louise in 2025. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Louise.

Black History Month 2025

This congregation has a strong history of membership and participation by Black Anglicans that goes back to the 1950s. Members of this community are invited to lead and/or join a committee to discern and plan how our parish will mark Black History Month in February 2025. Please contact Rev. Louise to be part of the committee.

Dinners at the Rectory

Everyone should have received their personal invitation to a dinner at the rectory in November, December or January. Three dinners have already been a great success. There are eight dinners, in total. Please advise the office if you did not receive your invitation in the mail in early November, and please be sure to RSVP.

Church Calendars

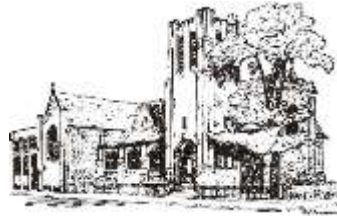
A few church calendars are still for sale at the back of the church. \$6 each. Please place your money in the envelope provided.

Diocesan Workshops for the Season of Spiritual Renewal

Registration open for the winter series of online workshops. For the list of sessions and online registration:

www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/

Here to Minister and Serve



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Sign up for convenient monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance. PAR Forms are available at the back of the church and on our website <https://www.stbarnabas-toronto.com/support.html>.



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