

The Advent Wreath



Originally the Advent wreath might have been a cart wheel, wound with greens and decorated with lights, strung up in the halls of the sun worshipping tribes of Northern Europe. To appease their "hidden" god during the darkest winter days they took a wheel from their cart, sacrificing, as it were, its use, while they pondered about the blessings of light and life and implored the sun god to return to them.

The wreath without beginning or end stands for eternity; the greens for life and growth; the four candles represent the ages "sitting in darkness and the shadow of death", each candle adding more light until, on Christmas, the light from the wreath sets off, as it were, the blaze of light on the "tree of life", the Christmas tree, for the time is fulfilled.

And so, the burning candles remind us of the shortness of time until Christmas, that Christ will come again in judgment and that his light is the true light that dispels the darkness of sin.

The pink candle is in honor of our Lord's Mother and is to remind us of her obedience and how we should follow her example.

O Lord, stir up thy power, we beg thee, and come; that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and be saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Anglican Parish of Six Saints

Deanery Advent Lessons & Carols

November 29, 2026
4:00 PM

The Venerable Brent Ham- Archdeacon

About the Service

Good afternoon everyone! This is our 15th Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, we missed some time due to COVID and even when we restarted we did not have a choir

The readings are focused more on Christ's promised return than on His first coming. The Hymns have also been chosen to reflect the Advent theme.

We hope that this Service will bring the spiritual message of Advent and Christmas to you; and, in the spirit of God's Gift to us of His Son, **all monies collected will go to benefit the work of the Peter McKee Community Food Centre and Harvest House in Moncton.** The choir and readers are drawn from Parishes in the Archdeaconry.

We extend a warm welcome to Archdeacon Ven Brent Ham and all clergy this afternoon.
It is wonderful to have him with us. Our sincere thanks to the organist, server, crucifer and service coordinator and choir for their assistance

May this time together in worship help us to set our hearts and minds on the Lord Jesus Christ, our coming King.

Throughout the busy season, may we rest in the hope and certainty of His promised return.

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Processional Hymn 62: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

Welcome Archdeacon Brent Ham

The Bidding Prayer Reverend Christopher Tapera

1st Lesson: Genesis 3: 8-19 **Reader-** Vaughan Wolf

Choir: Never Weather-beaten Sail adapt Alan Bullard

2nd Lesson: Genesis 22. 3-18 **Reader**- Brian Johnson

Hymn # 73 Thy Kingdom Come (Irish)

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15 **Reader** -Denise Martin

Choir: O That God Would Rend The Heavens Judith Snowdon

4th Lesson: Isaiah 11.1-5 **Reader**- Cliff Reid

Hymn : 61 **Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring** (Tantum Ergo)

5th Lesson: Isaiah 40.1-11 **Reader-** Reader Dan O'Brien

Choir: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

6th Lesson: Haggai 2.6-9 **Reader-** Veronica Locke

Hymn #548 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** (Stuttgart)

7th Lesson: St. Luke 1.5-17 **Reader-** Mike Briggs

Hymn 67 **On Jordan's Bank** (Winchester New)

8th Lesson: St. Luke 1.39-49 **Reader** -Rev Tyler McKenna

Anthem- Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah Natalie Sleeth

9th Lesson: St. Luke 3.1-17 **Reader-**Rev Norman Dupuis

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn: #60"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" Helmsley
Organ Postlude

Assisting in the Service

Organist: Nhat-Viet Phi
Choir Director: James Snelgrove
Crucifer: Cliff Reid
Service: Co-ordinator Mike Briggs
Rector: Rev Christopher Tapera

