

From the Priest in Charge _____

This weekend marks the beginning of the use of the “O Antiphons” – seven precious jewels of our Liturgy dating to the fourth century which count down the last seven days before Christmas with building hope and anticipation. They get their name because each of these antiphons begins with the vocative article “O”, as they address Christ with seven wonderful Messianic titles based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of the Christ (You will recognize many from *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*):

1. O Sapientia (Wisdom)
2. O Adonai (Lord and Ruler)
3. O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)
4. O Clavis David (Key of David)
5. O Oriens (Dawn of the East)
6. O Rex Gentium (King of the Gentiles)
7. O Emmanuel (God with Us)

While traditionally said before and after the *Magnificat* at Evening Prayer, it is certainly possible to translate the custom to some purpose at home. Perhaps this includes adding a special element to a meal for each day, or involves somebody researching the source of each from the Bible:

O SAPIENTIA (Wisdom) which came out of the mouth of the Most High, and reached from one end to another mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O ADONAI (Lord or Master) and leader of the house of Israel, Who appeared in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gave him the Law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

O ROOT OF JESSE, which stands for an ensign of the people, at whom all kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

O KEY OF DAVID, and Sceptre of the House of Israel, who opens and none can shut, who shuts and none can open: Come, and bring forth the captives from prison.

O DAY-SPRING, Brightness of Light Everlasting and Sun of Justice: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O KING OF NATIONS, and their desire: the Cornerstone, who made both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formed of clay.

O EMMANUEL, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

2023 Christmas Week Schedule

Sunday, December 24th (Evening): Christmas Eve

- 3:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
- 4:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*
- 6:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *St. Mary’s*
- 8:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *St. Mary’s*

Monday, December 25th: The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day

- 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *St. Mary’s*
- 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*combined service with All Saints*)

Tuesday, December 26th: St. Stephen the Martyr

- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *St. Mary’s*
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 27th: St. John the Evangelist

- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *St. Mary’s*
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

- 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *St. Mary’s*
- 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 30th: Eve of the Sunday after Christmas

- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *St. Mary’s*
- 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 31st: The Sunday after Christmas Day

- 8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
- 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*
- 11:00 a.m. – Service of Christmas Carols & Lessons, *St. Mary’s*

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

COPIES OF THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS remain available for \$9 in the Narthex.

A big **thank you** to all who helped out with the Advent & Christmas children's gathering on Saturday.

The **GREENING OF THE CHURCH** will take place this Sunday after the service.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please ensure the outside of the envelope is clearly marked "*Christmas Flowers*" and includes the name(s) of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s). To ensure this information is included in the Christmas bulletin, please submit by **Monday, December 18th**. *Please note: this weekend is the deadline.*

THE PARISH TREASURER, ALLAN AGNEW, has prepared the **2024 Church Offering envelopes**, which are available for pick up in the Narthex. Those who have arranged for our automated e-Offering programme have not been assigned a box of envelopes. E-Offering users who wish for a box of envelopes are asked to let Allan know so that a box can be assigned. And, if you're not currently using regular envelopes, Allan would be pleased to help set that up.

BIBLE STUDY is now on hiatus until January 12th.

NEXT SUNDAY there will only be one service in the morning at 10:00am, in preparation for Christmas Eve. This will be a combined service with All Saints', Marysville. *There will not be coffee and conversation following next Sunday's service.*

Please see the inside of the bulletin for the **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**.

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Dec. 31st) we will be holding a service of **Christmas Carols & Lessons** at 11am. Readers are needed for the lessons, and a sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation.*

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



The gospel of saving mercy is proclaimed *to the poor* - but it is John who exposes our spiritual poverty, that Christ may make us rich in his mercy. It's by John's preaching of judgment unto repentance, that we know our need of saving mercy, and are prepared to receive in faith Christ when he comes in saving justice.

Gavin Dunbar

EVE OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 16, 2023

*Our King and Saviour draweth nigh:
O come, let us worship.*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 84, 85 | Isaiah 41 | Revelation 17

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 33.1-6: *page 367*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *see handout*

The Gloria is omitted during Advent

The Collects: *pages 99, 95*

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 35.1-10*

The Epistle: *page 99*

Gradual Psalm 80.1-3: *page 433*

The Holy Gospel: *page 99*

The Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

The Intercessions: *Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy
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The Consecration: *page 82*

The Christmas Exhortation *page 90*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 19: ADVENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Nashwaak Villa*

5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

DECEMBER 20: ADVENT EMBER DAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 21: ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Paradise Villa*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

DECEMBER 22: ADVENT EMBER DAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

DECEMBER 23: EVE OF ADVENT IV

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 24: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*combined with All Saints'*)

Please see schedule of Christmas services



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 17, 2023

*Our King and Saviour draweth nigh:
O come, let us worship.*

11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	63 (MERTON)
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>see handout</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Advent</i>	
The Collects:	<i>pages 97, 95</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 35.1-10
♫ PSALM 80.1-3	<i>page 433</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 97</i>
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	806 (VIENNA – 56)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 98</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	♫ Alleluia ♫
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	293 (ASCENSION)
The Intercessions:	Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy R. Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	236 (DOLOMITE CHANT)
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
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♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	67 (WINCHESTER NEW)

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