

CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
AT EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

December 13	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Nativity Pageant Blessing of the Tree
	3:00 p.m.	Sing-Along Messiah
December 20	10:30 a.m.	Advent IV Communion Service
	7:30 p.m.	A Longest Night Service
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas in Story and Song for All Ages
	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Choral Service
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Choral Service
	11:15 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service - small and intimate in the South Studio
December 27	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday after Christmas Service
January 3	10:30 a.m.	Epiphany Communion Service

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“John went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.”

(Luke 3: 3)

“To repent is to come to your senses.

It is not so much something you do
as something that happens.

True repentance spends less time looking at the past and
saying ‘I’m sorry,’ than to the future and saying ‘Wow!’

(Frederick Buechner)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

December 6, 2009 10:30 a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Advent Chorales from the Little Organ Book *J.S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Comfort, comfort now my people *Louis Bourgeois; harm. Claude Goudimel*

Comfort, comfort, now my people; speak of peace; so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. Cry out to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their sins I cover and their warfare now is over. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling all to true repentance, since God's judgement now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting. Then make straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits a holy reign. For the glory of our God now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.
(Paraphrase from Isaiah 40)

GREETING *(The congregation stands as able.)*

Advent summons us with the exuberant hopefulness of a child.

This is a season of expectation.

Advent challenges us to care for the most vulnerable in the human family.

This is a season of opportunity.

Advent invites us to move with hope and promise towards Bethlehem.

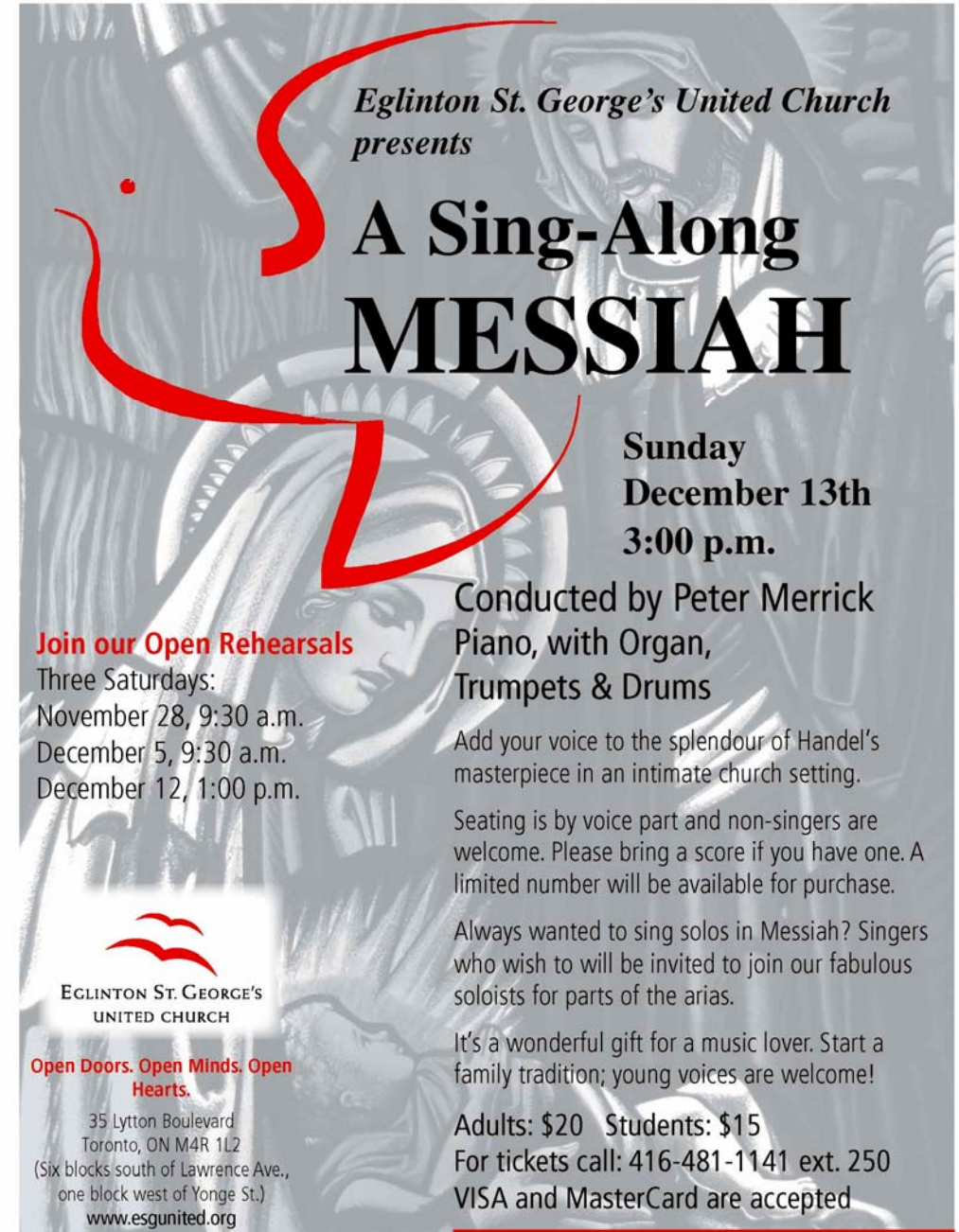
Today in our worship, may we receive nourishment for our journey.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 20 On Jordan's bank *Winchester New*

OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.



Eglinton St. George's United Church
presents

A Sing-Along MESSIAH

**Sunday
December 13th
3:00 p.m.**

Conducted by Peter Merrick
Piano, with Organ,
Trumpets & Drums

Join our Open Rehearsals
Three Saturdays:
November 28, 9:30 a.m.
December 5, 9:30 a.m.
December 12, 1:00 p.m.


Add your voice to the splendour of Handel's masterpiece in an intimate church setting.

Seating is by voice part and non-singers are welcome. Please bring a score if you have one. A limited number will be available for purchase.

Always wanted to sing solos in Messiah? Singers who wish to will be invited to join our fabulous soloists for parts of the arias.

It's a wonderful gift for a music lover. Start a family tradition; young voices are welcome!

Adults: \$20 Students: \$15
For tickets call: 416-481-1141 ext. 250
VISA and MasterCard are accepted


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one block west of Yonge St.)
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LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive: which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPENING DOORS

HYMN 30 Hail to God's own anointed

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor (Dorian)

J.S. Bach

Participating in today's service are: Greig Cooke (Coordinating Greeter); Elizabeth Blake, Erin Brown, Jackie Dorsch, Barbara MacGowan, Bruce MacGowan (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie, Deborah Hart (liturgists); Cynthia Trynor, Derek, Kate and Peter Hull (advent candle lighting); Brenda Becker (reader); Don Parsons (preacher); Samantha Denham (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

The flowers this morning
are given by Elizabeth Luther
and placed in loving memory of her
husband Gordon and sons Stephen and Michael.

Let us pray: *(The congregation may be seated.)*

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, O Promised One,
we await your presence in this time of Advent.

In the midst of this busy season, grant us the patience of waiting.

Give us the faith to wait for the Holy One,
even when our world's demands threaten to overwhelm us.

**Give us the hope to wait with expectation,
even when it is not easy to hear God's song in our Advent world.**

Give us the love that fills these waiting days
with compassionate care for one another.

**Flavour these days with joy, life-giving God,
as we wait for your presence in our midst. Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We have lit the candle of hope, a sign that God is with us,
encouraging us along our way.

We are filled with God's hope this day.

We live in a world of chaos and war, yet we are called to be
a people of compassion, not indifference.

Give to us courage, God, that we may make a difference.

Today, we light the candle of peace, a reminder that Jesus came
to share God's peace with all.

We are ready to share God's peace this day.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

The world which has walked in darkness will see a great light.

Come, Lord Jesus, as we wait for you in peace.

(The second candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

**God of peace,
the voice of the one in the wilderness still cries out.**

**Help us to prepare the way of the Lord,
leveling uneven ground in our world,
and building paths of peace. Amen.**



There's a song of — hope in my heart; hope is a gift from
 There's a song of — peace in my heart; peace is a gift from



Je - sus. There's a song of — hope in my heart;
 Je - sus. There's a song of — peace in my heart;



hope is a gift from God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 peace is a gift from God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Hope in my heart is sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Peace in my heart is sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Hope is a gift — from God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Peace is a gift — from God.

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 Music: Peter Merrick

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PRESENTATION OF ADVENT GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour - it is suggested that, at this time we refrain from shaking hands.)

(The children will go to Church School.)

OPENING MINDS

FIRST READING Philippians 1: 3-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE The Song of Zechariah
 (Luke 1: 68-79)

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 Merle's Tune*

GOSPEL Luke 3: 1-6

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM This is the record of John

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This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." And they asked him, "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him "What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord."

SERMON The Season of 'Not Yet'

HYMN 18 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

OPENING HEARTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE