



**Sunday November 29, 2020**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor, Maine**

**Prelude**

*Veni Emmanuel*- Setting by Paul Manz

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Reflection**

Eric Boberg

**Opening sentences**

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

**Confession Of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let

us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Then follows the Venite, said in unison.*

*The Antiphon may first be sung or said with it.*

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
**4 O Lord God of hosts, \***  
**how long will you be angered**  
**despite the prayers of your people?**  
 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**  
 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***

**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**  
 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

*At the end of the Psalms is said in unison*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson (Isaiah 64:1-9)**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
 as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil--  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From ages past no one has heard,  
 no ear has perceived,  
 no eye has seen any God besides you,  
 who works for those who wait for him.  
 You meet those who gladly do right,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 But you were angry, and we sinned;  
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
 We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls on your name,  
 or attempts to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,  
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
 and do not remember iniquity forever.  
 Now consider, we are all your people.

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

### **The First Canticle**

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary, *Magnificat* *Luke 1:46-55*

*Said in Unison*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
 the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.  
 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## The Hymn Canticle

Hymn 57, v. 1, 4 Lo! he comes, with the clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## The Third Lesson (Mark 13:24-37)

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark:

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Deacon*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Then follows this set of Suffrages*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collects

### *The Collect for the Day*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in 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.**

### *A Collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for the Mission of the Church*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Office Hymn

## Hymn 62, v. 1, 3 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram-part  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur-rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.  
 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons  
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in  
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight.  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word,  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light:



Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call  
 Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;



that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*The General Thanksgiving, said in unison*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Anthem at the Collection

*Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 (from "Orgelbuechlein") - J.S. Bach*

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### Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, tenth Bishop of Maine

## Final Prayer and Blessing

Let us Pray *in unison*

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, hear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. **Amen.**

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us Bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Wachet Auf- Setting No.2 by Paul Manz

### Parish Prayer list

**For a holy death for Barbara Brown.**

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed** – The Hamilton family, Sue B., Gavin, Shibohan, Ashley, Ella D., Lorraine S., Lee S., James L., Eileen, Angela O. *Continued prayers for* – Deej. P., Andrew L., Justin O., Stevens W., Jacob B, Ralph R., Ross., Chris., and Lois N.

**For our Homebound Members** – Evelyn L., Joline F., Kathleen D., Mary, Charles, Robert B., Christa F., Lilly P., Earlene B., Cathy K, Betty C. and Eileen H.

**For Everyone affected by the COVID19 virus:** for all who are sick or dying, all who mourn; for all who are isolated, anxious, or scared; for those most vulnerable in our institutions and on our streets, for those sacrificing and volunteering to provide safe beds and nutritious meals; for students, families, teachers, and school administrators; for all who are working in essential services, especially our doctors and nurses and all in our health care systems, for all working in our grocery stores and supply chains, and for those who clean and sterilize; for all who willingly sacrifice their own needs and desires for sake of others' health and well being.

**For the World:** for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in war-torn places, especially those in those in the Middle East, Tigray, Afghanistan and Iraq. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters, especially in California, Oregon,. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced, especially for children.

**For our Nation:** for each citizen who has or will vote, for all who suffer from injustice; for eyes to see injustice and for the will to work for fairness for all of God's people; for all who protest and for those who are charged to maintain our safety; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression.

**For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community:** Donald Trump, President; Joseph Biden Jr., President-Elect; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills, Governor; and Daniel Tremble, Mayor - for those who serve in the courts of this land - that they govern with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

**For our Military Personnel,** especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., Joshua M., Aaron B., and Timothy W.

**For the Departed** - Susan Blackmore, Sarah (Sally) Sawyer, and for all who have died from the Corona Virus around the world

**With Thanksgiving** for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the week including Cassy P., Arvyce W., Inez T., and Isabella W.

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact one of the clergy. Please use this list for your own personal prayers too.*

## Announcements, Opportunities & Invitations

St. John's would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who worked on the online event to honor the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II which aired on our YouTube channel on November 11th. This service was a wonderful gift to the entire community and we are so blessed to have such dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours to make this happen.

**Please stop by the Parish House today, Sunday, Nov. 29 between 12 and 2 to pick up materials for Advent at home.** We will have greens (from the Blanchette Woods), floral foam, and simple candles available. There will be an Advent at Home bag for families with young children and for each of our teens, as well as prayer and devotional resources for families of adults. We hope that you will stop by! I'm also happy to drop off materials to your porch if needed-- please let Anne-Marie know at [youth@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsbangor.org) if that would be helpful to you.

Other plans for our not-at-all-normal Advent include a story walk in the church yard and some special stories online. Anne-Marie will post details when this is up. We are also planning a special family service for Christmas Eve morning in conjunction with several other local Episcopal parishes, and Anne-Marie will be sharing more details about this as they become available.

C is for covid, but also for cookies! Our youth are embarking on an outreach project where we will be doing some baking and sharing our efforts with folks in need, with nonprofits in need of a boost, and with folks who are especially isolated and lonely during this time. If you have a suggestion about where some delicious baked goods and a colorful note might be appreciated, please pass them on to Anne-Marie at [youth@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsbangor.org).

Bedtime Bible Story- Our program with the parishes of St. Patricks, St. Marks, St. James and St. Albans continues! Please look for a link to a bedtime prayer and Bible story each Monday evening. If you are not receiving the weekly links and would like to, please email Anne-Marie at [youth@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsbangor.org).

**St. John's Christmas Baskets** - St. John's has a special Christmas project. We provide supplies for a Christmas turkey dinner and toys to needy families that are serviced by Penquis Cap. The project is funded entirely by donations from St. John's parishioners. In the past we have asked parishioners to help by donating money or buying gifts, however, this year we are doing things a little differently so that everyone can stay safe. We are only asking for donations to help pay for the food and the gifts.

This year, we would like to help about 15 families with a total of 28 children. It costs about \$90 for each basket of food. If we help 15 families the food will cost \$1350 in all. We also need \$25 per child to buy a gift for each child in these families. If we have a total of 28 children it will cost \$700 for all the toys. If you would like to make a donation toward the food and gifts you can send in a check. Please put the Christmas Basket Project in the memo line. You can also make a donation online at <https://stjohnsbangor.org/online-giving/> and select either “Christmas Basket Donation” or “Christmas Gifts for Children” to help fund the basket of food or the gifts for the children. This year more than ever many people need help at Christmas. Thank you for making a difference to these families. For further information contact Cassy Palmer, 949-9040.

ST JOHN’S READS: *The Genesis Trilogy*, by Madeleine L’Engle. In this time of separation it seems a particularly good thing for us to find ways to strengthen our bonds to one another. One way to help with this is to read in companionship. Since we are about to start another church year, L’Engle’s trilogy on *Genesis* may be particularly appropriate. As the title implies, it is actually three books published in one volume. In *And It Was Good* L’Engle offers meditations on the Creation story, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, and Abraham; *A Stone For a Pillow* speaks of Isaac and Jacob; and *Sold Into Egypt* tells the story of Joseph. Many of you will be familiar with the writings of Madeleine L’Engle, which include *A Wrinkle in Time*, *The Rock That is Higher*, and many others. In *The Genesis Trilogy* L’Engle brings the stories from Scripture into her own life and her life into them. As we always find when we meditate on the lives of people spoken about in the *Bible*, in the pages of newspapers, or in our own homes, human flaws abound. But when meditated on with a compassionate heart, we find that those imperfections become the very ties that bind us together and give us hope. There will be no Zoom meetings to discuss this book, no queries on your progress. Add it to your next Amazon order or find it in your local bookstore. Then read it as a gift to yourself.

Phoebe has been reveling in this late fall weather. Hope you have been enjoying the out-of-doors, too. But don't worry! She will be back and ready to ZOOM at the usual Tea Time. Don't miss out! **Grab your tea cup and join Phoebe and friends on Sunday at 1700h (5pm).** We might be physically distant, but can be socially connected. Tea Time concludes by 1800 (6pm), but participants are welcome to dip in for shorter periods. Have questions? Don't ZOOM? well no problem - let us know and we'll provide a phone number. Contact Ann at [deacon@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:deacon@stjohnsbangor.org)

Please join us for the Advent online book group “*The Bush Was Blazing but Not Consumed: Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy*”. Author Eric

Law shows how to work with the dynamics of diverse cultures to create a truly inclusive community in which everyone can live and thrive. In particular, Law addresses power relationships within and between groups, and explores the concept of holy and unholy fire in attempts to rectify injustices. This is a very timely book. Eric Law is the founder of the Kaleidoscope Institute (<https://www.kscopeinstitute.org/>). **Thursdays, Dec 3-17, & Dec 30, 6:30-7:30.** The book is available from Amazon in both hardcopy and electronic versions, and also on the Institute's website. Enroll by sending a note to [patricia.sprague03@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.sprague03@gmail.com).

Do you like to read? The Women's Book Group reads a variety of books on a variety of topics. We welcome new members to the discussions which are on the third Tuesdays at 2 p.m. through Zoom. Contact Marisue Pickering <[marisue.pickering@maine.edu](mailto:marisue.pickering@maine.edu)> or Jane Zenk <[jzenkjzenk@gmail.com](mailto:jzenkjzenk@gmail.com)>

**December 15** - We are changing our book for December, with the new choice being *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. It is a historical novel about two 19th English women who were fossil finders and collectors, one of whom is Mary Anning who was mentioned several times in Winchester's book. So we are having a second focus on fossils! **January 19** - Kushner, Lawrence - *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians*, 2001. Available from Bangor and MaineCat and Minerva libraries and by purchase (PB, Kindle, Audio). 112 pages. "A window into the Jewish soul—written especially for Christians." and **February 16th** -Hanna-Attisha, Mona - *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City*, 2018. Available from Bangor, Orono, UMaine and through MaineCat and Minerva libraries and by purchase (PB, Kindle, Audio). 384 pages. "The dramatic story of the Flint water crisis, by a relentless physician who stood up to power.

To all of our wonderful volunteers who donate their time and efforts to cooking and serving at the Salvation Army with us, we have exciting news. **The Salvation Army began allowing volunteers back into the building to cook!** Our group is signed up for the 4th Tuesday. We'll be cooking and placing the food into to-go boxes which the Salvation Army staff will then serve from the truck. We will be practicing social distancing and masks are required, so please bring one. **We look forward to seeing you again at the Salvation Army on November 22nd from 10:00am to 1:30pm!**

Each month, **Communion from the Reserve Sacrament will be available on Second Saturdays** of the month from 9-11am at the Church and at the same time as our food drive for those in need. December 12th will be our next Second Saturday. People are encouraged to make offerings of canned goods and also to come to

retrieve the Sacrament to then keep at home and to receive it together on Zoom on Sundays. Communion bags with the Reserve Sacrament can also be retrieved by appointment or by requesting delivery by emailing [community@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:community@stjohnsbangor.org).

**Extra help is needed for our monthly serving at Second Saturday, hosted at St. John's.** We are scheduled to serve next on **December 12th from 11:30am-1:30pm.** We are currently serving “to go” meals, observing social distancing and masks are required. No need to sign up in advance, or even commit to coming monthly. Just stop in to help out when you can.

**Big Red Truck Drive, Saturday, December 12 from 9 to 11 in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French Street, Bangor.** This month's collection will be a dual purpose for **Hope House and Bangor Homeless Adults.** For Hope House we will collect food (canned goods, rice/pasta, condiments, sugar etc) and clothing (sweat shirts/pants, jeans etc) For this December drive, we will also collect personal care items (soap, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, lip balm), candy/gum/mints, socks, gloves, hats, and playing cards/crossword or word search pads to give to the Bangor Homeless adults. Each person's gift bag will include a hand-written note from church members. The items will be assembled into approximately 25 Christmas gift bags that will then be distributed by Bill Rae at the Bangor Brick Church on Union Street, Bangor. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We have copies of Forward Day by Day at the office! The pocket version is in a clear box on the front door at 234 French Street and can be picked up any time. Need the large print version? Let Vanessa know at [admin@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsbangor.org) and she'll either arrange a time for you to pick it up, or she'll mail it out to you.

**We're looking for volunteers to help stream our Sunday services. We currently use Zoom and YouTube.** Are you not a computer wizard but comfortable with basic computer skills? **We need volunteers to share their screen and music while in Zoom during the service.** If you'd be interested in regularly volunteering on Sunday mornings doing one of these duties, please contact Eric Boberg at [stewardship@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:stewardship@stjohnsbangor.org).