

# SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN

Charleston, South Carolina



**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**8:00 am Reflective Service**

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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## What's Happening on Sunday and this week:

**8:00 am**

**Reflective Service** (*Church*)

**8:45 am - 12:15 pm**

6 weeks - 23 months

*Noah's Nursery*

2 - 4 years

*Gospel Corner*

**9:00 am**

**Contemporary Service**  
(*Church*)

**10:00 am**

No Sunday School today

Please join us in the *Kinloch Room*  
for the Advent Wreath Workshop

**11:00 am**

**Traditional Service with  
Organ and Choir** (*Church*)

**Wednesday, December 4th**

Compline/Evening Prayer Service

5:30-5:45 pm *Sanctuary*

5:45-6:30 pm Christmas Caroling

meet in the Sanctuary after

Compline

**Sunday, December 8th**

Congregational C.A.R.E Sunday

9 & 11 am St. Nicholas

Celebration

10 am Special Presentation in the

*Kinloch Room*

**Sunday, December 15th**

9 am Christmas Pageant

*Sanctuary*

10 am Fellowship in the Kinloch

Room after the Pageant

## Welcome to St. Michael's

Welcome home! We're glad you're here!

- Giving? Use **Venmo** to give! @stmichaelschs
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- Have Needs?
- Get Involved?
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## Today's Sermon

**Advent Series: Come, Promised One**

### Invite!

Preacher: The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.

Pause here, and think about that one invitation you received over the course of your life, and how it transformed your future. Perhaps there have been many such invitations you have accepted decades ago, or just this past week. I know if I had not accepted an invitation to a particular party in 1993, I would never have met my wife! So it is, as we move into Advent, a season not only to prepare us for the birth of Christ, and His second coming, but also a season to invite another into this profound and amazing story of rescue and salvation, that begins...in a cradle.





## The Processional, *standing*

### Welcome

*Officiant* Surely the Lord is coming soon.  
*People* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

### The Collect for Purity

*All* Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of 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.**

### The Lesson: Zechariah 14:3-9 *seated*

*After the reading, the Reader says*  
The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Bible, p. 800

### The Gospel, *standing*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke 21:25-33

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

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

### Sermon

*Invite!*  
The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.

**At this time please silence all cell phones and beepers.**

It is customary upon entering to begin with a few moments of private prayer, usually kneeling.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an “eager expression” of praise.

In this **Prayer for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, anything that would impede our worship of him. We offer to Him our whole selves that we might decrease and that He might increase, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

**The Scriptures** teach that much of our spiritual renewal comes from hearing the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means “Good News,” which is that God’s kingdom is available to everyone. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus’ words and actions.

The **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes is true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word creed comes from the Latin word for "I believe."

**The Prayers of the People:** This is a time when we pray for some people by name, who have requested prayers from us. We are limiting those mentioned "out loud" to the five most recent requests from church members and their families, but please note the following:

**More than 60 Prayer Ministers** at St. Michael's Church are praying for more than 40 people by name each day. Just because we have not said their name does not mean they are not being prayed for faithfully and daily. Also, please understand that we don't put anyone on any prayer list without their permission.

**To place someone on our prayer list,** please call the church. We also offer prayer teams who can come to you, by appointment, to offer in depth prayer for your needs.

We would love for you to become one of our Prayer Ministers, who receive weekly updates on the needs of those on our list and pray for these needs daily.

## **Nicene Creed, together, all standing**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

## **Prayers of the People, kneeling**

**Leader** Heavenly Father, as we approach Christmas in this Advent Season, please give us a hunger to invite others into your promise of salvation. Incline our hearts to build together a culture of invitation. Forgive us for keeping your birth, your plan of salvation to ourselves. Give us this morning, a holy boldness to invite others to worship with us, knowing it will transform their lives now and for all eternity. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** We pray for God's people throughout the world, especially for those in the Middle East; for spiritual renewal, revival, and awakening; for Foley, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, for Chip, our Bishop, and for the clergy, staff, and congregation of St. Michael's Church. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** For all the blessings of this life, especially for our Advent Wreath Workshop and the opportunity to bring worship in our homes. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for Jo Cox, Lee Cox, Gretchen Reese, Jimmy Schaffer and Park Dougherty. Lord in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, remembering especially Ginny Good. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** *Amen.*



## The Confession, *kneeling*

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.  
(Silence to reflect on those you have hurt and on those who have hurt you.)

*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 Absolution

*Officiant* Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace, *standing*

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome & Announcements, *seated*

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
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- Or text The Rev. Greg Smith at 843-608-8833
- **Connect?** Please go to [stmichaelschurch.net/signup](http://stmichaelschurch.net/signup) to sign up for all events
- Use **Venmo** to give! @stmichaelschs

*Officiant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory

*Music*

*Officiant* All things come from thee, O Lord

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee**

*Reflective Offertory*

## Holy Communion

(ACNA Prayer Book, beginning p. 132)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate are confessed, and we are reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We begin with a cleansing admission and confession of sin followed by an authoritative pronouncement of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus, which allow us to move forward in the power of forgiveness.

The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

### Venmo is now available!

St. Michael's is now accepting cash gifts through Venmo. You can look us up on your Venmo app, listed as @stmichaelschs, or just use the QR barcode below. Try it out for your tithe giving.



The **Holy Communion**, the Supper of the Lord, is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves for each other but is especially a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Prayer of Consecration, kneeling**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*

## Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Invitation

*The congregation will now receive communion at the rail, kneeling at the rail for the wafer and cup, or receiving a mini-chalice (to be consumed at the rail). Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians.*

## Post Communion Prayer, *standing*

***All:*** Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

*Officiant* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior, Jesus Christ, came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. ***Amen.***

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

## Processional

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn 56

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world to transform hearts

*People* ***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## Closing Voluntary

**Join us for coffee and lemonade at the Yellow Cart after the service!**

***Don't forget the Advent Wreath Workshop at 10:00 am in the Kinloch Room!***  
*(through the churchyard on the 1st floor of the Belser building, outside the Kinloch Room)*

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since year 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

### During Communion:

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

### \* **Gluten Free Wafers are**

**Available:** If you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail by placing your hand over your heart.

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and **sent out with a purpose** to make Christ known in the world.

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but **a challenge to reach out** beyond our own church to the world around us.



Congregational C.A.R.E.  
*Sunday*



*In honor of St. Nicholas*

# A ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

**9 & 11 am Worship Services**

**10 am Kinloch Room**

*A special presentation by the C.A.R.E. Team*

Join us for worship!

**Family Fun!**

**Celebration &  
A Special Surprise!**

Don't Miss!



“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

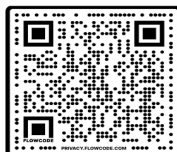


## UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATES



**Advent Devotionals are here!**

Scan the Qr Code to order or  
pick one up on December 1st at  
the Advent Wreath Workshop.







*Advent/Christmas*  
SERVICE & EVENT SCHEDULE

December 1st	ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP <i>Kinloch Room</i>	10 am
December 4th	ADVENT COMPLINE <i>Sanctuary</i>	5:30 pm
	CHRISTMAS CAROLING <i>Right after Compline</i>	5:45 pm
December 7th	LADIES ADVENT BRUNCH <i>Kinloch Room</i>	10:30 am
December 8th	ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION <i>9 and 11 am services, 10 am Kinloch Room</i>	9&11am
December 11th	ADVENT COMPLINE <i>Sanctuary</i>	5:30 pm
December 15th	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT <i>Sanctuary</i>	9 am
December 18th	ADVENT COMPLINE <i>Sanctuary</i>	5:30 pm
December 22nd	CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT <i>Sanctuary</i>	6:30 pm
December 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES <i>Sanctuary</i>	4, 6 & 11 pm
December 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE <i>Sanctuary</i>	10 am

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St. Michael's Church  
59th Annual  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**




"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2:11

**DECEMBER 15th 9:00 AM**

Come and experience the true spirit of Christmas  
with your friends and family!

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**"I Like Mike"**  
**Newcomer's Course**

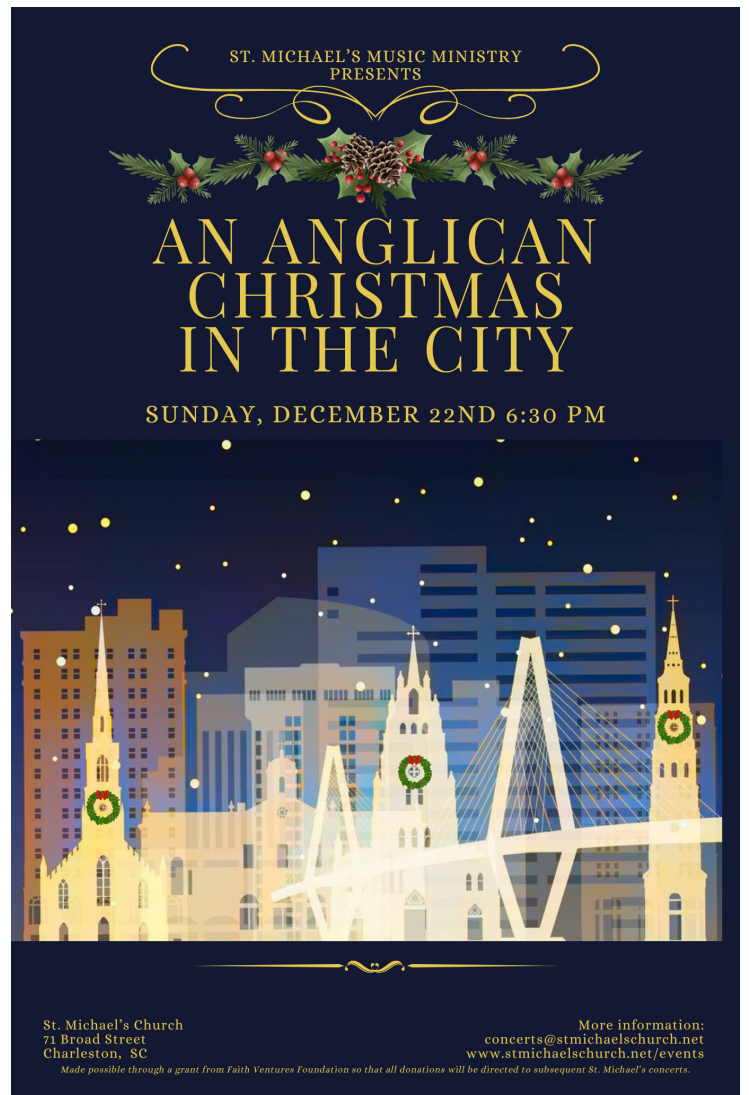
Are you new to St. Michael's?  
Do you have questions, like:

- What do we believe?
- What is the History of St. Michael's and Anglicanism?
- How can I become involved at St. Michael's?

**This course is for you!**

Join us on Sundays, starting December 8th at 10:15 am in the  
Connections Room! We want to get to know you!







## Christmas Flower Memorials



If you wish to give flowers and/or greens as a memorial or a thanksgiving to decorate St. Michael's Church for Christmas, please send your check, payable to **St. Michael's Church**, earmarked **"Christmas Flowers"** to:  
**St. Michael's Church, Christmas Flowers, 71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401**  
*Note: Please write one check for your total donation*

Please designate which category you would like your loved ones listed:  
**In Memory of   or   In Thanksgiving for   and   Given by:**  
**Deadline:**  
*Names will be accepted for publication through Friday, December 13th*

## New to St. Michael's? Want to get connected? Let us Know!

Email Greg Smith at  
[greg@stmichaelschurch.net](mailto:greg@stmichaelschurch.net)  
or use the QR code:



## C.A.R.E.

PLEASE call the church office at 843-723-0603 if you know of anyone in your immediate family or hear of anyone in your Church Family who may need personal attention from our C.A.R.E. Team.

Or just jot us a note here and drop it in the offering plate or by the church office.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Who needs C.A.R.E.?*

## *Serving Today* 8 am

### ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS: GROUP I

**Greeter:**

**Ushers:** Henry Blackford, Stephen Trent

**Crucifer:** Sam Furr

**Readers:** Sam Furr, Morgan Falk

**Verger:** Sam Furr

## *Looking Ahead*

### Wednesday, December 4th

Compline/Evening Prayer Service, 5:30-5:45 pm Sanctuary.

Christmas Caroling, 5:45-6:30 pm Meet in Sanctuary.

### Sunday, December 8th

Congregational C.A.R.E Sunday 9 & 11 am St. Nicholas Celebration.

Special Presentation in the Kinloch Room, 10:00 am.

### Sunday, December 15th

Christmas Pageant, 9 am Sanctuary.

## **We have Assisted Listening Capability!**

We have installed Listen Everywhere Cloud Service. It is easy. Just borrow one of our listening devices with earphones or download the app on your own cell-phone to use your personal earphones/earbuds (Bluetooth and Telecoil Compatible with Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants). To get started, just tell any usher that you would like to use our Listening Capability and they will begin getting you connected.

### *Sunday Parking Options*

1. **Street parking** is free on Sunday.
2. Park at **85 Queen Street Garage** (the one by the County Courthouse). Show your bulletin to an employee in the first floor office by 1 pm to get free parking.
3. Park at **91 Queen Street Garage**. Use this barcode for 3 hours free parking on Sundays.

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