

# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The First Sunday of Advent

*December 2, 2018 - Twilight Recital at 4:00pm;  
An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols at 4:30pm*



*"Thou Shalt See the Son of Man Coming on a Cloud" by Helen Siegl, print, 1924-2009.*

Every one of us, every human being, confronts at some time the collapse of meaning and direction in our lives – in anxiety, in illness, in unemployment or broken relationships, in all the forces that frustrate and diminish us as persons, and, at the last, in our own deaths. The Church has no pat answers to the dilemmas of existence, only a witness to what she knows. That under the mercy of God our perplexities, our failures, our betrayals, our limitations, can open into new freedoms, if we follow the way of Jesus. A century and a half ago, Coleridge wrote: ‘Christianity is not a theory, or a speculation, but a Life; not a philosophy of life, but a Life, and a living process. . . Try it.’ I don’t know how to better that advice; like Coleridge, I have found life in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, like millions in every age. . .”

*- Eamon Duffy, Faith of Our Fathers, Continuum, New York: 2004.*

“All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, "I am the way.”

*- St. Catherine of Siena*

## **Welcome to St. James Cathedral**

*This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.*

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Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

### **Children & Families**

**Sunday School** is offered at 11:00am for all children aged 5-12, including visitors, in the Library of the Cathedral Centre. Children and their families are invited to gather in the reserved pews near the entrance of the Cathedral with Children & Youth Coordinator Andrew Kuhl. During the Collect, Andrew will bring the group to the Library, returning to the service for the Eucharist. Speak to Andrew directly about registration or email him at [akuhl@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:akuhl@stjamescathedral.ca).

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**Assisted hearing devices** are available from the sidespersons.

### **Coffee Hour**

Join us for coffee after the 9:00 and 11:00am services in Snell Hall of the Cathedral Centre. The Cathedral Centre is the glass and brick building located behind the Cathedral on Church Street.

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

## 4:00pm Twilight Recital

Ian Sadler, Organist

Sonata No. 1 in G, op. 28 (Allegro Maestoso) – *Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Three Chorale Preludes for Advent – *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

i) *Nun komm' der Heidein Heiland, BWV 599*; ii) *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BWV 601*; iii) *Nun komm' der Heidein Heiland, BWV 659*

Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen – *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

Rhapsodie sur le nom de Lavoie – *Denis Bédard (b. 1950)*

*Welcome!*

*Please observe silence before the service begins and ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

*Photography is not permitted during the liturgy.*

## 4:30pm An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

*Please stand, as you able.*

### Introit

*'Advent Prose' plainsong*

**Refrain** *Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. (Isaiah 45:8)*

*Choir* Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever; Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *(Isaiah 64:9-11)* **Refrain (all)**

*Choir* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; Thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *(Isaiah 64:5-7)* **Refrain (all)**

*Choir* Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *(Isaiah 43:10-13)* **Refrain (all)**

*Choir* Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *(Isaiah 40 and 41)* **Refrain (all)**

**First Lesson**      *Please be seated.*

*Genesis 3: 8-15*

*Reader*      And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Carol**      *Please remain seated.*

*O Radix Jesse – Bob Chilcott (b.1955)*

*Choir*      *O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

O Root of Jesse, who standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, unto whom the gentiles shall pray: Come, and deliver us, and tarry not.

**Hymn**      *Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: St. Ambrose; tr. J.M. Neale and others;  
Music: Traditional melody; adapted by M. Praetorius;  
arr. David Willcocks; Tune: Veni, Redemptor Gentium*

*Sopranos*      Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

*Choir*      Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

*All*      The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all unstained;  
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds;  
His course he runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, Thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose Advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

**Second Lesson**     *Please be seated.*

*Isaiah 40: 1-11*

*Reader*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

*Reader*  
*People*

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Carol**

*Please remain seated.*

*Psalm of Invocation from Vigilia –  
Einojuhani Rautavaara, (1928-2016)*

**Choir**

*Herra, mina huudan Sinua kuule minua. Ota korviisi minun aaneni, kun  
mina Sinua huudan, Kuule minua oi Herra, kuule minua, Herra Nouskoon  
minun rukoukseni niikuin suitsutus-savu Sinun kasvojesi eteen, minun kateni  
ylennys olkoon Sinulle ehtoo-uhri, kuule minua, oi Herra. Vie minun sieluni  
ulos vankeudesta kiitamaan Sinun nimeasi.*

Lord, I cry to thee, give ear to my voice when I pray thee. O Lord, I cry  
to thee, give ear to my voice, Lord. Let my prayer be set forth before  
thee as incense and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice,  
give ear unto my voice, Lord. Bring my soul out of prison that I may  
praise thy name.

**Hymn**

*Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: F.W.H. Myers; Music: R.R. Terry;  
Tune: Highwood*

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices  
Shout to the saints and to the deaf and dumb;  
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
Glad in his coming who hath sworn, I come.

So even I, and with a pang more thrilling,  
So even I, and with a hope more sweet,  
Yearn for the sign, O Christ, of thy fulfilling,  
Faint for the flaming of thine advent feet.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning  
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

**Third Lesson**      *Please be seated.*

*Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

*Reader*      Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Carol**      *Please remain seated.*

*Benedictus from Missa Wellensis—  
John Tavener (1944-2013)*

*Choir*      *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Hymn**      *Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: Latin (Vox clare, 10th cent.); tr. E. Caswall,  
alt.; Music: W.H. Monk; Tune: Merton*

Hark! a herald voice is sounding: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us all, with tears of sorrow, pray that we may be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
With his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
With the Everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

**Fourth Lesson**     *Please be seated.*

*Haggai 2: 6-9*

*Reader*     For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

*Reader*     The word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

**Carol**                     *Please remain seated.*

*The Best of Rooms -  
Robert Herrick (1591-1674);  
Randall Thompson (1899-1984)*

*Choir*     Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er he comes,  
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:  
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part  
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

**Hymn**                     *Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: C. Coffin; tr. J. Chandler;  
Music: Musicalisch Handbuch,  
Hamburg, 1690; Tune: Winchester New*

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty Guest may come.

For thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
our Refuge, and our great Reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.



To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, Eternal Son, to thee  
whose Advent doth thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

**Fifth Lesson**      *Please be seated.*

*Isaiah 35: 1-8*

*Reader*      The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Carol**      *Please remain seated.*

*Sleepers, Wake! from Cantata 140 -  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*Choir*      "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,  
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:

"The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light;  
the Bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share.  
Alleluia!"

**Hymn**

*Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: C. Wesley; Music: J. Stainer;  
Tune: Cross of Jesus*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone:  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Sixth Lesson**

*Please be seated.*

*Isaiah 7: 10-14*

*Reader*

Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; Ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**Carol**

*Please remain seated.*

*Vigilate—Text: Mark 13: 35-37;  
Music: William Byrd (c.1539-1623)*

*Choir*

*Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat,  
sero, an media nocte, an gallicantu, an mane.*

*Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.*

*Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.*

Watch ye therefore, for you know not when the lord of the house cometh, at midday, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: Watch therefore, lest he arrive suddenly and find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch.

**Hymn**

*Please stand, as you able.*

*Text: Latin (6th cent.); tr. J.M. Neale, alt.;*

*Music: Sarum Plainsong, 7th cent.;*

*arr. J.H. Arnold; Tune: Conditor Alme Siderum*

*Cantor  
All*

Creator of the starry height,  
thy people's everlasting Light,  
Jesu, Redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,  
didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eventide;  
proceeding from a virgin-shrine, the spotless Victim all divine.

At thy great Name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow;  
all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To thee, O Holy One, we pray, our Judge in that tremendous day,  
ward off, while yet we dwell below, the weapons of our crafty foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

**Seventh Lesson** *Please be seated.*

*Luke 1: 26-38*

*Reader*

And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his

kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Carol** *Please remain seated.*

*Magnificat—  
Arvo Pärt (b.1935)*

*Choir* *Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum. Et exultávit spíritus meus: in Deo salutári meo. Quia respéxit humilitátem ancíllae suae: Ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes. Quia fécit mihi mágna qui pótens est: et sánctum nómen eius. Et misericórdia eius in progénies et progénies timéntibus eum. Fécit poténtiam in bráchio suo: dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui. Depósuit poténtes de sede: et exaltávit húmiles. Esuriéntes implévit bonis: et dívites dimísit inánes. Suscépit Ísrael púerum suum: recordátus misericórdiae suae. Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros: Ábraham, et sémini eius in saecula.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

*An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **Hymn at the Collection**

*Text: Latin; tr. J.M. Neale, alt.; Music: Plainsong melody;  
arr. H. Willan; Tune: Veni Emmanuel*

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.*

O come thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine Advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou Key of David come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height  
in ancient time didst give the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated. Silence is kept for a time.*

*Officiant* Our Father  
*All* 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

### **An Advent Collect**

*Officiant* O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*People* Amen.

### **The Advent Blessing**

*Officiant* Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

*People* Amen.

**Hymn** *Please stand, as you are able.* *Text: J. Cennick; C. Wesley, M. Madan, alt.;*  
*Music: T. Olivers and M. Madan; Tune: Helmsley*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Christ appears on earth again.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;  
All his saints, by man rejected, now shall meet him in the air:  
Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**Postlude** Toccata on 'Vom Himmel hoch'

*Garth Edmundson*

*Officiant: The Vicar*

*First Reader: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald • Second Reader: The Reverend Leigh Kern*

*Third Reader: The Reverend David Hoopes, OHC • Fourth Reader: Shawn Thorpe*

*Fifth Reader: Tina Conlon • Sixth Reader: The Reverend James Liu*

*Seventh Reader: The Vicar*

*Sung by the Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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