

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Third Sunday Of Advent

December 16, 2018 - Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



"The Prophet" by Ben-Zion, Etching/aquatint (1897-1987).

“Gratitude is not a simple emotion or an obvious attitude. It is a difficult discipline to constantly reclaim my whole past as the concrete way in which God has led me to this moment and is sending me into the future. It is hard precisely because it challenges me to face the painful moments - experiences of rejection and abandonment, feelings of loss and failure - and gradually to discover in them the pruning hands of God purifying my heart for deeper love... Pruning means cutting, reshaping, removing what diminishes vitality...

Grateful people are those who can celebrate even the pains of life because they trust when harvest time comes the fruit will show that the pruning was not punishment but purification.”

– *Henri Nouwen, from 'All is Grace'*

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.

Information about Cathedral events, ministries announcements can be found at the back of this booklet after the service program.

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.

Nursery Care for preschoolers is available from 8:45am – 12:30pm on Sundays, in the Library (Cathedral Centre).

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
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.

Parking

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*As this is a very public and open space please be aware of your personal belongings.
Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Pastorale

Théodore Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Adam Lynde

Introit

Text from Philippians 4: 4-6, Psalm 85: 1

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in every thing by prayer let your requests be made known to God. Lord, thou hast blessed thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Hymn

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: John Stainer; Tune: Cross of Jesus

*Hymn text
below & on
next page*

Hymn text 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.

Hymn text Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
cont'd 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.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And with thy spirit.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One The Light shines in the darkness,
All **and the darkness did not overcome it.**

One John the Baptist, prepared the way.
All **And we await your coming with joy.**

One A Reading from the Gospel of Luke: *Luke 3: 4b*
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

The third candle is lit.

One God, in whom we delight,
All **You inspired your people, to lives of wonder and awe. Teach us the Joy of your coming, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison *Please kneel, as you are able.* *Missa Brevis in D—Benjamin Britten*

Choir *Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. *Please stand, as you are able.*

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Children between the ages of 5-12 are invited to go to Sunday School (in the Cathedral Centre Library) by meeting Andrew Kuhl at the entrance to the Cathedral; they will return for the Eucharist.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Reader Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

Canticle *Please remain seated.* *Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12: 2-6)– Chant by Tertius Noble*

Choir Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid;
for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song;
he also is become my salvation.
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD,
call upon his name, declare his doings among the people,
make mention that his name is exalted.
Sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things:
this is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion:
for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

Reader Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

O Filii et Filiae

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospeller in the centre aisle.

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3: 7-18

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospeller John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed *Please stand, as you are able.*

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

All the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us all and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercession

Presider Dear friends in Christ, rejoicing in the coming of the Saviour, let us pray for the Church and the world.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Intercessor We pray to you, Lord.

People Lord Jesus, come soon.

At the Thanksgiving for the departed:

Intercessor Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Presider Heavenly One, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people. Mercifully accept our requests and grant that we may wait with patience and hope for your Son's Advent among us. We ask this for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Almighty God,

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

We offer each other a sign of peace.

A handshake or a simple bow are appropriate.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

*Text: Frederick William Henry Myers;
Music: Richard Runciman 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.

Presider Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

People Amen.

Thanksgiving & Consecration

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Presider Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel, as you are able.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Missa Brevis in D—Benjamin Britten

Choir *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; And, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy

Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
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 them that 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Missa Brevis in D—Benjamin Britten

Choir *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest. Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Lady Chapel.

Communion Hymn

Text: Thomas Aquinas; tr. J. R. Woodford, alt; Music: Melody Mode 5, Processionale, Paris, 1697; harm. Margaret Drynan; Tune: Adoro Te

Unison

1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - iour, thee,
 2 O blest me - mo - rial of our dy - ing Lord,
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
 4 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,

who in thy sac - ra - ment dost deign to be;
 who liv - ing bread to us doth here af - ford,
 cleanse us, un - clean, with thy most cleans - ing blood;
 may what we thirst for soon our por - tion be,

both flesh and spir - it at thy pres - ence fail,
 O may our souls for - ev - er feed on thee,
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 to gaze on thee un - veiled, and see thy face,

yet here thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
 and thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
 the vi - sion of thy glo - ry and thy grace.

Motet Adam Lay Ybounden *Text: 15th Century English; Music: Peter Warlock*

Choir Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
 Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
 And all was for an apple, an apple that he took.
 As clerkes finden, written in their book.
 Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
 Ne had never our ladie, abeen heav'né queen.
 Blessed be the time that apple taken was;
 Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias!

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Blessing

Presider Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn

Text: Philip Doddridge; Music: W. Jones; Tune: St. Stephen

Hymn text below



Hymn text Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Grand Choeur sur un Noël

César Franck

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Leigh Kern • Homilist: The Vicar

First Reader: Sheila Goulet • Second Reader: Dana Brooks

Intercessor: Joan Peters

Sung by the Choir of St. James Cathedral

Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: Ian Sadler

Organ Scholar: Nick Veltmeyer

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