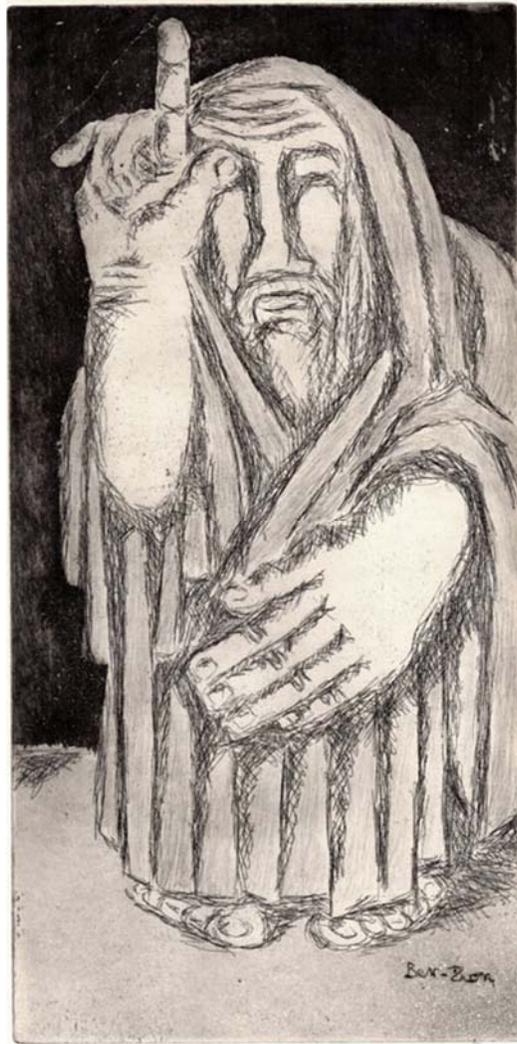


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018 - Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



"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 Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Jackie Jagoda

Hymn

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

*Hymn text
below*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating E major. The time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a style typical of 19th-century hymn tunes, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and accidentals. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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.

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.

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 also with you.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

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.

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)—Plainsong*

Cantor Su-rely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be a fraid.

All For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, *
and he will be my Sa-viour.

Cantor Therefore you shall draw water with re-joi-cing *
from the springs of sal-va-tion.

All And on that day you shall say, *

Cantor Give thanks to the Lord and call up-on his name;
make his deeds known among the peo-ples; *

see that they remember that his name is e-xal-ted.

All Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cantor Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

All for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Is-rael.

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

Plainsong

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 also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider Most merciful God,
All 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 neighbours 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal 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 also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

*Text: Latin (Vox clare, 10th cent.); tr. Edward Caswall, alt.;
Music: William Henry Monk; des. Alan Gray; Tune: Merton*

Descant

5 Hon - our, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the

1 Hark, a her - ald voice is soun - ding: "Christ is
2 Wa - kened by the sol - emn warn - ing, let the
3 Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with
4 that when next he comes with glo - ry, and the
5 Hon - our, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the

Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

nigh," it seems to say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ our sun, all
par - don down from heaven; let us all, with
world is wrapped in fear, with his mer - cy
Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

last - ing Spir - it, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

dreams of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 deep re - pen - tance, pray that we may be for - given,
 he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 last - ing Spir - it, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Land of Rest

All 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for 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

New English Folk Mass

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion.

There are three stations for reception: the centre aisle (standing), and both side altars (kneel or stand). Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

For health reasons, please refrain from dipping the host in the chalice.

Motet View Me, Lord

Richard H. Lloyd

Choir View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earths delight.
Worldly joys, like shadows, fade when the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made, endless, know nor days nor years.
In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Hymn

Text: Johann Franck; tr. Catherine Winkworth; Music: Melody Johann Crüger;
harm. The English Hymnal, 1906; Tune: Schmücke Dich

Hymn text
below

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Schmücke Dich'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a style typical of 19th-century hymnals, with a focus on harmonic accompaniment. The first system has two measures, the second system has two measures, and the third system has two measures, ending with 'A-men.' written below the bass staff.

Hymn text Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
light, who dost my soul enlighten;
joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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*

A-men.

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

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata on 'Fiat Lux'

Théodore Dubois

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald • Homilist: The Vicar

Reader: Robert Coates • Intercessor: Irene Courage

Communion Ministers: Margaret Dougherty, Rob Haines, Jackie Jagoda & Sarah McKinnon

Stewards: Robert Coates & Elizabeth Hartman

Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: Ian Sadler

Organ Scholar: Nick Veltmeyer

Sung by the Cathedral Parish Choir

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