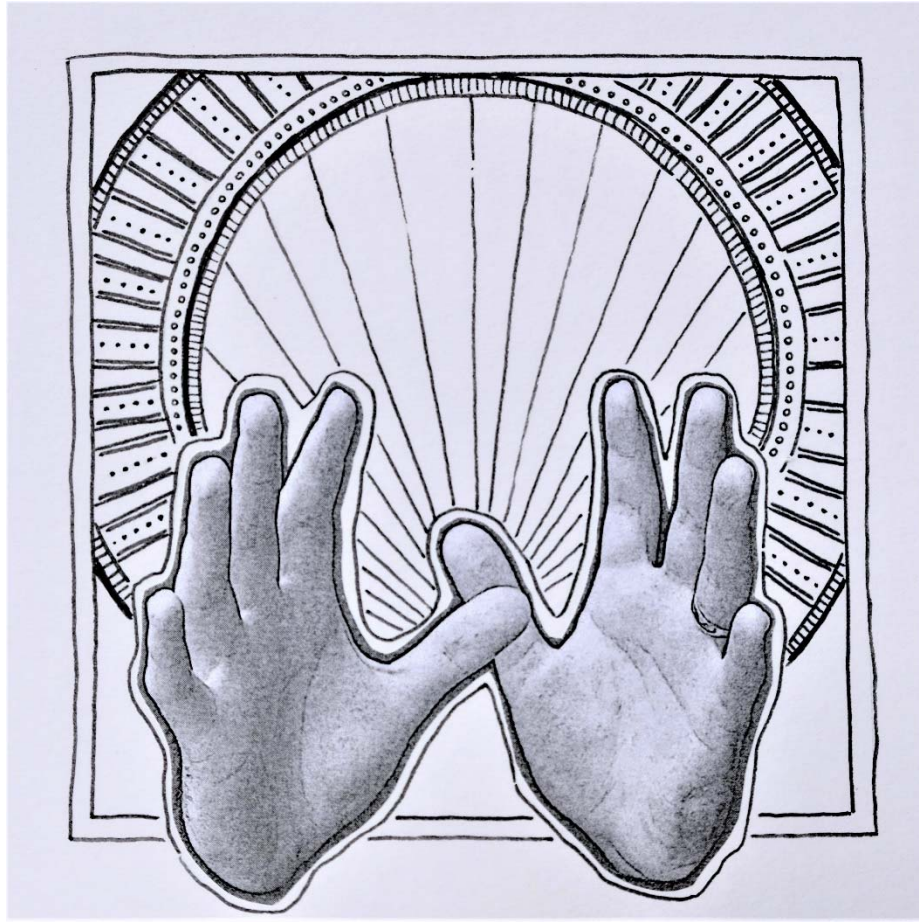


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019 - Twilight Recital at 4:00pm; Choral Evensong at 4:30pm



Gestures of Advent - Joy, Harriet Dixon 2019

This series of mixed media images explores the four themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy and love – reflected through hand gestures and inspired by ancient practices. Each image is accompanied by the words of an historic Saint, a reminder of our communion with Christian peoples throughout time, as we wait together in expectation this Advent.

Happy, indeed, is she to whom it is given to share this sacred banquet, to cling with all her heart to Him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts admire unceasingly.

- St. Clare of Assisi (1194 – 1253)

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

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For any questions or further details about Sunday School, please contact Children, Youth, & Families Coordinator Andrew at akuhl@stjamescathedral.ca.

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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

Jacob Reed, Organist

*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 Choral Evensong

Please remain seated.

Introit Bethlehem Down

*Text: Bruce Blunt;
Music: Peter Warlock*

Choir “When he is King we will give him a King’s gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

Please stand, as you are able, when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Philip Moore

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord’s Name be praised.

Please be seated.

Psalm 13

Chants by John Goss and Walford Davies

Choir

How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD, for ever?
how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
How long shall I seek counsel in my soul,
and be so vexed in my heart?
how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
Consider and hear me, O LORD my God;
lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;
Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him';
for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice.
But my trust is in thy mercy,
and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me;
yea, I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 14

Choir

The fool hath said in his heart,
'There is no God.'
They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings;
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
But they are all gone out of the way,
they are altogether become abominable;
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief,
eating up my people as it were bread,
and call not upon the LORD?
There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was;
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor;
because he putteth his trust in the LORD.
O that salvation for Israel were come out of Sion!
When the LORD restoreth the fortunes of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice,
and Israel shall be right glad.

Please stand, as you are able.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

Please be seated.

Isaiah 13: 6-13

Reader

Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will melt, and they will be dismayed. Pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labour. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. See, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation, and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, and lay low the insolence of tyrants. I will make mortals more rare than fine gold, and humans than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

Reader

Here endeth the first lesson.

Magnificat

Please stand, as you are able.

Herbert Brewer in D

Choir

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 showed 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Please be seated.

John 5: 30-47

Reader

Jesus said, "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

Reader

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis *Please stand, as you are able.*

Herbert Brewer in D

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God
All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel, as you are able.

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

Choir 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 them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O Lord.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to
prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy
mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning
the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second
coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy
sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever
one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem A Spotless Rose

*Text paraphrase by Catherine Winkworth;
Music: Herbert Howells*

Choir A spotless rose is blowing sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing of Jesse, promised fruit.
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.
The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid.
For though our God's great love and might,
The Blessed Babe she bare us, in a cold, cold winter's night.

Homily

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: Charles E. Oakley; Music: Martin Shaw; Tune: Little Cornard

*Hymn text
on facing
page*

Unison

* vv. 4, 5

Hymn text Hills of the North, rejoice, echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas, sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze, hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise, he is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes, praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West, lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout as you journey on, songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North they come, from East, and West, and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.

Prayers

Please kneel, as you are able.

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Leader Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Advent Prose

Please join in the refrain.

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)**

The Blessing

Officiant 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.

Final Respond

Edward Woodall Naylor

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord;

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude Lucis Creator Optime

Marcel Dupré

*Officiant: The Vicar • Homilist: The Reverend Pearce J. Carefoote
First Reader: William Cowling • Second Reader: Karin Tari
Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: David Simon
Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Patrick McElcheran
Sung by the Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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