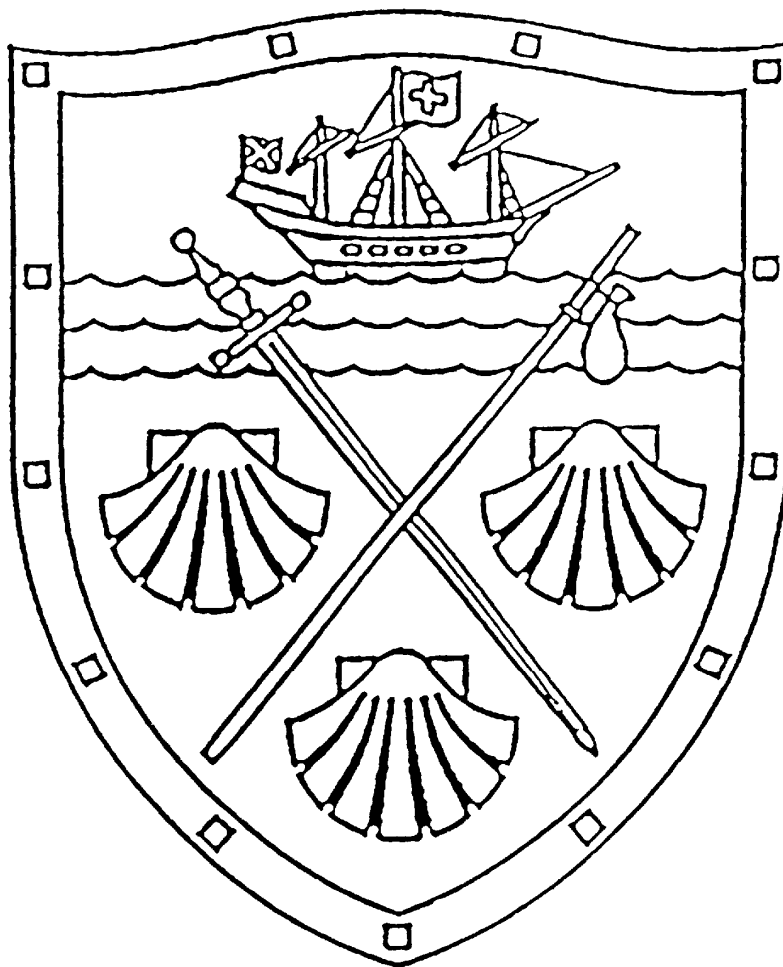


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Ante-Communion at 11:00am



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: CP 89

Text: Latin; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Plainsong, Mode 1
Processionale; arr. Healey Willan, alt.; Tune: Veni Emmanuel

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Cantor 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 you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Greeting

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant 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 My own eyes have seen the salvation
All **Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.**
One A light to reveal you to the nations
All **and the glory of your people Israel.**

The fourth candle is lit.

One Lord Jesus, we look for your coming as love for the world.
All **Kindle your love in our hearts, we pray.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Raise up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Reader Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm*Please remain seated.**Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26*

One My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD;
with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness
from one generation to another.

All **For I have said, ‘Loving-kindness shall be built up for ever;
thy faithfulness shalt thou stablsh in the heavens.’**

One ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn unto David my servant;

All **Thy seed will I stablsh for ever,
and set up thy throne from one generation to another.’**

One Thou spakest sometime in a vision unto thy saints, and saidst,
‘I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

All **I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

One My hand shall hold him fast,
and my arm shall strengthen him.

All **The enemy shall not be able to do him violence:
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.**

One I will beat down his foes before his face,
and smite them that hate him.

All **My faithfulness also and my mercy shall be with him:
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.**

One I will set his hand also on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.

All **He shall call me, “Thou art my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.”**

The Second Reading*Romans 16: 25-27*

Reader Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

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 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant

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.

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Offering Hymn: CP 117

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Text: St. 1-2 German; tr. Theodore Baker;

St. 3 Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth;

Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*,

Köln, 1599; Tune: Es Ist Ein' Ros

Cantor

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Offering Prayer

Officiant All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Anthem Alma Redemptoris Mater

John Dunstable arr. Stephen Cleobury

Cantor As I lay upon a night, my thought was on a burd¹ so bright
that men clepn² Mary, full of might, redemptoris mater.

To her came Gabriel with light and said: Hail be thou, blissful wight!³
To ben cleped⁴ now art thou dight⁵ redemptoris mater.

At that word that lady bright anon⁶ conceived God full of might;
Then men wist⁷ well that she hight⁸ redemptoris mater.

When Jesu on the rood⁹ was pight,¹⁰ Mary was doleful of that sight
Till she see him rise upright, redemptoris mater.

Jesu that sittest in heaven light, grant us to comen befor thy sight
With that burde that is so bright, redemptoris mater.

1. burd = maiden
2. clepn = call
3. wight = person
4. cleped = called

5. dight = appointed
6. anon = straightway
7. wist = knew

8. hight = named
9. rood = cross or crucifix
10. pight = pitched

The Intercession

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, looking for the advent of our Saviour, let us pray for
the Church and the world.

Intercessor God, hear our prayer

People **And let our cry come unto thee.**

At the Thanksgiving for the departed:

Intercessor Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Officiant God of love, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

Hymn: CP 362

Text: *Song of Mary* (Luke 1.46-56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith;

Tell Out, My Soul

Music: Walter Greatorex; Tune: Woodlands

Cantor Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude People Awaiting the Saviour

Marcel Dupré

Officiant: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail

Homilist: Claire Latimer-Dennis

Organist: David Simon

Cantor: Rebecca Gray

Lockdown can be a lonely experience for many members of the Cathedral. Not only does it take away the opportunity for in-person worship until at least December 21, it adds the burdens of isolation and disconnectedness to so many who live alone. If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with Canon Beth Benson at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca. Thank you.

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CONNECTIONS

ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Join us online on **Christmas Eve at 4:30pm** for a short family service celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord! It will be live-streamed on the St. James Cathedral Facebook page at facebook.com/stjamesto. We will also be live-streaming a service on **Christmas Eve at 7:30pm** and on **Christmas Day at 11:00am**. Bishop Andrew Asbil will participate in both services. You can watch the live-stream of both services on the Diocesan Facebook page at facebook.com/torontoanglican.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS AVAILABLE ONLINE

A note to families: St. James Cathedral subscribes to the *Sunday Paper*, a wonderful weekly Children's Bulletin. It includes notes on the readings for each Sunday, and lots of fun drawings. The bulletins are available on our website, and you are welcome to print them off for the children in your household as a way of engaging them in worship.

PSALMS STUDY – TAKING A BREAK

The weekly Psalms Study will be taking a break over the holidays. Look for news in the new year about starting back up, or email Claire at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca to be put on the email list for regular communication.

COMPLINE FOR ADVENT

As we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord, and the coming light into the darkness of our world, join us for a service of Compline. The final session will take place on **Sunday, December 20 at 7:00pm** over Zoom. It will be a short family-friendly service (no more than half an hour), with candles, readings, prayers, and time for silent reflection. Email Claire at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca for the link.

VIRTUAL HYMN SING

Do you miss singing together at church? Please join us for our next Virtual Hymn Sing on **Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30pm**. We will use Zoom and sing from home. To receive a link, please email irenecourage105@gmail.com. We will repeat the same session on **Wednesday, December 30 at 4:00pm**.

A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM THE DROP-IN

During the Christmas season there are many joys and challenges that we all face but this year there are even more because of the COVID pandemic. **The Drop-In will be open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and we need volunteers for both days.** The meals and gifts will be takeout this year, but we will be celebrating by providing a traditional Turkey Dinner. Volunteers can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day. There will also be a small gift to each of our guests. **In addition, donations of chocolates and gloves for adult men and women would also be appreciated.** Thank you for your consideration. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Biasi at 416-364-7865 x. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca.