

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022
Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

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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

Mass Setting: St. James Christmas Service - arr. by Mark Schweizer

Prelude

Children are invited to gather at the Advent wreath before proceeding to St. George's Chapel for Godly Play; they will return at the offertory.

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: The Third Candle - Joy

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Today the candles of **HOPE** and **PEACE** continue to burn in the Advent Wreath. On this the third Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of **JOY** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The prophet Isaiah said *"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."* (Isaiah 65:18). As we continue our journey through Advent, let us to pray that we may, in every circumstance, find true joy in God's presence, and share this joy to others.

People **Lord, kindle your joy in our hearts.**

The third candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray:

People **We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Saviour and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with peace, hope and joy. Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Crüger

All

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, alt.
Music: Melody Johann Crüger; adapt. William Henry Monk.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Reader The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will

come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm

Psalm 146: 4-10

Tone 8 ii



Cantor Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;

All **Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;
 who keeps his pro-mise for ev-er;**

Cantor Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
 and bread to those who hun-ger.

All **The Lord looses those that are bound;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

Cantor The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the Lord loves the right-eous;

All **The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
 he upholds the orphan and the wi-dow;
 but the way of the wicked he türns up-side down.**

Cantor The Lord shall reign for ev-er,

All **your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Al-le-lu-ia.**

The Second Reading

James 5: 7-10

Reader Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! 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! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”’

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Presider Gathered in God's presence on this third Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the church, for the world and for those in need, responding "Lord Jesus, come soon".

Intercessor We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider God of joy, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people and you know our needs before we ask. As we prepare for your coming, awaken in us your gift of joy and wonder. In your mighty name we pray.

People **Amen.**

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.

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

We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

Tune: St. Thomas

All O Child of promise, come! O come, Emmanuel!
Come, Prince of Peace, to David's throne; come, God, with us to dwell.
The Lord's true Servant, come, in whom is his delight,
on whom his Holy Spirit rests, the Gentiles' promised light.
O come, Anointed One, to show blind eyes your face!
Good tidings to the poor announce; proclaim God's year of grace!
O come, Messiah King, to reign in endless light,
when heavenly peace at last goes forth from Sion's holy height.

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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

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, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling a people into covenant with you; 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;

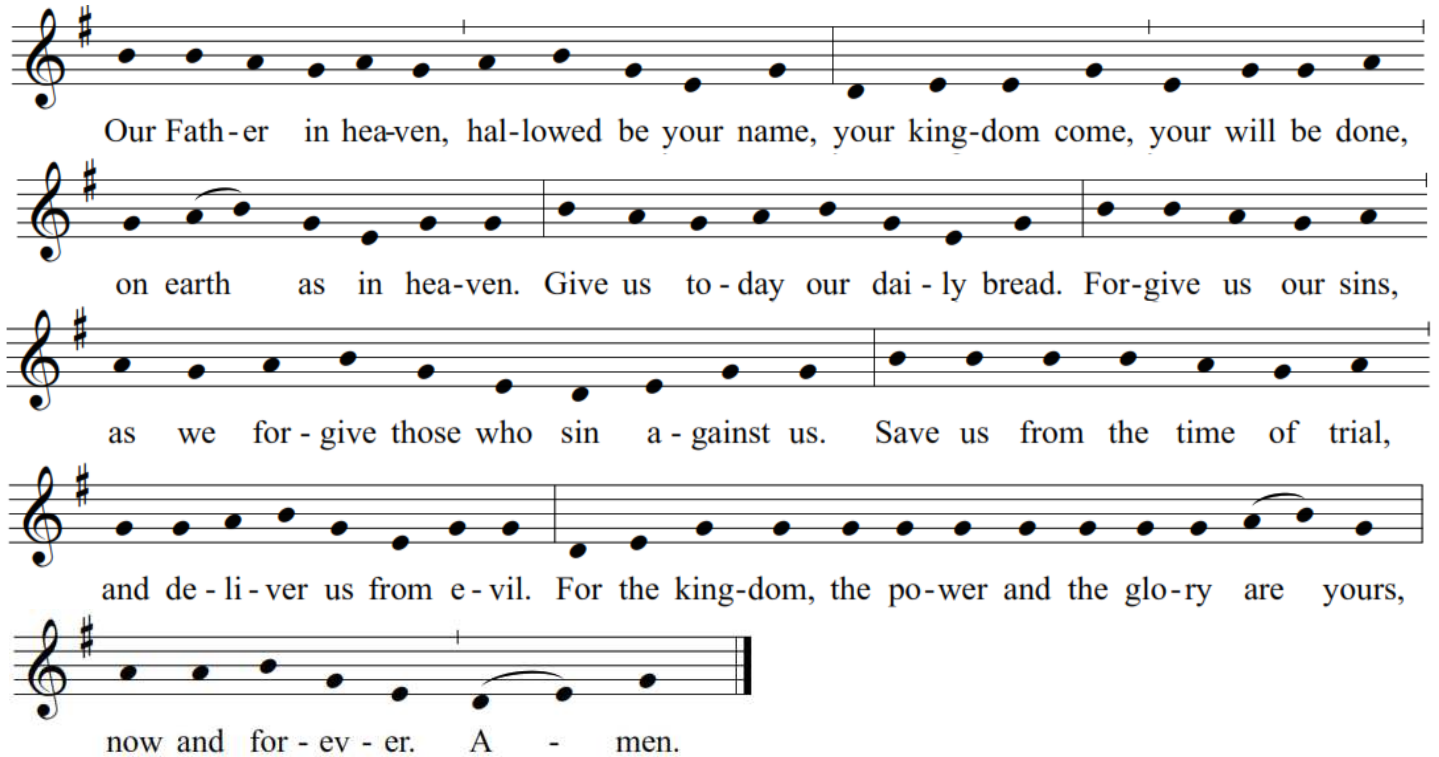
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

All O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away;
have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary.

This, this is your body giv'n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n.

Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons. 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.*

Communion Hymn

All Kindle a flame to lighten the dark,
and take all fear away.

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Communion Hymn

All Hold me in life for you are my safety,
always my eyes are looking for you.

Because you are just who you are,
don't pass me by, but show me your mercy
I will wait for you all my life.

*Hold me in life for you are my safety,
always my eyes are looking for you.*

Are you the one who is to come,
or must we wait and follow some other?
Lord, my God, I am certain of you.

*Hold me in life for you are my safety,
always my eyes are looking for you.*

You gave your word to this our world:
you are my song, the God of my gladness;
my desire goes out to you.

*Hold me in life for you are my safety,
always my eyes are looking for you.*

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Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Presider Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. 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.**

Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Helmsley

All Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

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

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
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:
O, come quickly! O, come quickly! O, come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Mada, alt.
Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers and Martin Madan.

Dismissal

Priest This service of worship is ended, our service in the world continues. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

*At the High Altar, in loving memory of
Paul Goforth Jeffrey & Jane Edwards Jeffrey & Dr. Liss Jeffrey & Robin Robarts Jeffrey &
John Stephen David Jeffrey & John Paul Jeffrey*

*At the Lady Altar, in loving memory of
Marguerite Gwendolyn Wilkinson*

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Reader & Intercessor: Susan Boucaud

Communion Ministers: Rob Haines & Robert Hart

Stewards: Angela David & Robert Gilbert

Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens

Assisting at the Organ: Imre Olah • Sung by The St. James Singers

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya; Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery; and the Servers and Sacristans Guild</i></p>	<p>If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with our Sub-Dean & Vicar, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields: sfields@stjamescathedral.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. *235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca, 416-364-7865, ext. *237</p>

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THE INTERCESSION

Advent 3 2022

Presider: Gathered in God's presence on this third Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the Church, for the world and those in need, responding *Lord Jesus, come soon.*

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: For the Holy Church of God throughout the world; this morning we remember our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion:

for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church of Kenya; for Linda our Primate; and Chris Harper, our newly appointed National Indigenous Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle.

for Andrew, our bishop, Kevin and Riscylla our suffragan bishops; for Anne, our Metropolitan; for all parishes in the Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery, and those who lead parts of our worship services, especially the servers of our Cathedral.

pause

that all who wait for your appearing may see and rejoice in what you are creating, even now. Give us grateful and joy-filled hearts for the sake of your coming Kingdom.

Pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: for the leaders of the nations, and for the troubled places in the world;

for King Charles and all who govern in our country, province and city; for all those in public office and positions of authority and responsibility for the welfare of others...this morning we remember the people of Ukraine, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen and other places torn apart by injustice and war... *pause*

that justice and peace may increase until all the earth is filled with the knowledge of God's love.

pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: for all those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially _____;

for the lonely, the hungry, the homeless and those who mourn;

for all those on our hearts, and those whom we have forgotten;

that God will hear the cry of those in need and comfort all who sorrow. Help us to know and share your hope, your peace and joy in the midst of trials.

pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Intercessor: For those who have died, remembering this morning_____

that God will take them to himself with St Mary the Mother of the Lord, St James our Patron and all the Saints in light.

pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Presider: God of joy, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people and you know our needs before we ask. As we prepare for your coming, awaken in us your gift of joy and wonder. In your mighty name we pray.

People: **Amen.**