

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



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

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Liturgical Note

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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. Please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable during the service, including times of prayer.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Communion service in e - Harold Darke

Prelude Pastoral

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather around 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 with thy spirit.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Fourth Candle - Love

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Today the candles of **HOPE, PEACE** and **JOY** continue to burn in the Advent Wreath. On this the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of **LOVE** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us the way of love, for he is the love of God in human flesh. Jesus says to us, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"*.

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

The fourth candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray:

People **Teach us to love, O God of Love. As we prepare for our celebration of the birth of your Son, fill our hearts with his love for you, our families, our neighbours, your church and the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

All

Of the Father's heart begotten ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain, all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealed in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translated by Roby Furley Davis;
Music: Plainsong Melody; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Collect of the Day

Presider Shepherd of Israel, who by a dream guided your servant Joseph to embrace your promise of salvation: lead us in the way of grace and peace, so that we may bear your promise into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Reader Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20

Choir

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

Romans 1: 1-7

Reader Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead,

Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Choir A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1: 18-25

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

People **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 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, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Lord Jesus, let us pray for the Church and the world, responding 'Lord Jesus, come soon.'

Intercessor We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Emmanuel, God with us, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people and you know our needs before we ask. As we prepare for your glorious coming, awaken in us your gifts of hope, of peace, of joy and love. In your mighty name we pray.

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

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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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: Puer Nobis Nascitur

All

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: St. Ambrose, tr. John Mason Neale;
Music: Melody Michael Praetorius; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward.

Presider

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, 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. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; 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 Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Presider And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in 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:

Celebrant *All*

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For thine is the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry,
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

All We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Choir 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.
If you choose not to receive communion,
simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.
For those requiring gluten-free hosts or not wanting to walk up the chancel steps,
please go to St. John's Altar (on the left).
It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.
Prayers for healing and anointing are available at The Lady Chapel.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Wait for the Lord

All Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Ps. 31.24 and Ps. 130.5; para. Taizé Community (France); Music: Jacques Berthier.
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Communion Hymn

Tune: Es Ist Ein'Ros

All 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.

Text; St. 1-2, German (15th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker.
St. 3, Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth.
Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius

Motet Ave Generosa

Ola Gjeilo

Choir Hail, nobly born, O Maiden,
honoured and inviolate.
You are the piercing gaze of holiness,
the one who pleased God.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.**

Hymn

Tune: Woodlands

All

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!

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

Deacon 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 Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

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

Presiding Celebrant: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

First Reader: Quentin Toderick • Second Reader: Yvonne Joseph

Intercessor: Pamela Guy • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, Ruth Davis & Leslie Derbecker

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

Assisting at the Organ: Imre Olah • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

PRAYER CYCLE	PASTORAL CARE
<p><i>This week, please pray for: The Anglican Church of Korea; The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President; and the Cathedral Drop-in Centre</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

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Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Lord Jesus, let us pray for the Church and the world, responding ‘Lord Jesus, come soon.’

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Highest, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth. We pray for your Church throughout the world; remembering this morning our family across the Anglican Communion:

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church of Korea; Linda our Primate and Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan and Andrew, our Diocesan Bishop; Kevin and Riscylla our suffragan bishops; we remember with thanksgiving the ministry of the Anglican Church Women and their Diocesan President, Enid Corbett; and our Cathedral Drop-In ministry.

Pause

Renew our trust in your plan of redemption and, with Joseph, help us to see your presence in every situation and to share the Good News of salvation for the whole world.

Pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; and you gave the law on Sinai. Come with outstretched arms; open our eyes and give us grateful hearts.

Pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid. We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for the troubled places in the world torn apart by injustice and war.

Pause

O King of the nations, you alone can calm the storms and fulfill our desires; you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free those who dwell in darkness, those who suffer persecution, injustice and captivity.

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: O Morning Star, splendour of the light, eternal and bright Sun of righteousness, be with those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially _____;
and those we name silently or aloud

Pause

Be with those for whom Christmas is a difficult time: the lonely, the hungry, the homeless and those who mourn;

Pause

Come and surround them with your peace, your hope, and love.

Pause

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Intercessor: For those who have died and are now in the nearer presence of God, remembering this morning _____;

And those we name, silently or aloud....

Pause

May they rest in peace and rise in glory with Christ.

Intercessor: We pray to you, Lord.

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

Presider: Emmanuel, God with us, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people and you know our needs before we ask. As we prepare for your glorious coming, awaken in us your gifts of hope, of peace, of joy and love. In your mighty name we pray.

People: **Amen.**