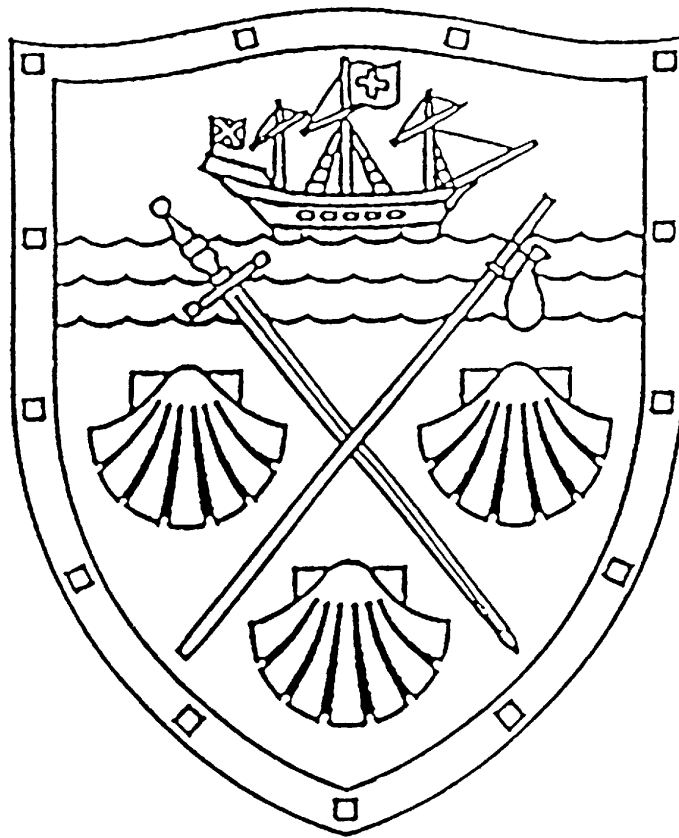


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

The Great Litany & Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



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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 the Credit First Nation. 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.

Liturgical Note

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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Sunday School meets every week at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.
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Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
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Join us in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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Today at St. James

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Reader: Sheila Snelgrove

Stewards: Rob Haines & Bob Hart

Communion Ministers: Carol Kysela & Matthew Waterman

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The St. James Singers

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Nicholas & Adele Haddad

St. Clair & Ethel Balfour

Edmund & Mary Staunton

Welcome! *We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning.*

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

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

Our music at this Eucharist is integral to our worship. Thank you all for your participation.

Everyone is most welcome to join us to prepare the music each Sunday at 8.15 a.m.

All that is needed is a willing heart to sing!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Ecce jam noctis
 Leeftocht, Minimal Dance

*Healey Willan
Christiaan Winter*

Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath before proceeding to the Library 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 First Candle - Hope

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader The four candles in the Advent wreath are lit, one by one, on each Sunday in Advent. Each time we light a candle, we think of a particular theme as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Today we will light the first candle, the candle of **HOPE**.

The psalmist says “*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.*” (Psalm 130:7) As we seek to bring hope to persons and in places where darkness and doubt prevail, we pray that we will all strive to carry the light of Christ into the world through our daily lives.

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

The first candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray:

People **Lord, we look for your coming as the hope of the world. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.**

The Great Litany

Please refer to the Litany insert.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

O God of all the ages, rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways and form us into a watchful people, so that, at the advent of your Son, we may be found doing what is right, mindful of all you command. We ask this through him whose coming is certain and whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All

O Shepherd Lord of Israel,
 Who guided Joseph's way,
 May You who sit with cherubim
 Receive our prayers today.

For Ephraim and Manasseh's tribes
 And those of Benjamin,
 Arise, O Lord, and show Your strength,
 deliver us from sin.

Restore us, God, and make us whole,
 Redeem us by Your might;
 And let Your face shine over us
 Forever in Your light.

From Egypt You removed a vine
 Where it had long been bound;
 You drove out nations in the way
 To plant it in the ground.

The Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:3-9**Reader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller ‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence

All Most merciful God,
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.

All **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: Tempus Adest Floridum

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean,
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

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Music: Melody *Piae Cantiones*, 1582
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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name 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.

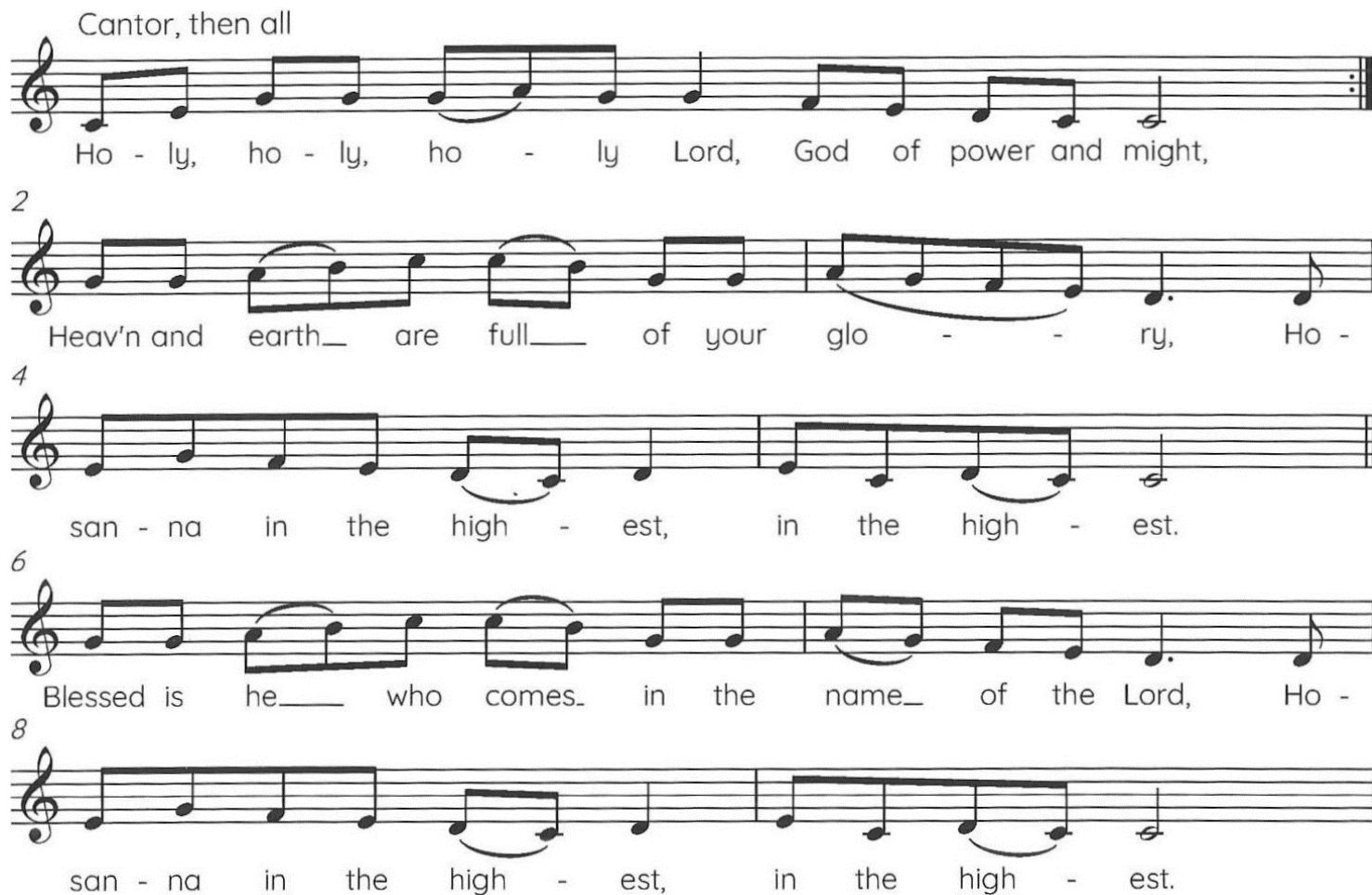
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Cantor, then all



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
2
Heav'n and earth_ are full_ of your glo - - ry, Ho -
4
san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.
6
Blessed is he_ who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord, Ho -
8
san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

Presider

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider All praise and glory are yours, Holy of Israel. Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

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

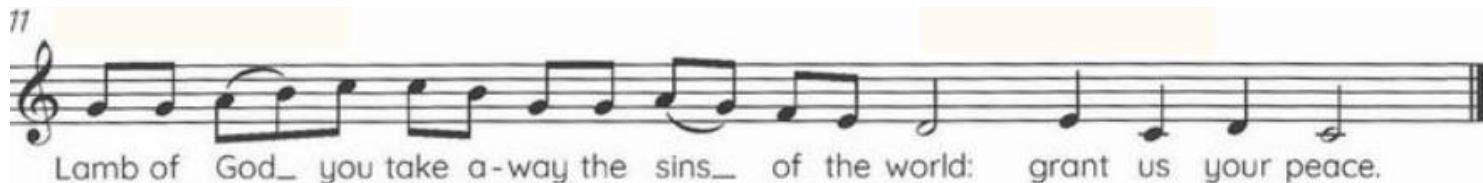
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

10 Cantor then All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

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

Tune: John L. Bell

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

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Communion Hymn

Tune: Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of
man. We ask this in the name of 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

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free!
from our fears and sins release us,
Christ in whom our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
born salvation to impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring:

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Postlude in D

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