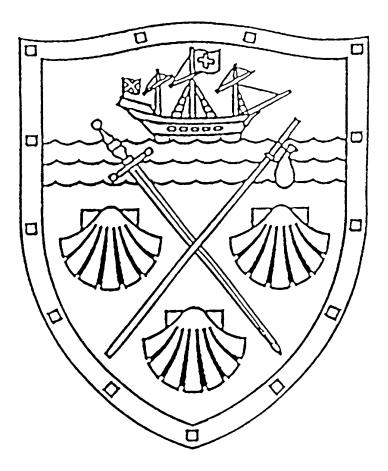
# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023 Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



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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.

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## Today at St. James

Presiding Celebrant: Br. James Koester (SSJE) Homilist: The Reverend Jillian Ruch Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson Sub-Deacon: Leslie Laing Anointer: The Reverend Canon Douglas Graydon First Reader: Nancy Conn • Second Reader: Quentin Toderick Intercessor: Ted Hawken • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT Sidespersons: David Gates, Barbara Hirst & Louis Nettleton Communion Ministers: David Grant, Paul Seddon & Matthew Waterman Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of Marguerite Gwendolyn Wilkinson

#### Today's Homilist: The Rev. Jillian Ruch:

Jillian is excited to come to the Cathedral as she is a member of the St. James Guild of Change Ringers so she hopes to be ringing in between the services as well as preaching! She was ordained a deacon on May 1, 2022, and a priest on March 5, 2023. Prior to ministry she worked as a child welfare supervisor with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto (17 years) as well as a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator for our Diocese (7 years). She brings this life experience with her into her new roles of Associate Curate at St. Bride's in Mississauga and Chaplain at Havergal College. "I'm very grateful for this opportunity to preach in such a meaningful place in our Diocese."

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.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis "Gorde Natus" by Healey Willan

PreludeChrist, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam BWV 684J. S. Bach

#### Welcome & Announcements

Children are invited to gather at 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 Second Candle - Peace

*Leader* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *People* Thanks be to God.

*Leader* Today the first candle in the Advent Wreath, the candle of **HOPE** continues to burn. On this the second Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of **PEACE** as we continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The prophet Isaiah's said, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) Jesus, himself, said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. (John 14:27). Lord Jesus, we look for your coming as the peace of the world. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus,

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

The second candle is lit.

*Leader* Let us pray:

People Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions among us and our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the nations of your world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Help us, Lord, to remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

#### Hymn

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say. "Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven,

that when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

> Text: Latin; tr. Edward Caswall Music: William Henry Monk

*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.

*Presider* Almighty God,

*People* unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Kyrie Eleison**

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

## Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### The First Reading

## Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Reader Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 (1-2, 8-13)– Chant by Walter Parratt

Psalm Choir Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins. I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

### The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like Reader a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience

of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Veni Emmanuel

People	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Choir	Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
People	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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Gospeller	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	Glory be to thee, O Lord.
Gospeller	The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight",
	John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'
Gospeller	The Gospel of Christ.

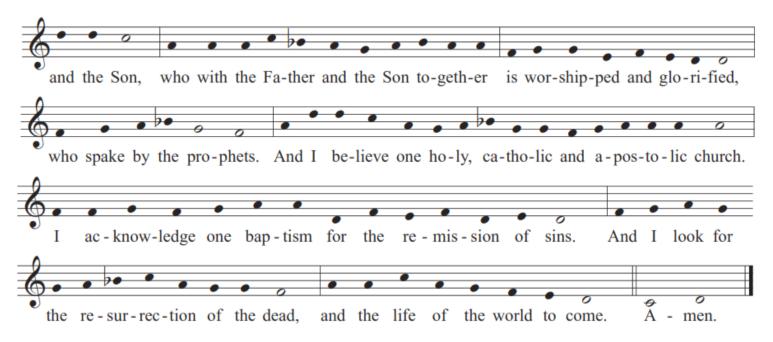
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

#### The Nicene Creed



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## Prayers of the People

*Presider* In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"

Intercessor Lord Jesus,

People Come Soon!

At the conclusion of the prayers.

- *Presider* Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.
- People Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and 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.PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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**

Herald! Sound the note of judgement, warning note of right and wrong, turning us from sin and sadness, till once more we sing the song.

Refrain Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here; make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near. *Refrain*  Tune: Regent Square

Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven; God restores the wayward children, and to all new life is given. *Refrain* 

Herald! Sound the note of triumph! Christ has come to share our life, bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife. *Refrain* 

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Presider God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Presider Among

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.

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

- *Choir* Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- *Presider* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all, of this; 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 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

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

*Presider* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and

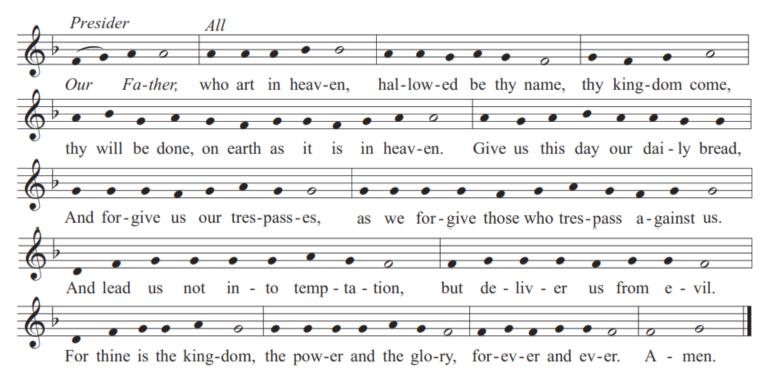
all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.*People* 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

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us your peace. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. 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 the Lady Chapel. It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons. Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Lady Altar.

#### **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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### Motet O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings from Messiah

G. F. Handel

*Choir* O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your god!

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

#### *Presider* Glory to God,

All 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

Hymn

- *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.

Tune: Winchester New

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within. Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

> Text: Charles Coffin; tr. John Chandler, alt. Music: Melody Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, alt

#### Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sonata IV – IV. Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

*Bishop of Toronto* The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

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#### PRAYER CYCLE

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

This week, please pray for: The Church of Pakistan (United); Susan Johnson, National Bishop, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and the Lay Pastoral Visitors 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: <u>sfields@stjamescathedral.ca</u>; 416-364-7865, ext. \*235 or The Reverend Canon Beth Benson: <u>bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca</u>, 416-364-7865, ext. \*237

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