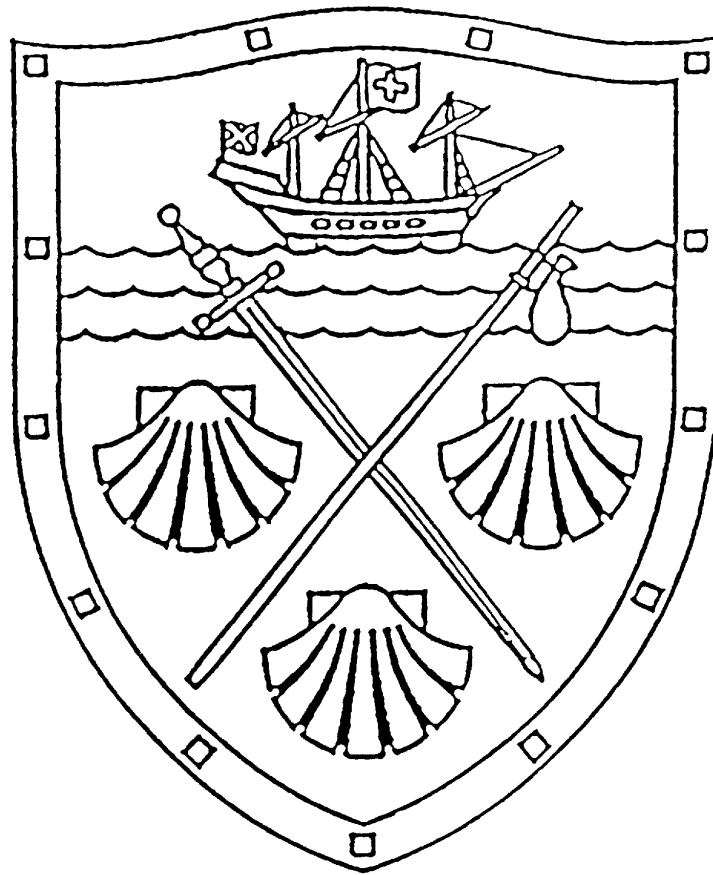


# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The Third Sunday of Advent

*December 17, 2023*

*Choral Evensong at 4:30pm*



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

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### Liturgical Note

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## **Today at St. James**

*Officiant & Homilist: Matthew Waterman*

*First Reader: Shawn Thorpe • Second Reader: Lucy Fields*

*Sidespersons: Louis Nettleton & Shawn Thorpe*

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

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens*

*Sung by The Evensong Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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

*and in loving memory of Florence and Albert Seddon.*

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

***Please ensure that cell phones are muted.***

## Choral Evensong

**Prelude** In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729

*J.S. Bach*

*Please remain seated.*

**Introit** **People, Look east! The Time is Near**

*Eleanor Farjeon*

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*Please stand, as you are able, when the organ plays.*

**Preces and Responses**

*Philippa Campsie*

*Officiant*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir*

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

*Please be seated.*

**Psalm 63 (Verse 1-8)**

*Chant by C. V. Stanford*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

For you have been my helper  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

**Psalm 98**

*Chant by C. V. Stanford*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;  
break into singing and make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the voice of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
    sound praises before the Lord, the King.  
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
    the world and all that dwell upon it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
    and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge  
    the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
    and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Amos 9:11-15*

### **First Lesson**

*Reader* On that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, says the Lord who does this.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who ploughs shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says the Lord your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Short Service— Orlando Gibbons*

### **Magnificat**

*Choir* My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 13-17*

## **Second Lesson**

*Reader*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Choir* Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant* I believe in God  
*All* **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir* 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. Amen.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.



*Officiant* O Lord, save the King;  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O Lord.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collects**

*Officiant* God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world's scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

*Choir* Amen.

*Officiant* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Choir* Amen.

*Officiant* Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Choir* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **Anthem A Tender Shoot**

*Kerensa Briggs*

*Choir* A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;  
It blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,  
from Jesse's root should spring;  
the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing:  
our God of endless might  
gave her this child to save us,  
thus turning darkness into light

## Homily

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

Tune: St. Thomas

## Hymn at the Collection

The Advent of our King our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be;  
Himself a servant's form puts on, to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise to meet thy lowly King;  
Nor let thy faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again  
And his true members all unite with him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever One, through all eternity.

## Offertory Prayer

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, mindful of the blessings of this and all our days, we present these gifts with thankful hearts and joyful praise. May this money and our lives be used for the benefit of others as your reign of justice and mercy finds expression in the world, redeemed by the sacrificial love of your Christ. In whose name we pray.

**People**      **Amen.**

**Prayers**

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

### **A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom**

*Officiant*      Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**People**      **Amen.**

### **The Grace**

*Officiant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

**People**      **Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **Final Respond**

*Edward Woodall Naylor*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you;

*Choir*          And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir*          Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**      Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661

*J. S. Bach*

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