



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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*A diverse and vibrant community that glorifies God and welcomes all people*

## WELCOME

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

*Mass of the Two Carols – arr. James Calkin*

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Asalyn Meakin, Canon J. W. R. and Oriole Meakin, Alex and Moletta Hodgins;  
Col. Ted Price, Mary W. Price and Karen S. Price.

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**Prelude**

*Weihnachtspastorale – Gustav Merkel*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Hymn 102**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

**Greeting**

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Trisagion**

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

**Collect of the Day**

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, so that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Let your hand be upon the one at your side in honour, the one you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.*

### Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*As Joseph was a-walking – R.R. Terry*

*As Joseph was a-walking he heard an angel sing: 'This night is born to Mary our heav'nly King.' He neither shall be born in house nor in hall, nor in a place of paradise, but in an oxen stall. Nowell, nowell. He neither shall be covered in clothing rich and rare, but in the simple linen which all the babies wear. Nowell, nowell. He neither shall be rocked in silver nor in gold, but in the wooden manger which rocks upon the mould. Nowell, nowell.*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn 117**

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

Maker and Lover of all, in the mystery of your kindness you have bound us to each other, and called us to serve the earth and its people. Hear us, as in this cathedral we pray for Bishop Shane and for all our diocesan parishes and community ministries, that we may ever be blessed with your wisdom, clear vision, and generosity of spirit.

*Silence.*

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Surrounded by the rolling and tender beauty of the Ottawa Valley, we pray for the earth, especially where it is damaged by human carelessness and threatened by human greed. May we learn how to care for your earth as you do.

*Silence.*

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grateful for the life in our bodies, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by physical or mental illness, desolation, grief or rejection, asking for the healing, the affirming, the listening which will encourage and restore them. And we give thanks for those whom we have loved and see no longer; may their souls rest in peace.

*Silence.*

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Conscious of the peace of this place, we pray for those who have no peace because of war or the fear of war, or the threat of violence, or the grip of hunger, or the loss of hope. May the voice of the victims be heard and the work of peacemakers be blessed.

*Silence.*

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We commit all our cares and concern to you, gracious God, trusting in your strong and compassionate love. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence.*

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.**

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. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn 91**

*People, look east! The time is near*



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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

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. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing: *Holy, 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.*

We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Angus Dei**

### **Communion**

*If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

### **Motet**

*Love came down at Christmas – R.O. Morris*

*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas – star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the God-head, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus – what shall be our sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine; love to God and neighbour, love for prayer and gift and sign.*

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.  
**Amen.**

Glory to God,

**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.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 370**

*Songs of praise the angels sang*

**Postlude**

*Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter (BWV 650) – J.S. Bach*

**Following the service, all are welcome to gather for coffee and conversation in the Great Hall.**

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## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 96; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

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## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

12.05 pm Eucharist (Iona)

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9 pm Compline

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm Choral Eucharist

10 pm Festal Eucharist

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10:30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS) with Children's Homily at the Crèche

**New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Noon New Year's Day Eucharist and Reception with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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