

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022



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St Paul's Cathedral

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## HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

*I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1:38*

**Prelude**      *Variations on 'In Dulci Jubilo'*      Denis Bédard

**Opening Hymn** *Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement*      **Blue Book 111**

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**      **Green Book p. 185**

### **Advent Wreath**

*Presider*      Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight. Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; he has brought it out in the light. In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in Advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ and sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever.

*All*      **With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*The Fourth candle is lit.*

*Presider*      Light four candles, see them glow. Brightly, so that all may know. How four candles show the way. Making our darkness bright as God's day.

*All*      **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*Presider*      Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

**"Children's Corner"** *Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral after the lighting of the Advent candle.*

**Welcome**

## Kyrie

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon.**

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-16*

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 *80:1-7, 16-18*

Gerald Knight  
**Green Book p. 812**

### Second Reading *Romans 1:1-7*

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.**

### Gradual Hymn *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

**Blue Book 8**

### Holy Gospel *Matthew 1:18-25*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Homily

*Please be seated*

## Nicene Creed

**p. 188**

*Please stand*

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession and Absolution** p. 191

**Peace** p. 192

**Offertory Hymn** *Behold! The Mountain of the Lord* **Blue Book 112**

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the Gifts

*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.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer 3** p. 198

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** **Blue Book 735**

**Lord's Prayer** p. 211

### 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.**

**Communion** p. 213

*Please move to the communion station closest to you.*

**Jesus Lamb of God** **Blue Book 747**

**Communion Motet** *I Sing of A Maiden* Lennox Berkley

## 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.**

**Doxology** p. 214

**Post Communion Hymn** *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* **Blue Book 114**

### Blessing & Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude** *Grand Choeur sur Un Noël* César Franck



### Coffee Hour

**After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.**

**The Flowers** at the **High Altar** are to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents given by John and Mary Longworth.

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the parishes of Circle of Faith; Church of the Messiah, Kincardine; St. Matthew's, Kingarf; St. Luke's, Pine River; and St. Thomas', Walkerton.

**Intercessions** – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Trent, Ken, John & Stacey, Carole, Robert, Marie & John, Zoe, Jack, Gerald, Bonnie & family, Eileen, Jean, Terry, Jan, Holly, Krista, Patricia, Helen.

*This service is being live-streamed and recorded.*

**Presider – The Reverend Dr. Virginia C. Lane**  
**Preacher – The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**  
**Intercessor – The Reverend Pat Henderson**  
**Organist – Ian Sadler**  
**Servers – Doug Campbell, Edwin Amah, Bryan Kenwell**  
**Lay Administrants – John Shipston, Nancy Shipston, Gord Rolleston**  
**Reader – Stephanie Allen**  
**Children's Ministry – Heather Clark**  
**Wardens – Greg Childs and Marilyn Freeman**  
**Greeter – Gord & Joan Rolleston**  
**Live Stream – Jade Vajna / Sound Technician – Daniel Aldcroft**

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist Services @ 12:15pm**

St. Aidan's Chapel. All are welcome.

**SPSS Update** - We are excited to announce that our **Fellowship Centre** has reopened. The Fellowship Centre is in need of upgrading their dishwasher. If you wish to donate towards a much needed commercial grade dishwasher please speak to Carrie in the church office. Many thanks.

**ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER** - Please join fellow Anglicans from across Canada for the 'Let Us Pray' virtual gathering on Monday, December 19 at 1:00pm. The Reverend Andreas Thiel will be discussing "The Music of Prayer....The Prayer of Music". The Zoom link for this gathering can be found on the AFP Website at [www.anglicanprayer.org](http://www.anglicanprayer.org).

**Nine Lessons & Carols Service** - Please join us **this afternoon @ 4:00pm** as we celebrate the story of the Messiah, from God's promise to Abraham, to the birth of Jesus, revealing in song and readings how the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols and hear lovely choral arrangements of beloved seasonal songs.



**Christmas Services at St. Paul's**

**Christmas Eve – December 24**

4:00 p.m. – Family Service with Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with choir

11:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with choir

**Christmas Day – December 25**

10:00 a.m. – Choral Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer

**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of Huron*

**The Right Reverend Robert F. Bennett**

*Interim Bishop-in-Charge*

**The Reverend Michael E. DeKay**

*Vicar*

**The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Dr. Virginia C. Lane**

*Honorary Assistant*

**The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty**

*Honorary Assistant*

**Ian Sadler**

*Organist & Director of Music*

**Heather Clark**

*Children's Ministry*

**Carrie Fieldhouse**

*Parish Coordinator*

**Gregory Childs and Gord Rolleston**

*Church Wardens*

**Marsha Lemon**

*Deputy Church Warden*

**Marilyn Freeman and Marilyn Papple**

*Past Church Wardens*

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