



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday | December 3rd | 2023

10.30 am | Holy Eucharist | BAS

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The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of John Nelson

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required. Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) | J.S. Bach*

Announcements

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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 64:1-9*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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 forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 80:1-7, 16-18

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 | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Rejoice greatly | Healey Willan*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

Holy Gospel | *Mark 13:24-37*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 476 | *God, you have caused to be written*

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

Let us pray.

God of all life, in our weakness you are strength; in our darkness you are light; in our sorrows you comfort and peace. Help us to pray with our hearts as well as our lips and to serve you with our strength as we can. Into each situation we name and picture, visit with your steadfast love.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for moments of joy and celebration in our lives, for times of excitement and expectation; for love given and received, for friendships that furnish our life with meaning and happiness, and for family who show us some picture of unconditional love. In all relationships and interactions keep us mindful of your call to see you in one another.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and the countries of this world and for all those who frame laws and shape society, who keep the peace and administer justice. In governments and countries where the innocent are punished and the weak serve the wealthy and where injustice rules, move in the hearts and minds of rulers so that, more and more, your people throughout the world will experience freedom.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

We remember with sadness the divisions in the world, and that our world is not at peace; we remember the places of war, especially Ukraine, Israel and Palestine; we remember that too often this is a world where violence is too easily chosen as a way to life. Send your comfort, peace and reconciliation to every situation of conflict.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer and are ill, and for those people who mourn and fear for the future and what it may bring.

Silence.

Surround them with your love, support them with strength, and open our hearts and our eyes to see how we might be comfort in situations of hurt and pain. Bless our homes and families that love and joy may dwell there and keep those who are absent from us within your care.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life, the dead as well as the living are in your care. We thank you for your people of every age and place and for those dear to our own hearts who have entered into your heavenly presence.

Silence.

Keep us in communion with them and bring us with them at the last to dwell in your light.

Emmanuel, God with us,
hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgivings and our prayers to you, one God, source of light and life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcomes sinners and invites 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 108 | *Hark, a herald voice is sounding*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

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. **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: *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.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. 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 | *Rorate cæli* – arr. Larkin

Rorate cæli desuper et nubes pluant justum | Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort my people, comfort them; and my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your redeemer.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

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 God. We ask this in the name of 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, the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 101 | *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Postlude | *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)* | J.S. Bach

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Readings Next Sunday | December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Advent, Christmas, New Year's Day at the Cathedral

First Sunday of Advent | December 3rd

Noon Bible Study | 4 pm Advent Lessons and Carols

Wednesday | December 6th

12.05 pm Eucharist

Second Sunday of Advent | December 10th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist | Noon Bible Study
4 pm The O Antiphons

Wednesday | December 13th

12.05 pm Eucharist

Third Sunday of Advent | December 17th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
4 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Wednesday | December 20th

12.05 pm Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Christmas Eve | December 24th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
7 pm Choral Eucharist | 10 pm Festal Eucharist

Christmas Day | Monday | December 25th

10.30 am Choral Eucharist with Children's Story

The Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday | December 31st

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

The Naming of Jesus | Monday | January 1st
Noon Choral Eucharist with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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