

All Saints' Cathedral Choral Eucharist



The Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 2024 at 10:30am

*Welcome to All Saints' Cathedral as we journey together
through the season of Advent.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional gathering place of
the Cree, Nakoda Sioux, Blackfoot, Dene, Sarcee, Saulteaux, Mohawk, and Métis
Nations. We commit in both prayer and action to be faithful Treaty 6 partners.*

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Prayer

Celebrant Loving God, we turn to you seeking not judgement, but justice. May your justice rain down throughout the world. May the captives be released, the wounded healed, the dead mourned, the bombs silenced, the soldiers returned home. May there be a just and lasting peace where all people live in safety in their own homes. May your just peace reign in every heart, home, and land. We pray in the name of the Holy One, the Prince of Peace.

All Amen.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Celebrant In the beginning was the Word - spoken and breathed,
People a promise made and kept.

Celebrant The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.
People Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet, God's promise is the foundation of all life.

Celebrant We light the second candle of peace, giving voice to God's peace that passes all understanding and that calls us to be people of peace.

Introit We Light the Advent Candles

German Folk Tune; Words by Gracia Grindal

We light the Ad-vent can-dles a-gainst the win-ter night,
We light the sec-ond can-dle, and hear God's ho-ly Word,

to wel-come our Lord Je-sus who is the world's True Light.
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Hymn of Praise 108 Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding

Choir Recitative from *Messiah*

George Frederic Handel

*The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,
Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in:
Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:1)*

The Greeting

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

John Ireland

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,
All who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

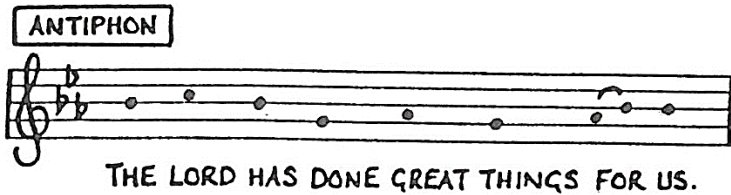
The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Psalm 126

Chant: J. Turle



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
Then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with shouts of joy. **Antiphon**

Then said they among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
And we are glad indeed. **Antiphon**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, as the rivers in the South.
They that sowed in tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing forth the seed,
Will come again with joy, and bring their sheaves with them. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you

to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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Sequence Hymn 12 We Bless You, God of Israel

Paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:1-6).

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Post-Gospel Hymn 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying
Verses 1 and 2

The Homily

The Very Reverend Alexandra Meek

The Nicene Creed Common Praise 681

John Merbecke

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God; Light, of Light, very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Fragrance of Christ

David Haas

Choir I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you will hear the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

All

Refrain

Lord, may our prayer rise like in - cense in your sight, may this

place be... filled with the fra - grance of Christ.

Prayers of the People

If you would like a name (you or someone else) added to the parish prayer list, please contact the office. If a name should be removed, please let us know.

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

We lift up all of those for whom prayer has been requested: Rose, Titus, Noah, Jayson, Tyler, Chris, Kurt and Marcia, John and family, Dottie, Diane, Kay, Mavis, Lynn, Linda, Benjamin, Seth and Lucy, Pio, Vivian, Bonnie, Mel, Rebekah, Lois, Bob, Gordon, Janet, Mary, June, JC, Mark, Paul, Laura, Selina, Kenneth, and those known only unto you, Lord. We lift up to you Peter Heritage who has left his earthly body. Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. We pray also for those who mourn.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor For the Church of the living God throughout the world, we pray for the ***Anglican Church of Canada***, including The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop. We also lift up the leadership of the Diocese of New Westminster: the Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop.

We pray for our own ***Diocese of Edmonton***, including The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, our Bishop. We pray for the leadership of St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton: Sarah Holmstrom, Interim Priest-in-Charge.

In the ***Diocese of Buyé***, we pray for the Mubanga Parish and Jean Bosco Nyankimbona, Rector.

We also lift up those in the ***Indigenous Community*** of the Frog Lake First Nation.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

All Lord Jesus, come soon! Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

You may place your offering in the plate as the sidespeople make their way down the centre aisle. Offering may also be placed in the offering box set in the middle aisle of the cathedral. To donate to the work of the Cathedral online, please go to our website.



Choir

But who may abide the day of his coming?
For He is like a refiner's fire. (*Malachi 3:2*)

George Frederic Handel

The Offertory Hymn 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength,
All 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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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

Plainchant

San - ctus, San - ctus, Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel - sis.

Benedictus

Ludovico da Viadana

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you

sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Common Praise 684

John Merbecke

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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.

The Communion

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. The communion bread is gluten, dairy, egg, and yeast free. To receive a blessing in place of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei

Ludovico da Viadana

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us and grant us peace.*

Oculi Omnium

Charles Wood

All eyes of the people look up to you and you give them food. Glory to the Lord.

People Look East

Besançon Carol tune, arr. Barry Ferguson

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 to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.

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. (Eleanor Farjeon)

Communion Hymn 116 "Your Kingdom Come" - On Bended Knee

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

All 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. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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

The Benedictory Hymn Hark What a Sound



Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn, 'I come.'

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Dismissal

Leader Let us go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Organ

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659
Come, Saviour of the Nations

Johann Sebastian Bach

Corporation/Lock Up This Week: Dean Alex

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Announcements

Christmas Flower Campaign is On Now! - If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas flowers, please enclose your donation in a Christmas flower envelope (found in a pew or in the Narthex) and place in the offering.

Advent Reflections - Available Online - During the season of Advent, St. Luke's will be posting Advent reflections, including poems, prayers, and songs on their website. Please visit stlukesac.ca/ to access this resource.

Food Bank Giving Update - Congratulations and thanks to All Saints' and friends for your gifts to the Food Bank. We collected 68 kg of food and a cash donation of \$656.25.

Funeral Service for Peter Heritage - Thursday, December 12th at 2:00pm - A funeral service for Peter Heritage will held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 2:00pm at All Saints' Cathedral with a reception to follow.

Christmas Carols and Potluck Dinner at St. Luke's - Saturday, December 14th from 4:00-6:00pm - Join us at St. Luke's Anglican Church (8424 95 Ave NW) for a potluck, to make some Christmas ornaments, and to sing some carols together.

Walking Together, Sunday, December 22 at 3:00pm - Continuing our Walking Together series with Temple Beth Ora and Oskya Matchetawin, we are planning a walk in the river valley for Sunday, December 22nd at 3pm. There will be a short walk (200m) to a view of the River Valley where we will smudge, pray, and reflect together as the weather will allow. Hot Chocolate will be provided. Please register here: <https://volunteersignup.org/3C3WQ>

Dinner and a Movie at St. Luke's - Saturday, January 4th at 4:00pm - Join us at St. Luke's Anglican Church (8424 95 Ave NW) and bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner and enjoy a movie together.

2025 Anglican Church Calendars Have Arrived - If you would like a 2025 Anglican Church Calendar, please let RJ know. Calendars are \$5.00 each.

Christmas Services – Please join us for worship over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All Saints’ Cathedral will have services at the following times:

- December 21 (Saturday) at 7:00: A Quiet Christmas (*for those who find the season difficult*)
- December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 4:30pm: Family Service
- December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 10:00pm: Candlelight Service with Choir
- December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:30am: Holy Communion

Winter Clothing Donations Accepted – We are accepting donations of winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.) to give to those in need.

New Sunday Morning Parking Permits – Annual Sunday morning parking permits for the Impark lot South of the Cathedral are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the Office for details.

Full Text of Service Available Online – If you prefer having the full text of the service in one place, it is available for download. Just scan the QR code to the right or visit the link to download the bulletin: <https://allsaintscathedral.ca/news/this-sunday-at-all-saints-cathedral>



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