

All Saints' Cathedral Parish Eucharist



The Second Sunday of Advent
7 December 2025 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

Hymn of Praise 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle - Peace

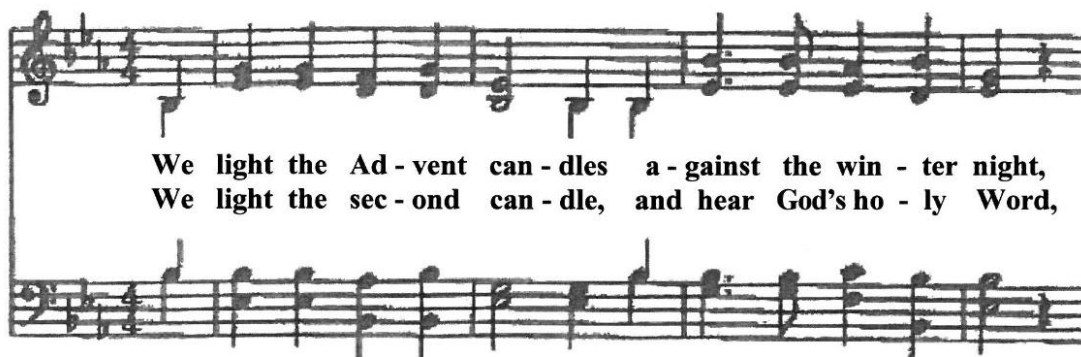
Celebrant In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?
People We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

Celebrant You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

The first and second candles are lit as the congregation sings.

Introit We Light the Advent Candles

German Folk Tune; Words by Gracia Grindal





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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, accessible style.

Celebrant Thanks be to God!
All Amen.

Celebrant God of peace, when the weight of the world presses in on us, when injustice and suffering feel like the dominant narrative, when hope begins to slip through our hands, run toward us. Remind us of the birds that sing in the morning. Remind us of the healing grace of a blanket of snow for the land. Remind us of the groups of people that have always made a difference. Remind us of the work this church has done. Remind us of the work our hands are capable of, and the love our heart already knows. And as you do, we will continue to remind each other of your presence in our world. As you do, we will continue to tell each other the stories of the hungry being fed, the sick being healed, the captives being

released, and the lion lying with the lamb. We will tell the story of the prince of peace.

All

Amen.

The Greeting and Collect for Purity

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

Franz Schubert



The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' by Franz Schubert is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a comma (,) above the staff. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff continues the melody with a comma (,) above the staff and the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have'. The third staff features a piano (*p*) dynamic at the start and a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic later. The lyrics are 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have'. The fourth staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and ends with a double bar line and a '2' indicating a repeat. The lyrics are 'mer - cy, have mer - cy.'

p Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

p mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. *mf* Lord, have

p mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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: Isaiah 11:1-10

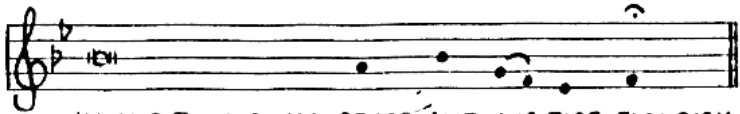
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

The Gradual Psalm 72:1-8

Chant: Wilfred Mothersole

ANTIPHON



IN HIS TIME SHALL PEACE AND JUSTICE FLOURISH.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
And the little hills bring righteousness also. **Antiphon**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
He shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
From one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
Like showers that water the earth. **Antiphon**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
There shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and

again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

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 Matthew (3:1-12).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his

threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post-Gospel From Psalm 50

Out of Zion, God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and not keep silence;

Before him there is a consuming fire, and round about him a raging storm.

The Homily

The Very Rev. 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.

Hear Our Prayer SNC 203



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 Holy God, yours is the voice that calls from the places we least expect, inviting us into ever deeper relationship with you that we might live surrounded by your love. Hear us as we say: Lord in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

We lift up all of those for whom prayer has been requested: Vivian, John, James, Joe and Shelly, Carol, Shawne, Jayson, Tyler, Chris, Diane, Kay, Lynn, Linda, Benjamin, Seth and Lucy, Pio, Vivian, Bonnie, Mel, Lois, Bob, Janet, Mary, June, JC, Mark, Paul, Laura, Selina, Kenneth, and those known only unto you, Lord.

We give thanks for the life of Marie Shaw. Eternal rest grant unto Marie, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the Church of the living God throughout the world, we pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada**, including Shane Parker, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop. We also pray for the Diocese of the Athabasca and Bishop David Greenwood.

We pray for our own **Diocese of Edmonton** and Stephen, our Bishop. We pray for All Saints', Drayton Valley and Rector Robyn King.

In the **Diocese of Buyé**, we pray for the Murehe Parish and Jean Boniface Minani, Rector.

In the **Indigenous Community**, we lift up the Whitefish Lake First Nation. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for Christ's church, that we may never become settled in comfort but that we might always be on pilgrimage serving those we encounter. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who hold authority over us, that they might escape from their fears and hatreds and govern in the glory of your mercy and wisdom. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for each other in this parish community, that we might discern our own calls to be Christ in all the places our day-to-day lives take us. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the natural world and for our own stewardship of creation, that we might be advocates for actions needed to leave an abundant creation to future generations. Lord in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all in need of healing and relief from their burdens, worries, and fears. Lord in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died and those who grieve, that the day of Christ's return may be hastened so that we might be reunited with all whom we have loved but see no more. Lord in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Almighty God, you entered into our world and blessed our lives through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, your son and our Lord. Bless us still as we strive to become the people we were meant to be.
All **Amen.**

The Fragrance of Christ

David Haas

Choir I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard 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.

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.

Silence is kept.

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.



The Offertory Hymn 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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 and Benedictus Common Praise 735

Franz Schubert

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."

People 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

McNeil Robinson

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest 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

Jeremy Spurgeon



Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anonymous, 16th Century

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again, I say, rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,

Let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Communion Hymn 617 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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 108 Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding

Dismissal

Leader The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together!
People Thanks be to God!

Organ

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her BWV 638
Salvation is coming to us

Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ALLEY DOOR - As the weather is shifting, we have been finding the exit out to the alley left unlatched a few times in the last few weeks. If you ever enter or exit through that door, please double-check that it is latched (both coming and going). Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping the Cathedral safe and secure for everyone!!

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.

Flowers for December 7 - The flowers in the Cathedral on December 7 are given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Heritage - given by Lois and the Heritage family.

January-April Volunteer Roster - RJ will be creating a volunteer roster new week for the period from January through April 2026. If you are a regularly scheduled volunteer and will be away during any of this period, please let the Office know. If you are not currently a service volunteer but would like to be involved as a reader, intercessor, sides person, or any other number of things, please let the Office know and RJ will add you to the schedule.

Advent Lessons and Carols on December 7 at 7:00pm - Join us this evening for a time of scripture and song as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. A reception will follow.

Walking Together - Saturday, December 13 at 1:00pm - Join us for our quarterly interfaith walk in the river valley, meet new faith neighbours, enjoy the gift of the river, and receive a new teaching. Please register at:
<https://www.templebethora.org/event-details/>

St. Joachim Lessons and Carols - December 14 at 7:00pm - All are welcome to attend the Lessons and Carols service at St. Joachim Catholic Church (9928 110 Street NW). This service will feature a brass quintet and organist Jeremy Spurgeon and be followed by a reception with mulled wine and mince tarts.

Christmas Services at the Cathedral – Please join us as we celebrate Christmas at the Cathedral:

- **Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30: Family Service**
- **Wednesday, December 24 at 10:00pm: Candlelight Service**
- **Thursday, December 25 at 10:00am: Holy Communion**

Praying in the New Year on December 31 – Join together at All Saints' Cathedral to welcome the new year in prayer and praise. Hot chocolate and fellowship begins at 9:00pm, prayer and praise at 10:00pm, and eucharist at 11:00pm.

Donations Accepted of Winter Clothing – As part of our breakfast ministry, we offer winter clothing to those who need it. We are looking for donations of gloves, mitts, neck warmers, long underwear, and long-sleeve t-shirts and anything large size (2XL-5XL). We also accept monetary donations for winter clothing purchases. *We currently have a healthy supply of jackets and socks.*

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.

Corporation/Lock Up This Week: Margaret

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Bishop, The Right Reverend Stephen London
Dean, The Very Reverend Alexandra Meek
Deacon, The Reverend John Gee
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