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# *Second Sunday of Advent*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:30 A.M.

*Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream*

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The Reverend Claude St-Denis, *Presider*  
The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee, *Preacher*  
The Reverend Kevin de la Mare, *Deacon*  
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# *Welcome to the Cathedral*

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: [www.thecathedral.ca](http://www.thecathedral.ca). Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.  
Dean & Rector



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## *A message to children and their grown-ups*

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school. Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion.

The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is livestreamed so you can follow the worship.

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



*Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.*  
***The Gathering of the Community***

**Processional Hymn**

***Come, O God of All the Earth***

**(CP 589)**

Text and music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen (1950- ).

1 Come, O God of all the earth:  
come to us, O righteous one;  
come and bring our love to birth  
in the glory of your Son.

***Refrain:***

Sing out, earth and skies!  
Sing of the God who loves you!  
Raise your joyful cries!  
Dance to the life around you!

2 Come, O God of wind and flame:  
fill the earth with righteousness;  
teach us all to sing your name:  
may our lives your love confess. ***Refrain***

3 Come, O God of flashing light,  
twinkling star and burning sun;  
God of day and God of night:  
in your light we all are one. ***Refrain***

4 Come, O God of snow and rain:  
shower down upon the earth;  
come, O God of joy and pain,  
God of sorrow, God of mirth. ***Refrain***

5 Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:  
come and shape our hearts anew;  
come and make oppression cease:  
bring us all to life in you. ***Refrain***

***Presider*** In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples: the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

***All*** From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

***Presider*** In this time and place, we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

***All*** Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

***Presider*** In this time and place, we await God's transformation of the world.

***All*** Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

***Presider*** In this time and place, we await the coming of the peaceable realm.

***All*** Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

***Presider*** In this time and place, we commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

***All*** In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Michael Burkhardt (1957-)

**Cantor** In this sea - son of long - ing and an - ti - ci - pa - tion,  
God is at work in the heart of cre - a - tion,  
of - fer - ing all new life and sal - va - tion:  
A voice cries out, "Pre - pare!"

**All** O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won - der; o - pen our  
ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each  
oth - er in peace, In - car - nate Lord!

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*) Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,

*All* 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

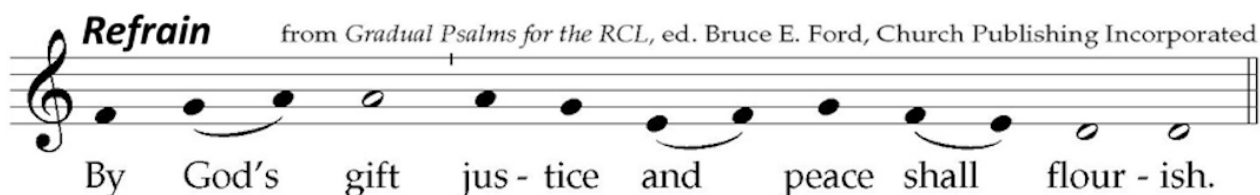
Isaiah 11:1-10

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader* Word of God, word of life.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



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

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
*Refrain*

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.  
*Refrain*

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. *Refrain*

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!  
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

## The Second Reading

**Romans 15:4-13**

*At the conclusion of the epistle:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence

### *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

**(CP 103)**

Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.

Music: WINCHESTER NEW, melody *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.



## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

*Deacon* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says:*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Deacon* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

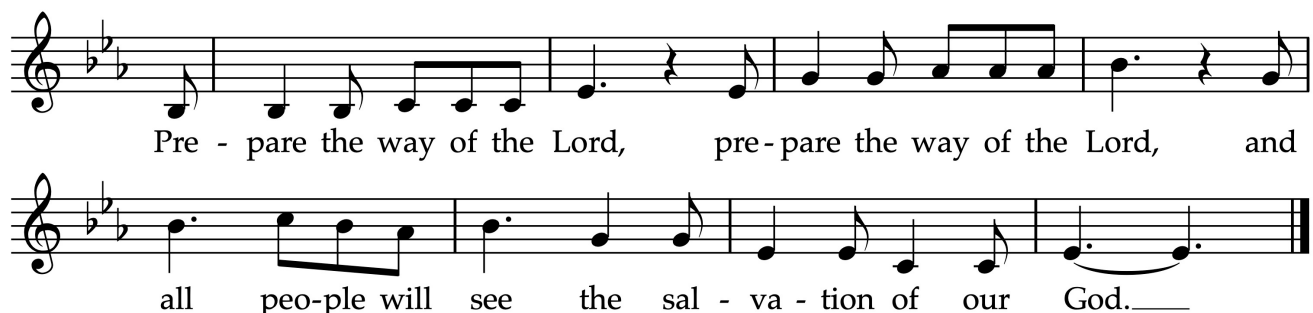
(CP107)

Text: Luke 3. 4, 6; para. Taizé Community (France).

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-94). Para. and music (c) 1982, 1982, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé.

*At the bidding "Let us prepare a way" we sing the response twice:*

*For the final response (marked by the bells) we repeat the refrain many times, with the choir singing in canon.*



## The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have acted willfully, vented our anger, and sought revenge. Curb our passions, we pray, restrain our violence and hostility. Give us the courage to speak out in the face of injury and wrong. And in your mercy, restore and remake us, that we may act justly, keep faith, and walk in the way of your commandments, in justice and in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Presider* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kyrie**

*Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Your generous gift of any amount matters, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

## Offertory Hymn

*Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding*

(CP 108)

Text: Latin (*Vox clare*, 10th cent.); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.

Music: MERTON, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

1 Hark, a herald voice is sounding:  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"

3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with deep repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven,

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

4 that when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God our strength, 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

### *Eucharistic Prayer III*

**BAS**

*Presider* 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.

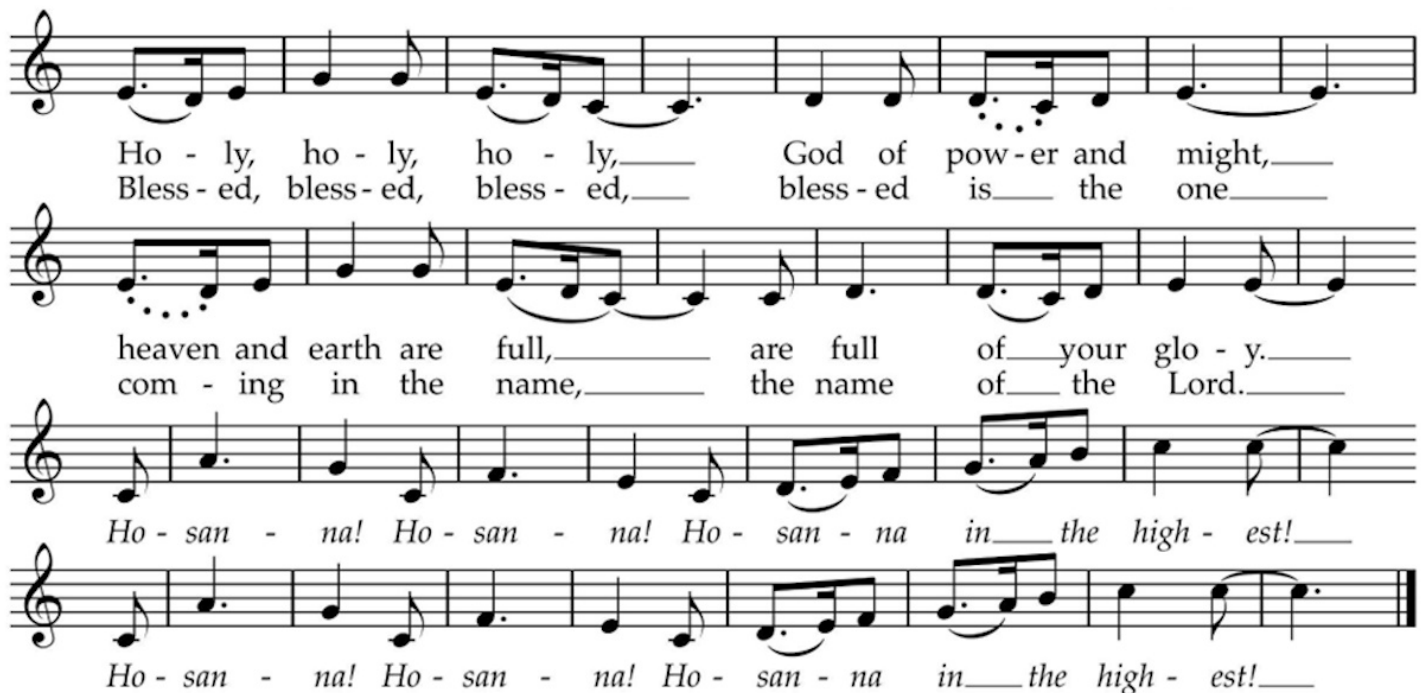
Blessed are you, gracious God [...] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

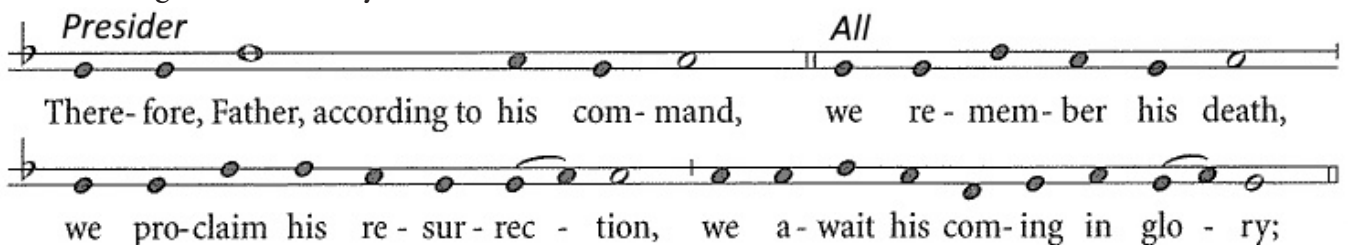
**(SNC 212)**

Music: St. Aidan Setting, John L. Bell (1949- ).



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er and might,  
Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is the one  
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - y.  
com - ing in the name, the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, [...]



*Presider* There - fore, Father, according to his com - mand, *All* we re - mem - ber his death,  
we pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion, we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry;

*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all [...] 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.

***Amen***

**(CP 737)**

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

*Ringling of the bell. (x3)*



# The Lord's Prayer

*Found in BAS p.918*

Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ, though we await his coming in glory.

*All* Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Fraction Anthem

### *Lamb of God*

(SNC 231)

Music: St. Bride Setting, Iona Community.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us Peace.

3 Times

## The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

## During Communion

### *This is the record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,  
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

(SNC 38)

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).

Music: LA GRANGE, David Ashley White (1944-).

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes  
2 "Bear the fruit re-pen-tance sows: lives of  
3 With such preach-ing stark and bold John pro -  
through the des-ert still, call-ing us to make a  
jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than  
claimed sal - va - tion near, and his time - less warn-ings  
choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: "Turn from  
those; set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the  
hold words of hope to all who hear. So we  
sin and be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and mind and  
Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh-ing  
dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un -  
soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized, yield your  
floor: then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a -  
trod, till we come at last like John to be -  
life to God's con - trol."  
lone shall fill God's store."  
hold the Lamb of God.

## The Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray. Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.

*All* 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

*Presider* 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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

*All* We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

## Blessing

May Christ, the root and fruit of David, open your eyes to God's hope for all the nations, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*"Your Kingdom Come"—On Bended Knee*

(CP 116)

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929), alt.

Music: IRISH, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

1 "Your kingdom come"—on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

3 And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls;  
proclaim the day is near:

2 But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

4 the day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad—  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go forth as heralds of God's justice and peace.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Prelude in D minor, Op. 37/3*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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<b>Presider Station</b>	Donna Marlatte		

## Today

**Godly Play** | December 7 | 10:30 a.m.

**Unpacking our faith** | December 7 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Sundays @ 4** | December 7 | 4:00 p.m.

**Compline** | December 7 | 8:00 p.m.



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