



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people

WELCOME

It is so wonderful to gather and worship together! For hearing assistance, headsets are available. For communion, if you are unable to move to the altar, arrangements can be made for you receive communion in your pew - please speak with a duty warden or sidesperson at the entrance to the church. Sunday school resources are currently available online.

The flowers are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of John Nelson and Evalina Maria "Cindy" Sezlik.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6th, 2020

10.30 am Holy Eucharist

Service music: Wood in E

Prelude

Veni, veni, Emmanuel (Christmas Suite No. 2) – Garth Edmundson

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Advent Prose

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;

here may God's people find home.

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Because of war, because of violence in our communities,
because there is still so much unrest in our hearts;

Because so many swords have not yet been beaten into ploughshares,
we yearn for the coming of God's kingdom.

In the face of feeling overwhelmed,
a candle of peace is lit.

Let the light from this candle say to all:
God's peace is coming on earth, as it already is in heaven.

Friends, be not afraid, God's hope and peace are at hand!

Collect of the Day

God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world's scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:1:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism

of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Motet

Ave Maris Stella - Edvard Grieg

Ave, maris stella, Dei mater alma, atque semper Virgo, felix caeli porta. Solve vincla reis, profer lumen caecis, mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta posce. Vitam praesta puram, iter para tutum, ut videntes Jesum, semper collaetemur. Sit laus Deo patri, summo Christo decus spiritui sancto, tribus honor unus. Amen. | Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God, and also always a virgin, happy gate of heaven. Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind, drive away our evils, ask for all good. Keep life pure, make the journey safe, so that, seeing Jesus, we may always rejoice together. Let there be praise to God the Father, Glory to Christ in the highest, to the Holy Spirit, one honor to all three. Amen

Prayers of the People

As we prepare for the festival of Jesus' birth, let us pray that we hear God's word clearly and receive the faith God gives.

Holy One, who astonishes us with surprising gifts, we pray for your church and for people of faith in every language and belief, that your wisdom will show us our common life, and that all people may rejoice in what you create. O God, who is with us,

hear our prayer.

Giver of the stars and planets, creator of rivers and oceans, and creatures large and small, we pray for wisdom as we live on and with your earth. Evoke in us awe for your goodness in these familiar surroundings: our hills and valleys, forests and deserts, that the powers you have placed here to move through soil and air will remind us always of your bounty and your love. O God, who is with us,

hear our prayer.

Power above all powers, we pray for the leaders of governments in every nation, that they may have wisdom to choose what serves the common good. O God, who is with us,

hear our prayer.

Lover of all creation, we pray for all those we too easily forget: those of your children who are poor, or homeless, or in prison; those who are sick, or lonely, or frightened; all who hunger for faith and hope. Care for them, that they may be strengthened by joy in your healing. O God, who is with us,

hear our prayer.

Holy One, in whose community we thrive, we pray for those with whom we share our daily lives: our families, friends, and neighbors, those with whom we work and play, those whose names we do not know who provide for us, that we may all be renewed in courage and nurtured in hope. O God, who is with us,

hear our prayer.

Sustainer of your people, we give you thanks for members of the body of Christ in every age and every place who, by their witness, bring us here today. Come to us in Christ, O God, that we who live in this world by faith may see that faith confirmed in the world to come; through the risen One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

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

Hark, a herald voice is sounding

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

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

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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: *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.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glorify you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. Honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glorify you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

For Communion, please proceed to the centre of the altar rail and remain standing. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for gluten-free, hold out one hand; for bread, hold out two hands. Keep your mask on until you have received the bread, then move two metres to either side of the Celebrant to remove your mask and partake of communion, before returning to your seat via one of the side aisles. If you are unable to move to the altar, please speak with a Duty Warden or Sidesperson to arrange for communion to be brought to you.

Agnus Dei

Motet

Ave verum - Elgar

Ave verum Corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie! O Jesu Fili Mariae. Amen. | Hail, real body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed

with water and blood; be unto us the foretaste in the trial of death. O gentle, O holy one! O Jesu, Son of Mary. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, 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.**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and may the blessing of God be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter (BWV 650) – J.S. Bach

Following the service, you are welcome to remain in your pew and enjoy some quiet time in the sacred space. When ready to depart, please exit the church directly, as we are not permitted to gather and visit inside. Thank you!

Celebrant
Gospeller
Preacher
Organist
Sung by
Readers
Intercessor
Duty Warden

Canon Hilary Murray
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Courtney Bolak, Jessica Wilson
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Readings for next Sunday, December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 6th – Advent II

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

4 pm – The O Antiphons

Sunday, December 13th – Advent III

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 20th – Advent IV

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

4 pm – Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

7.30 pm – Choral Eucharist

10 pm – Festal Eucharist with Bishop Shane

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist with Children's Story

Sunday, December 27th, Christmas I

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day

Noon – Choral Eucharist with Archbishop Linda Nicholls

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