



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 lives of Barbara and Barrie Coutts and Fred Thorpe.

Today members of the Cathedral music ministry are supporting morning worship at St. Paul's Cobden and Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Pembroke.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13th, 2020

10.30 am Holy Eucharist

Service music: Deutsche Messe – Franz Schubert

Prelude

Voluntary on 'Winchester New' - C.S. Lang

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

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

Around us, there are shadows of sadness –
families who have lost loved ones, people in prison, people who are isolated and feel on their own.

Around us, there are shadows of grief –
people dreading the holidays because of painful memories, people not wanting to spend another Christmas alone.

In the face of sadness and grief,
a candle of joy is lit.

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, be not afraid, God's hope, peace and joy are at hand!

Collect of the Day

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its

shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

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. Then they said among the nations, "the Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 9-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one

whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Motet

Rejoice greatly – Healey Willan

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

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

On Jordan's Bank – Winchester New

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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.

Glory to 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.

Glory to 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

Hark! a messenger is calling – Bryan Kelly

Hark! a messenger is calling 'Christ is nigh', it seems to say; 'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!' Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shine upon the morning skies. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven. So when next he comes in glory, And earth's final hour draws near, May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear. Honour, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son, With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run.

THE SENDING FORTH

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **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.

Commissioning of Senior Girl Choristers

Dean

To achieve our goal of promoting excellence in sacred music, some Cathedral choristers are called to positions of leadership, working with their director to ensure high standards of musical discipline. Today we give thanks for the service of last year's senior girls, particularly those whose tenure was foreshortened by the pandemic. And we commission new leaders in our Girls' Choir.

James

Dean Bretzlaff, I present to you: Mallory Williams and Oonagh Calkin to be commissioned as Head Choristers and Emma Williams to be commissioned as Chaplain's Chorister.

Dean

Mallory, Oonagh, and Emma, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as leaders in the Cathedral Girls' Choir?

Choristers

I do, and I will faithfully uphold this ministry to which I have been called.

Dean

May God, who has given you gifts of music and leadership, bless you and give you the grace and determination to carry out the ministry to which you have been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Fugue in C (BWV 545) - 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
Organists
Service sung by
Readers
Intercessor
Duty Warden

Canon Doug Richards
Canon Hilary Murray
Dean Beth Bretzlaff
James Calkin & Aleesha Katary
Members of the Cathedral Girls' Choir
Karen McBride and Sally Gomery
Emma Williams
Jane Morris

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Readings for next Sunday, December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 13th – Advent III

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday, December 20th – Advent IV

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

4 pm – Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

7.30 pm – Sung Eucharist

10 pm – Sung Eucharist with Bishop Shane Parker Preaching

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist with Children's Story

Sunday, December 27th, Christmas I

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day

Noon – Sung Eucharist with Archbishop Linda Nicholls Preaching

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