



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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

WELCOME

It is so wonderful to gather and worship together! Please note that masks are required to be worn at all times except when receiving communion. If you require a headset for hearing assistance or you require communion to be brought to you in the pew, please speak with a Duty Warden or Sidesperson. Children may be taken to Sunday School in the Great Hall before the service, and they will return to the Cathedral during the Peace. Please join us for a social time in the Great Hall following the service.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19th, 2021

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Communion Service in A – Nares/Greene

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Asalyn Meakin, Canon J. W. R. and Oriole Meakin, and Alex and Moletta Hodgins; and also, in loving memory of Col. Ted Price, Mary W. Price and Karen S. Price.

Prelude

Carol – Percy Whitlock

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.

Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

By the light of these candles may we worship the God of hope, peace, joy and love.

Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 341

God of mercy, God of grace

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

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.

Trisagion

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

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat

Setting by Ben Parry

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Gradual

Gabriel's Message – arr. Tim Piper

The angel Gabriel from heaven came His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame 'All hail' said he 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady, Gloria! For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold, most highly favoured lady, Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head 'To me, be as it pleaseth God' she said 'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name' most highly favoured lady, Gloria! Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 117

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Maker and Lover of all, in the mystery of your kindness you have bound us to each other, and called us to serve the earth and its people.

So hear us, as in this cathedral we pray for Bishop Shane and for all our diocesan parishes, that they may ever be centres of faith, hospitality and imagination, modelling the future rather than lamenting the past.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for the life in our bodies, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by ill health, depression, grief or rejection, asking for the healing, the affirming, the listening which will encourage and restore them. And we give thanks for those whom we have loved and see no longer; may their souls rest in peace.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Conscious of the peace of this place, we pray for those who have no peace because of war or the fear of war, or the threat of violence, or the grip of hunger, or the loss of hope. May the voice of the victims be heard and the work of peacemakers be blessed.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Surrounded by the rolling and tender beauty of the Ottawa Valley, we pray for the earth, especially where it is damaged by human carelessness and threatened by human greed. We pray for those suffering the aftermath of floods in our land and all manner of natural disasters in our world. May we learn to care for your earth and all its inhabitants as you do.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Knowing that you hear us when we pray, we take a moment to offer silently all those people and situations that are on our hearts this day.

Silence.

We commit all our cares and concern to you, gracious God, trusting in your compassionate love. **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 320

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Please note that the collection plate will be passed and is also available at the back of the Cathedral before and after the service. You may also make an offering to the Cathedral by sending an e-transfer to info@ottawacathedral.ca or by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5519>. Thank you!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

For Communion, please proceed to the altar rail in two lines. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for gluten-free, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. The common cup has been deemed safe, but if you are uncomfortable taking the cup, receiving in one kind is full communion. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is strictly prohibited. Please remove your mask, receive communion, and replace your mask before returning to your seat via one of the side aisles.

Motet

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

Ave Maria gratia plena, Dominus tecum, et benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this 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

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 362

Tell out, my soul

Postlude

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

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READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

December 26th – First Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY SERVICES

December 19th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

4 pm Family Christmas Concert

Christmas Eve

4 pm Family Service with Eucharist | 7 pm Choral Eucharist | 10 pm Festal Eucharist for Christmas

Christmas Day

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (BCP) | 10:30 am Choral Eucharist with Children's Homily at the Crèche

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New Year's Day, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's 125th Anniversary

Noon Choral Eucharist with Archbishop Linda Nicholls

January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (BCP) | 10:30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

January 9th, Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (BCP) | 10:30 am Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist (BAS)

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