



# SUNDAY EUCHARIST INCLUDING PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

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CHRIST'S CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

*As sojourners on this land, we acknowledge the heritage and history of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. As partners with them and with all of God's Creation, we honour and respect these nations. We walk together with all whom we meet here justly, mercifully and humbly.*

## The Gathering of the Community

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude on O Come Emmanuel

*Frank Speller*

### INTROIT

*Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes:  
et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae in laetitia  
cordis vestri.  
Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis, velut ovem, Ioseph.*

*People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the  
nations:  
and the Lord shall make the glory of his voice to be heard  
in the joy of your heart.  
Give ear, O thou that rulest Israel: thou that leadest  
Joseph like a sheep.*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*The tradition of the Advent Wreath goes back to early Europe. The successive lighting of four candles on each Sunday in Advent symbolizes the marking of the weeks leading to Christmas and the Birth of Our Lord as well as the sense of increasing Light in the face of lengthening Darkness.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets  
but in our days you spoke through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
He shall bring sal - va-tion to Is-ra-el, God ful- fills the prom - ise.

## THE KYRIE

*The Kyrie is an ancient prayer of the church drawing our hearts to God's presence. As an approach to worship it also brings a moment for penitence and absolution before the Eucharist continues.*

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare to celebrate this Holy Eucharist.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures of the day.*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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,  
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 Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

*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!”

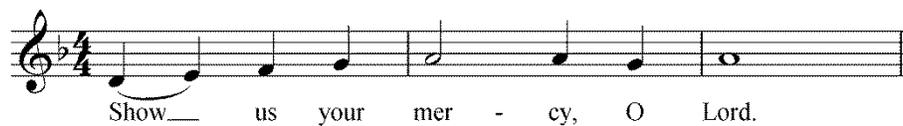
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE PSALM

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Please join with the Cantor in the singing of the Refrain*

*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.

#### REFRAIN

I will listen to what the Lord God **is** saying, (1)  
for God is speaking peace to his faith-**ful** people (1)  
and to those who turn their hearts **to** him. (2)  
Truly, his salvation is very near to those **who** fear him (3),  
that his glory may dwell **in** our land. (4)

#### REFRAIN

Mercy and truth have met **to**-gether;  
righteousness and peace have kissed **each** other.  
Truth shall spring up from **the** earth,  
and righteousness shall look **down** from heaven.

## REFRAIN

The Lord will indeed grant **pros**-perity,  
and our land will yield **its** increase.  
Righteousness shall go **be**-fore him,  
and peace shall be a pathway **for** his feet.

## REFRAIN

## THE SECOND READING

*2 Peter 3: 8-15a*

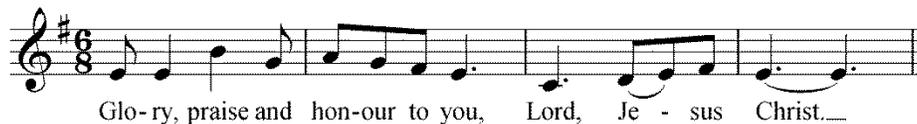
But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the 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. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## THE GRADUAL



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

*Mark 1: 1-8*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour 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.**

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ. Please respond as directed by the Intersessor.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## THE OFFERTORY

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.*

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## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*From Messiah*

*George Frederick Handel*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*(Isaiah 40: 1-3)*

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry moutain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

*(Isaiah 40: 4)*

## 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

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts in adoration

**We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to the Living God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and\_ might, Heav'n and earth are  
full\_ of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bles-sed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.”  
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

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.

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### THE INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the blessed sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you were already there I embrace you,  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.**

**Jesus,  
I want to follow you: to see you more clearly;  
love you more dearly; and follow you more nearly.  
So come into my heart,  
so that we may share life together.  
Amen**

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*From Messiah*

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O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!

*(Isaiah 40: 9)*

## 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.**

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

Now Come Saviour of the world BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

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