



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Celebrant: The Reverend Michael Perry

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Johan van 't Hof/Cantor: Mekhriban Mamedova

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.



Please remember to wear your mask.

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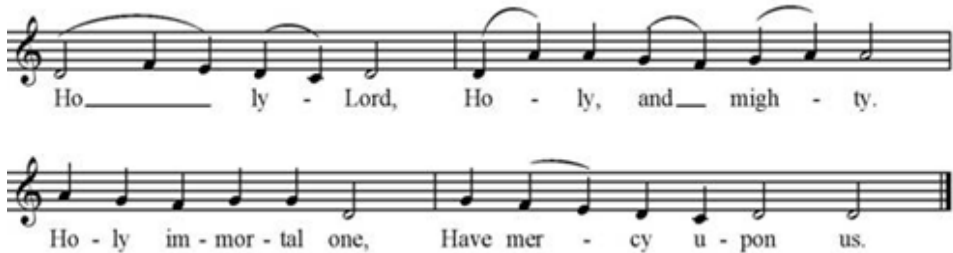
*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
and in thanksgiving for this holy season as we celebrate the Incarnation.*

The Gathering of the Community

- Prelude** *Prière à Notre Dame* LÉON BOËLLMANN
- Introit** *I Sing of a Maiden That Is Makeless* MAURICE WHITE
- Choir** *I sing of a maiden that is makeless; (matchless)
King of all Kings to her son she ches. He came all so still where his mother was, as
dew in April that falleth on the grass. Mother and maiden was never none but she;
Well may such a Lady God's mother.*
- Celebrant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- All** **And also with you.**
- Celebrant** Almighty God,
All **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

Cantor



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 Lesson *2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16*

Read by Isabelle Robinson

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will

plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26 *Misericordias Domini.* Said responsively.

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *

“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

**20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

**22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

**24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my name.**

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation’

Second Lesson *Romans 16.25-27*

Read by Isabelle Robinson

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.*All* **Thanks be to God.****Gradual Hymn 96** *Creator of the Stars of Night* (vs. 1-2)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Cantor *Creator of the stars at night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.*

*Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty by healing gifts of heavenly grace.*

The Holy Gospel *Luke 1.26-38**Gospeller* The Lord be with you.*All* **And also with you.***Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be

impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn 96 *Creator of the Stars of Night* (vs. 3)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Cantor *When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst, in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.*

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Anthem *Magnificat – St. Andrew's Service*

ALASTAIR STOUT

(Recorded at Evensong in Chichester Cathedral on August 24, 2019)

Choir *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 showed strength with his arm; and he hath scattered the proud in the
imaginings of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath
exalted the humble and meek. 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.*

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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: 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.

Prayers of the People

Led by Dr Ted Robinson

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 362 *Tell Out, My Soul*

WOODLANDS

*Choir Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name—the Lord, the mighty one.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

*Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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.**

Lord's Prayer – *said together*

All **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 them that 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

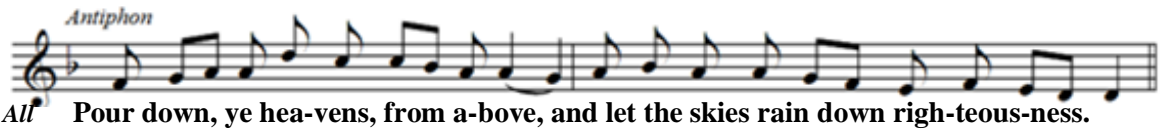
Missa de Santa Maria Magdalena – Healey Willan

Choir *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Holy Communion

- *Holy Communion will be served in one kind only (bread).*
- *Please proceed to the standing Communion station at the chancel steps following the direction of the sides-people.*
- *Proceed up the centre aisle. Receive the wafer in your hands.*
- *Step to the floor marking on the pulpit or lectern side.*
- *Remove your mask and consume the wafer.*
- *Replace your mask and return to your pew from the side aisle.*
- *If you prefer a blessing, please indicate this to the priest. It will be given from a distance.*

The Advent Prose



Cantor Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord; and remember not our sins for ever.
Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers* praised you.

All **Pour down, O heavens, from above; and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Cantor We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a
leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us; and abandoned us to our iniquities.

All **Pour down, O heavens, from above; and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Cantor You are my witnesses, says the Lord; and my servant whom I have chosen;
that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can
deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

All **Pour down, O heavens, from above; and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Cantor Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed.
I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you.
I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer.

All **Pour down, O heavens, from above; and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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 & Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 114 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

Choir *Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.*

*Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah! See the day of God appear!*

*Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!*

Postlude *Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733*

J.S. BACH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Christmas Services

Sunday, December 20 – Festival of Lessons and Carols, broadcast at 4.00 pm.
Pre-recorded Live-Stream only.

Wednesday, December 23 - 11.00 am Holy Eucharist

Space is limited to a total of 10 people for all in-person services.
Please call the office to pre-register.

Thursday, December 24 – **Christmas Eve**

Space is limited to a total of 10 people for all in-person services.
Please call the office to pre-register.

3 pm – Holy Eucharist – Please pre-register

5 pm – Holy Eucharist – Please pre-register

7 pm – Holy Eucharist – Please pre-register

9 pm – Sung Eucharist *with Bishop Kevin Robertson*. Live-stream only.

December 25 – Christmas Day

10.30 am – Holy Eucharist - Please pre-register

Sunday, December 27 - First Sunday after Christmas

10.30 am – Holy Eucharist - Live-stream

Our Christmas service schedule is also on the website.

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School on-line on Sundays at 10.30 am. At this time, children under the age of 10 are asked to sit with their parents in Church.

Flower Donations: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, there are openings in January, 2021 on January 10, 17, 24 and 31. Please let the office know.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Anglican Church Women (Enid Corbett, Diocesan President)

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer Pray for the Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, its food bank, prayer shawl ministry, and support of Sleeping Children Around the World and other outreach initiatives;

for the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath, its school breakfast and lunch programs, its weekly dinners, its Deacon's Cupboard, and support of Warkworth Hospice; and for Christ Church, Bolton, its support for Caledon Community Services, its community garden, prayer shawl ministry, Christmas stocking outreach to the King Nursing Home, and support of other local outreach programs.

Parish Cycle Lorna Howell, Audrey Hughes, Margie Huycke, Michele Hynes

Home Bound Parishioners Byron Armstrong, Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.



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