



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

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Canticle 3 For the readings see 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting: The Reverend Jennifer Matthews

Mass Setting: Missa Santa Maria Magdalena - Sanctus/Benedictus

Missa Corde Natus ex parentis - Agnus Dei Healey Willan



*Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.
Children going to church school are invited to gather by the font
after the lighting of the wreath.
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.*

*We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New
Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat, on whose
land, and by whose water we gather to talk, listen, learn, worship, share and heal
together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein."
Psalm 24.1 (BAS p.732)*

Gathering of the Community

MAURICE WHITE

Introit *Behold, the Saviour is at hand!
Prepare ye, prepare ye to receive the Lord your God.*

Hymn 98 *Hark The Glad Sound* CP 224 RICHMOND

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 with thy spirit.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader On this Third Sunday of Advent we remember the peace that Jesus came to bring. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord. Like him may we watch and wait faithfully for the coming of Jesus our Messiah and king.

The third candle is lit.

Leader Arise, Shine for your light is come

All **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Leader Though night still covers the earth
And darkness covers the nations,

All **Over you will the Lord arise,
Over you will his glory appear.**

Leader Grant us Lord to walk in the light of Christ, that like John the Baptist and the prophets of old, we may be found ready and watching on the day of his coming.

All **Blessed be God forever and ever. Amen.**

Kyrie

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

5 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

11 Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

18 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson *Zephaniah 3.14–20*

Read by David McPherson

Reader The Old Testament Lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of the book of Zephaniah, beginning at the 14th verse.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 3



Cantor

Surely, it is **God** who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be a-**fraid**.

All

For the Lord is my stronghold and my **sure** defence, *
and he will be my **Sa**-viour.

Cantor

Therefore you shall draw water **with** rejoicing *
from the springs of sal-**va**-tion.

All

And on that day **you** shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **name**;

Cantor

make his deeds known a-**mong** the peoples; *
see that they remember that his name is e-**xal**-ted.

All

Sing the praises of the Lord, for **he** has done great₁ things, *
and this is known in all the **world**.

Cantor

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring **out** your joy, *

All

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Isra-**el**.

Epistle *Philippians 4.4–7*

Read by Marian McPherson

Reader

The Epistle is written in the 4th chapter of the letter of Paul to the Philippians, beginning at the 4th verse.

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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Luke 3.7–18*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 7th verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Advent Prose - *Please kneel or be seated.*



Pour down, O hea-vens, from a - bove, and let the skies rain down right-eous-ness

Choir 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...***

Choir 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...***

Choir 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...***

Choir 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...***

Homily

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and**

the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Led by Peggy Needham

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:
Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith: If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1,2

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept. Please kneel, as able.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect the wishes of those who prefer not to shake hands.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 116 *Your Kingdom Come On Bended Knee*

IRISH

During the hymn collection will be taken.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. 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 with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - -
-ly, Lord God of hosts, hea - ven and
earth are full - of - thy glo - ry: Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord most High. Bless - ed - is he that com - eth -
in - the name - of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Celebrant And now, as our Sav-iour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
Music by John Merbecke
All Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en. Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-
dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give
those who tres-pass a-against us; And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We do not presume,

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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 thy peace.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded:
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder:
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no mortal ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.

3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
light, who dost my soul enlighten,
joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,
fount, whence all my being floweth,
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

4 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Motet *This is the Record of John*

ORLANDO GIBBONS

COUNTERTENOR SOLO: RICHARD CUNNINGHAM

*1 This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not,
and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.*

*2 And they asked him,
What art thou then?
Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.*

*3 Then said they unto him,
What art thou?
that we may give an answer unto
them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said,
I am the voice of him
that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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.**

Blessing

Announcements *Please be seated.*

Hymn 101 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

CRÜGER

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland - BWV661*
(Come now Redeemer)

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10:30 am 1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

2nd Sunday – Choral Matins

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

4th Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

Sunday Evensong – As Announced

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

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