



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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
Canticle 18 For the readings see 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am

Clergy: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine
The Reverend Jennifer Matthews

Mass Setting: Kyrie, Sanctus/Benedictus Deutsche Messe - Franz Schubert.
Agnus Dei - Missa of Our Lady of the Snows – Stephen Hatfield

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.



*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and
in honour of the clergy, wardens, choir and many volunteers of
St. Peter and St. Simon's and San Lorenzo Ruiz by Duncan and Barbara Towe.*

*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)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Ave Maria* – Nancy Nourse - Flute, Alison Jane - piano

FRANZ SCHUBERT

Introit *I sing of a maiden that is makeless*

MAURICE WHITE

*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 be.*

Hymn 362 *Tell out, my Soul*

WOODLANDS

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader On this fourth Sunday of Advent we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus who responded to God's call with faith and joy. May we, like her, share in bringing God's love and healing into the world and give witness to her Son, Jesus the light of the world.

The fourth candle is lit.

Leader We wait for your loving kindness O God,

All **In the midst of your temple.**

Leader The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

All **And all flesh shall see it together.**

Leader Show us your mercy O Lord.

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Kyrie

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All **Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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 *Please be seated.*

Old Testament Lesson *Micah 5.2–5a*

Read by Kevin Sinclair

Reader A reading from the book of Micah.

But 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.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat *Please remain seated.*

Havergal



My soul doth ' magnify the ' Lord. : And my spirit hath ' rejoiced in ' God my ' Saviour.
For ' he hath re'garded : the ' lowli-ness ' of his ' handmaiden:

For be' hold, from ' henceforth : all gene' rations shall ' call me ' blessed.
For he that is mighty hath ' magni-fied ' me: and ' holy ' is his ' Name.

And his mercy is on ' them that ' fear him: throughout ' all ' gene' rations.
He hath shewed ' strength - with his ' arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin' ation ' 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 a'way.

He re' membering his ' mercy : hath ' holpen his ' servant ' Israel :
As he promised ' to our ' forefathers, Abraham ' and his ' seed for ' ever.

The Epistle *Hebrews 10.5–10*

Read by Katherine Jones


Reader A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

Consequently, 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

All 
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...***

The Holy Gospel *Luke 1.39–45, (46–55)*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **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 leapt 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 leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Nicene Creed *Please stand, as able.*

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 *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Led by Kevin Sinclair

Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing

Celebrant Holy Scripture teaches us that in acts of healing and restoration our Lord Jesus and his disciples laid hands on the sick and anointed them. By so doing they made known the healing power and presence of God. Pray that as we follow our Lord's example, you may know his unfailing love.

Those who would like to be anointed are invited at this time to the St. Peter's altar at the south side of the church.

Hymn 92 *O Day of God*

BELLWOODS

Confession of Absolution – BAS p. 191

Silence is kept. You are invited to kneel. The celebrant invites to confession of sin. Then is said,

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.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn *Sing of Mary*

HERMON

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin-mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.

Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus,
holy Mother's holier son.
From his throne in heav'n he sees us,
thither calls us ev'ry one,
where he welcomes home his Mother
to a place at his right hand,
there his faithful servants gather,
there the crowned victors stand.

Joyful Mother, full of gladness,
in thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness,
all thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded
with a crown at Jesus' hand,
age to age thy name recorded
shall be blest in every land.

Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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, CP #735
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,
we 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

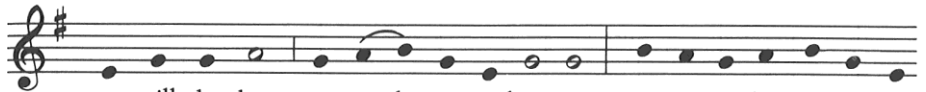


Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,

Music by McNeil Robinson



All Our Fa-ther in heav- en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly



bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,



the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.**

Agnus Dei

All *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us 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.

Hymn 269 *Heavenly Message*

PIED-DE-PORT

Motet *Fair in Face*

HEALEY WILLAN

Fair in face, but fairer far in thy faith, blessèd art thou, O Virgin Mary; despising the world, thou shalt rejoice with the angels: Pray thou for us all. O holy and spotless maidenhood, I wot not how to praise thee. Pray thou for us all.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand, as able.*

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.**

Blessing

Announcements *Please be seated.*

Hymn 114 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSEY

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude