



Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Michael Perry

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Robin Davis / Cantor: Katherine Jones

Countertenor Solo: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Mass Setting: *Mass for 4 Voices* – Kyrie & Agnus Dei – William Byrd



Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the Church.

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*
or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God by May Lewis.

Please remember to wear your mask.

This service is being live-streamed for those worshipping from home.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake) BWV 645*

J.S. BACH

Introit *Behold, the Saviour is at Hand*

MAURICE WHITE

Behold, the Saviour is at hand.

Prepare ye, prepare ye to receive the Lord your God.

Greeting

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Choir *Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson Isaiah 40.1-11

Read by Stephanie Woodside

Reader The first lesson is written in the 40th chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine. Sung responsively.*

Tone VII-7



¹ LORD, thou art become gracious **un**-to thy land: /
 thou hast restored the for-**tunes** of Ja-cob.

² *Thou hast forgiven the of-**fence** of thy pe-ople, / and **co**-vered all their sin.*

⁸ I Will hearken what the **Lord** God will say: /
 for he shall speak peace unto his people to his saints,
 and unto them that **turn** their heart to him.

⁹ *Surely his salvation is nigh **them** that fear him, / that glory may **dw**ell in our land.*

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are **met** to-ge-ther: / righteousness and peace have **kiss**-ed each other.

¹¹ *Truth springeth **out** of the earth; /
 and righteousness hath looked **down** from heaven.*

¹² Yea, the Lord shall **give** what is good; / and our land shall **yield** her in-crease.

¹³ *Righteousness shall **go** be-fore him, / and shall direct his **go**-ing in the way.*

Epistle 2 Peter 3.8-15A

Read by Stephanie Woodside

Reader The Epistle is written in the 3rd chapter of the 2nd Epistle of Peter, beginning at the 8th verse.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 88 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (vs 1-2)

STUTT GART

Cantor *Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

The Holy Gospel *Mark 1.1-8*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

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

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn 88 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (vs 3-4)

STUTT GART

Cantor *Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Homily *Please be seated.*

Anthem *This is the Record of John* (previously recorded in 2018)

ORLANDO GIBBONS

Countertenor Solo – Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

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. 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. 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.

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

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.*

Confession, and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession.

Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.

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

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all people,
and especially to them that are of the household of faith. *Galatians 6.10.*

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 106 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

ASCENSION

*Choir There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
the valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!*

*O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.*

*But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord is strong,
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.*

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
the valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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

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 very 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.

The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Celebrant 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 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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 – *Please sit or kneel*

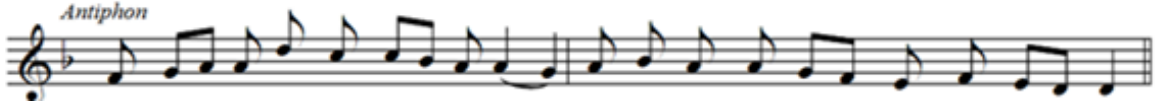
Choir *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

- *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



Response Pour down, ye hea-vens, from a-bove, and let the skies rain down righ-teous-ness.

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.

R. 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.

R. 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.

R. 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.

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

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Celebrant 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.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 'BWV 660' *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
(Come now, Saviour of the Heathen)

J.S. BACH

Parish Announcements

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Services

- **Wednesday, December 9** - 11.00 am Holy Eucharist
Space is limited to a total of 10 people. Please call the office to pre-register.
- **Sunday, December 13** *Third Sunday of Advent*
10.30 am Choral Matins. Live-Stream only
- **Sunday, December 20** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
4:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols. Pre-recorded Live-Stream only.

For our schedule of Christmas services please visit 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.

Jubilate!

The next issue of our church newsletter, Jubilate! will appear December 20. It will be the Christmas issue. Please consider sharing your news and your Christmas joy by getting your articles, pictures, prayers, and requests to Peggy Needham (peggyneedham@sympatico.ca). *Please note, the deadline is today, December 6.* Jubilate! means rejoice!

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. If you would like to donate Christmas flowers for our upcoming Christmas services, please contact the Church office by Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury); The Rt Rev'd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish

Reformed Episcopal Church.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Project Ploughshares - The Peace Institute of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer Pray for All Saints, Peterborough, its food voucher program, support of the Good Neighbour Care Centre and Kawartha Food Share for All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop-in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade, and its community agency connections; and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, Christmas outreach ministries, and support of North House Transitional Housing and Durham Community Care-COPE.

Parish Cycle Bryan & Angela Gransden, Robert Gretton, Lawrine Griffith, Daphne Harris.

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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