



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

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**

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

## **Choral Matins at 10:30 am**

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Preacher: The Reverend Michael Perry

Organist: Maurice White / Cantor: Ian Corlett

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Please remember to wear your mask.

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

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God  
and in thanksgiving for the life and friendship of Anthony Jeffery,  
from his friends Geoffrey Sangwine, Fariba Sajadi and Giovanni Garay.*

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**Prelude** *Sleepers, Wake*

JOHAN WALTHER

**Introit** *Thou Cam'st the Bridegroom of the Bride*

MAURICE WHITE

*Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the Bride as drew the world to eventide  
proceeding from a virgin shrine the spotless Victim all divine.*

**Opening Sentence**

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matthew 3.2*

**Hymn 89** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

*Cantor*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go. Refrain*

*O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain*

*O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them  
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain*

*O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Refrain*

### **Invitation to Confession – BCP p. 4**

#### **Confession – BCP pp. 4-5**

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All* **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

#### **The Absolution – BCP p. 5**

#### **The Lord's Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6**

**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.**

**Versicles & Responses – BCP p. 6**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*All* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.** *You are invited to stand.*

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*All* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**The Venite – Psalm 95** *Said together.*

Our King and Saviour draweth nigh: / O come, let us worship.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: /

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; /

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day, O that ye would hear his voice: /

'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,

and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, /

"It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

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.

Our King and Saviour draweth nigh: / O come, let us worship.

**Psalm 126** *In convertendo. Please be seated*  
*Duet Soprano Katherine Jones & Flute Nancy Nourse*

NANCY NOURSE

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, / then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, / "The Lord has done great things for them."  
<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, / and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, / like the watercourses of the Negev.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears / will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, / will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**First Lesson** *Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11*

*Reader* The first lesson is written in the 61<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Benedicite, Omnia Opera** *Please stand.*

VIII. 1.



*Cantor* O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:  
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

*R* O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye Heavens, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:

*R* O ye sun and moon, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye stars of heaven, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O ye showers and dew, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye winds of God, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

*R* O ye fire and heat, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye winter and summer, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye frost and cold, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

*R* O ye ice and snow, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye nights and days, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O ye light and darkness, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O ye lightnings and clouds, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*R* O let the earth bless the **Lord**: praise him and magnify **him** forever.

*Cantor* O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O all ye green things upon the Earth, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

*R* O ye wells, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye seas and floods, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O ye whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O all ye Fowls of the Air, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

*R* O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O ye children of earth, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*Cantor* O let Israel bless the **Lord**: praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

*R* O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O ye servants of the Lord, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

*Cantor* O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the **Lord**:  
O ye holy and humble of heart, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

*R* O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the **Lord**:  
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

## Second Lesson *John 1.6-8, 19-28*

*Reader* The second lesson is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel According to St John, beginning at the 6<sup>th</sup> verse.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Jubilate Deo** (Psalm 100) from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

*Choir*

JOHN SANDERS  
Organist: David Smith

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11**

*Officiant* I believe in God

*All* **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father

*All* **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. Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*All* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save the Queen;

*All* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*All* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;

*All* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*All* **And evermore mightily defend us.**

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*All* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Advent**

*Officiant* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace**

*Officiant* O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Grace**

*Officiant* O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anthem** *I Waited for the Lord – Elijah* (Recorded live in Jan 2016) FELIX MENDELSSOHN

*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in him.*

**Homily** The Reverend Michael Perry

**Hymn 103** *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

*Sung by the Choir*

*On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.*

*To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost, evermore.*

**The Prayers & General Thanksgiving – BCP p. 14**

*Officiant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**Prayer of St Chrysostom**

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## 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.

## The Grace

*All* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

**Postlude** *Fugue on the Kyrie from an Organ Mass*

FRANÇOIS COUPERIN

## Parish Announcements

*The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.*

### Services

- **Wednesday, December 16** - 11.00 am Holy Eucharist  
Space is limited to a total of 10 people. Please call the office to pre-register.
- **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.

**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 Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)  
The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Peterborough Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer Pray for the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, its Café 65 program for seniors and support of the Community Share food bank; for the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry, its support of local outreach initiatives, education for reconciliation, and stream regeneration project with Kawartha Conservation; and for the Parish of Belmont, its involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Pikangikum Water Project, and its advocacy for affordable housing, food security, and poverty reduction.

Parish Cycle Spencer Higgins, Sabrina Hogan, Michael Holton, Esmee Hooper.

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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