



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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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

Choral Matins at 10:30 am

Officiant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Johan van't Hof / Cantor: James Coole-Stevenson

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 celebration of all vaccines which have made it possible to join together more safely
in song and prayer and presence, by Vanessa Scott.*

Prelude *Psalm Prelude No. 2*

HERBERT HOWELLS

*(On Psalm 37, verse 11 – “But the meek shall inherit the earth;
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”)*

Hymn *Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes*

(CP 224) RICHMOND

All Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace, to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim:
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Opening Sentences – *BCP* p. 1-3

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

Officiant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 BCP pp. 6-7 Sung by the Choir



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.

Song of Thanksgiving *Isaiah 12.2-6. Please be seated*

Sung by the Cantor & Choir



AND IN that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee:
 though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and **thou** com-for-tedst_ me.

Behold, God is **my** salvation;
 I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my sông; he also is
 become **my** salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells **of** salvation.
 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, **câll** üp-on his_name,

declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name **is** exalted.
Sing unto the LORD, for he hath done excellent things; this is **knöwn** in all the_earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabi-**tant** of Zion:
for great is the Holy One of Israel **in** the midst of_thee.

First Lesson *Zephaniah 3.14-20 - Read by Stephanie Woodside*

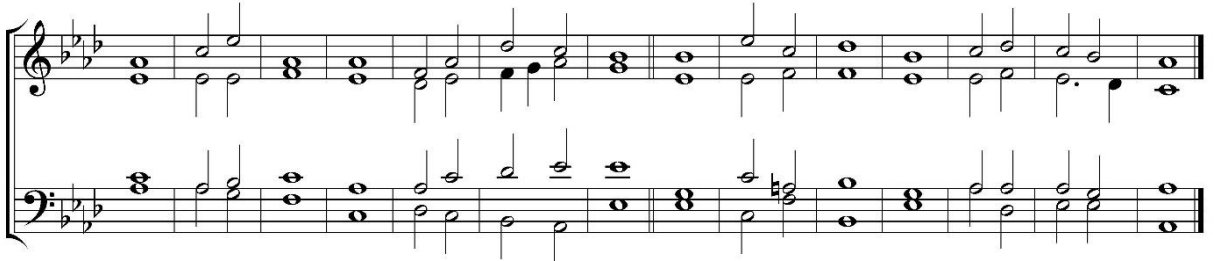
Reader The first lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of the Book of Zephaniah, beginning at the 14th verse.

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.**

Thomas Norris



Te Deum – BCP pp. 7-9 *Sung by the Choir*

We praise ' thee, O ' God; /
we acknowledge ' thee to ' be the ' Lord.

All the ' earth doth ' worship thee, /
the ' Father ' ever ' lasting.

To thee all angels ' cry a'loud /
the heavens and ' all the ' powers there'in.

To thee ' cherubim and ' seraphim /
con'tinual'ly do ' cry

Holy ' holy ' holy /
Lord ' God ' of ' hosts;

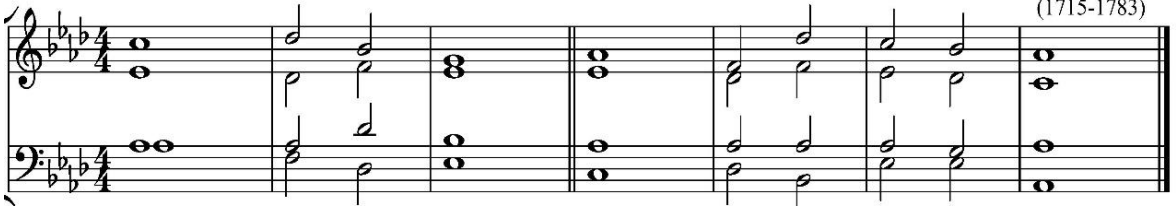
Heaven and ' earth are ' full /
of the ' majes·ty ' of thy ' glory.

The glorious company of the a'postles ' praise thee /
the goodly fellowship ' of the ' prophets ' praise thee;

The noble army of ' martyrs ' praise thee, /
The holy church throughout all the world ' doth ac'knowledge ' thee,

2nd The Father, of an ' infinite ' majesty /
thine honourable, true and only Son; also the ' Holy ' Ghost, the ' Comforter.

James Nares
(1715-1783)



Thou art the King of ' glory, O ' Christ. /
Thou art the ever'lasting ' Son of · the ' Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to de' liver ' man /
Thou didst not ab'hor the ' Virgin's ' womb.

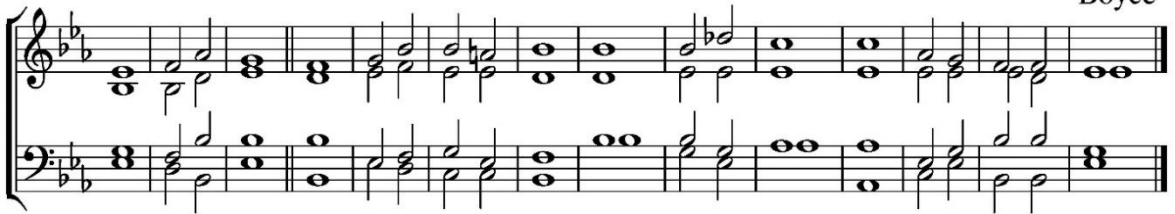
When thou hadst overcome the ' sharpness of ' death /
thou didst open the kingdom of ' heaven to ' all be'lievers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the ' glory · of the ' Father. /
We believe that thou shalt ' come to ' be our ' judge.

We therefore pray thee, ' help thy ' servants /
whom thou hast redeemed ' with thy ' precious ' blood.

Make them to be numbered ' with thy ' saints /
in ' glory ' ever'lasting.

Boyce



O Lord save thy people and ' bless thine ' heritage; /
Govern them and ' lift them ' up for ' ever.

Day by day we ' magni-fy ' thee; /
and we worship thy Name, ' ever ' world with-out ' end.

Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this ' day with-out ' sin. /
O Lord have mercy up ' on us, have ' mercy up ' on us.

O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our ' trust is · in ' thee. /
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me ' never ' be con ' founded.

Second Lesson *St. Luke 3.7-18*

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 ax 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Surge Illuminare *Sung by all. Please stand.*

Havergal



Arise, shine, for thy ' light is ' come, /
 and the glory of the Lord is ' risen up ' on thee.
 For, behold, the darkness shall ' cover the ' earth, /
 and gross ' darkness the ' people.
 But the Lord shall a ' rise up ' on thee, /
 and his glory shall be ' seen up ' on thee
 And the Gentiles shall ' come to · thy ' light, /
 and kings to the ' brightness · of thy ' rising.
 Thy gates shall be ' open con'tinually; /
 they shall not be shut ' day nor ' night.
 The sons also of ' them that · af ' flicted thee /
 shall come bending ' unto ' thee;
 And all ' they that · des'pised thee /
 shall bow themselves down at the ' soles of · thy ' feet.
 And they shall call thee the ' City · of the ' Lord, /
 the Zion of the ' Holy One · of ' Israel.
 Violence shall no more be ' heard in · thy ' land, /
 wasting nor destruction with'in thy ' borders.
 But thou shalt call thy ' walls Sal'vation, /
 and thy ' gates ' Praise.
 The sun shall be no more thy ' light by ' day, /
 neither for brightness shall the moon give ' light un-to ' thee,
 But the Lord shall be unto thee an ever'lasting ' light, /
 and thy ' God thy ' glory.
 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. A'men.

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 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.**

Officiant God of power and mercy, who call us once again to celebrate the coming of thy Son. Remove those things which hinder love of thee ~~you~~, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *The Collect of the Day*

Officiant ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour 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 Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.* *Collect for Advent*

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 Peace*

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.** *Collect for Grace*

Anthem *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*

JOHN STAINER

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

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

WINCHESTER NEW

All 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 for evermore.

Prayers

General Thanksgiving – BCP pp. 13-14

Officiant O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Advent Prose (*Music: adapted from Rorate Caeli*) Sung by the Cantor



Pour down, O heavens, from above. – and let the skies rain down righteousness.
 Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our sins forever.
 Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
 Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.**

Hymn 101 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

CRÜGER

All Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

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 *Master Tallis' Testament*

HERBERT HOWELLS

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada.

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 Elaine Knee-Chong, Sophie Knowles & David Cunningham, Larry Krotz & Stephanie Woodside.

Home Bound Parishioners Gail Birnie, Joyce Brighty, Nancy Byers, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Dennis Gittens, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster, Pam Young.
