



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

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

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

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am

The service begins of page 67 of the Prayer Book.

Choral Matins at 10:30 am

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

Church School takes place during the 10.30 am service.
Children will gather at the front of the nave during the opening hymn.

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Preacher: The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Director of Music: Robin Davis

Organist: Johan van 't Hof

Server: Paul Mitchell

Prelude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659)

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.

Opening Sentences – BCP p. 1-2

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

Other sentences may be added at the discretion of the Officiant.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader On this second Sunday of Advent, we remember John the Baptist.
John was a prophet. He was also the cousin of Jesus.

Leader John prepared people for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah.
He called them to turn and walk in a new way.

May we walk by faith, waiting and watching for Jesus, the Light of the world.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The second candle is lit.

Leader Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

All **For he has visited and redeemed his people,**

Leader He has raised up a mighty Saviour for us,

All **in the house of his servant David.**

Leader Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 89 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Confession & Absolution *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

The Officiant standing continues with the Preces.

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 All.



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 sal | vation.

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 a·bove | 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 pre | pared the · dry | land.

O come, let us worship and | fall | down /
* and | kneel be·fore 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 Temp | tation
| in the | wilderness;

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

Forty years long was I grieved with that gene | ration, 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.’

Glorify 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.

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

The First Lesson *Isaiah 40.1-11*

Read by Peggy Needham

Reader The first lesson is written in the 40th chapter of the Book of the prophet 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 for ever. 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

Tone VII-7



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

All: 2 Thou hast forgiven the of-fence of ⁊thy peo-ple, /
and co-ver-ēd all ⁊their sin.

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

All: 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, /
that glory may dwell in our land.

Cantor: 10 Mercy and truth are met to-geth-er: /
righteousness and peace have kiss-ed ⁊each o-ther.

All: 11 Truth springeth out of the earth; /
and righteousness hath looked down from hea-ven.

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

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

Cantor: Glory be to the Fa-ther, ⁊and to ⁊the Son / and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be /
world with-out end. A-men.

The Second Lesson 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Read by Mary Martin

Reader The second lesson is written in third chapter of the Second Letter 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 people 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. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Surge Illuminare *Sung by all. Please stand.*

Nicholson



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 Third Lesson *Mark 1.1-8*

Read by the Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Reader The third lesson is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark,
beginning at the first verse.

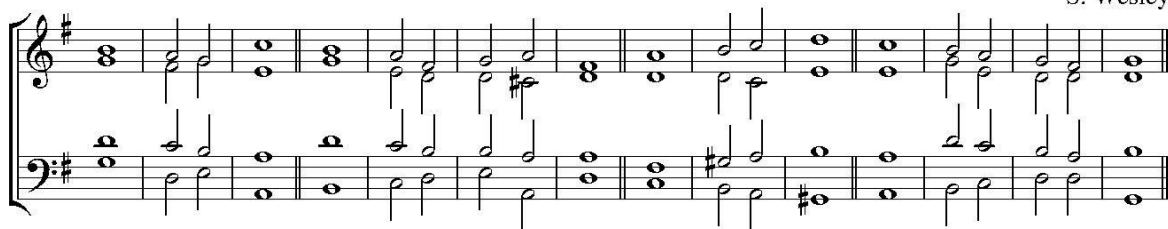
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight". John the baptizer appeared 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.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus *Sung by all. Please stand.*

S. Wesley



Blessed be the Lord | God of | Israel; /

* for he hath visited, | and re | deemed his | people;

and hath raised up a mighty sal | vation | for us, /

* in the | house of · his | servant | David;

as he spake by the mouth of his | holy | Prophets, /

* which have been | since the | world be | gan;

that we should be | saved from · our | enemies, /

* and from the | hands of | all that | hate us;

to perform the mercy promised | to our | forefathers, /

* and to re | member | his | holy covenant;

to perform the oath which he sware to our | fore-father | Abraham, /

* that | he would | grant | us

that we being delivered out of the | hands of · our | enemies /

* might | serve him · with | out | fear,

in holiness and | righteousness be | fore him, /

* all the | days of | our | life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the | Prophet · of the | Highest: /

* for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord · to pre | pare his | ways;

to give knowledge of salvation | unto his | people /

* for the re | mission | of their | sins;

through the tender mercy | of our | God; /

* whereby the day-spring | from on | high hath | visited us;

to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow of | death, /

* and to guide our feet | into the | way of | peace.

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.

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 King;

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 Collects

Officiant BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *Collect for the Second Sunday of 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: *Drop Down Ye Heavens*

RICHARD LLOYD

Sophie Knowles & Katherine Jones – soprano solo

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

*Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:*

our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

*We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:*

*our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:*

and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

*Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.
Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy god, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.*

Sermon

Hymn 108 *Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding*

MERTON

The Prayers

General Thanksgiving – *BCP* pp. 13-14

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 – *BCP* p. 15

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.**

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.**

Announcements

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

ASCENSION

Postlude *Marche Religieuse*

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Peterborough Deanery

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for* All Saints, Peterborough, its Food Security program, community garden, refugee sponsorship, partnership with Kawartha Food Share, snack program for those living rough on the street, and its youth ministry reaching children in the city with programming and fun all free of charge.

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, community garden and Christmas outreach ministries.

Parish Cycle: Mary Gordon, Cathy Graham, Angela Gransden, Deva Gunaseelan

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Nancy Byers, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Lucy Simons, Miriam Smart, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster.

Next Sunday's readings: Advent 3, Sunday December 17 (NRSVA)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

A Word From The Rector

Word From the Rector

On Christmas Eve at the 10 pm Festal Eucharist we are planning to sing the Nicene Creed. There are a number of settings that can be used. One is in our hymn book by John Merbecke and is often used with the his setting Gloria which we do sing on a regular basis. Another version is from the *Missa de Angelis* (Mass of the Angels) set in English by Healey Willan. This is a particularly beautiful setting appropriate for Christmas. We are inviting members of the congregation to join us after the service today for ten to fifteen minutes, and again on December 17 and 24 for a congregational rehearsal in preparation for the Christmas Eve Service. Geoffrey+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Flowers If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas, please use the envelopes found at the back of the Church. Include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged. Deadline for a memorial and/or thanksgiving is *12:00 pm Wednesday, December 20th*. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information, 416-921-2593.

Food Insecurity & Food Bank Needs

In 2022 over 2 million people in Canada accessed food banks. 33.1% were children, 45.4% were singles, 8.9% seniors, 49% were on social assistance and 1 in 7 were employed. In 2023 the numbers are even higher in Ontario. **Help SPSS build their food bank offerings!** Check your local grocery flyers. Even one item you might buy on sale and drop in our food box is important. The need falls into these non-perishable categories: **Grains**- cereals, granola bars, rice, pasta, flour. **Proteins**- canned fish and meat, beans, lentils, peanut butter. **Children's fruit snacks**. **Diet food**- for gluten, dairy and nut free needs. **Household products**- toilet paper, cleaning products, toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, etc. **Canned** fruit and vegetables, especially tomatoes and soups. Help us up our food bank delivery from once a month to once a week. Thank you.

Caring for Ourselves and Our Neighbours

We are seeing a rise in respiratory illnesses such as colds, influenza, RSV, and COVID-19. As in years past, maintaining good hand hygiene and masking are effective tools in limiting the spread of these viruses and infections, and of course when we are feeling ill, it is important to remain at home.

The Church of St. Peter & St. Simon-the Apostle is happy to provide surgical masks available in the office and at the back of the church. Additionally, we have a limited supply of rapid antigen tests for COVID-19 available upon request. If you would like one, please speak to Fr. Geoff, or a sides-person.

Vaccines remain an effective way to protect yourself from a serious infection of influenza and COVID-19. You can book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, screen yourself for eligibility, and find participating pharmacies on the Ontario Government website. Most pharmacies will let you register for a COVID-19 and flu shot at the same time.

Lastly, people at higher risk for severe outcomes for COVID-19 are eligible for the Paxlovid anti-viral treatment. Your family doctor or select pharmacies are able to prescribe it based on your eligibility. You can, also on the Ontario Government website.

Navigating the various seasonal illnesses and treatments can be difficult, so be sure to ask your family doctor if you have medical questions or concerns. Should you find yourself feeling isolated during this period, please let Fr. Geoff or the Rev. Abraham know; they are always happy to be in touch.

Ted Robinson for the Health & Safety Committee

SPECIAL Services and Events in December

Sunday, December 17 – A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent & Christmas

4.00 pm in the church, and reception to follow in the Parish Hall.



**Friday, December 22 – Presentation of *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens**

***7.00 pm Presentation in the Church, with carols
and a reception to follow.***

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Children

Tickets are available on Sundays and through the office.

Proceeds in aid of the Children's Homework Club.



Saturday, December 23 – Blue Christmas: *A Service When Christmas is a Difficult Time*
5.00 pm service in the church, and with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
10:30 am Choral Eucharist & Children's Musical Pageant
10 pm Christmas Eve – Festal Eucharist

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day
10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Carols



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*We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of
many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,*

the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.