



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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

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

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Deacon: The Reverend Abraham Thomas

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Collects p.102/95 For the readings see 10:30 am.



Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Deacon: The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Assisting: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Director of Music: Robin Davis

Mass Setting: Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert

Communion Ministers: Fen Nanton, Audrey

Sidespeople: Larry Krotz, Rogers, David McPherson, Marina, Tony Pearce

Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.

The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the wardens, choir and clergy and the many who serve at St. Peter and St.

Simon's and San Lorenzo Ruiz, by Duncan and Barbara Towe.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Méditation sur le 1^{er} Prélude de S. Bach (Ave Maria)*

J.S. BACH/CHARLES GOUNOD

Mekhriban Mamedova and Alison Jane - piano

Apostolic Greeting & Welcome

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 Blessed Mary who
responded to God's call with faith and joy. Like her, may we give faithful
witness to her Son Jesus Christ 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.**

Advent Collect

Hymn 107 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

ODE TO JOY

Pageant
On our Way to Bethlehem
A Children's Musical for Christmas
by John Jacobson/Roger Emerson

Presented by the children of SPSS joined by The St James Town Children's Choir
directed by Jacqueline Teh

Narrators: Daniel Emmanuel, Zara Emmanuel, Mokshita Vattam & Tejal Ananthan

Flute: Nancy Nourse Keyboard: Robin Davis

Directors/prompters Sileen Phillips, Sophie Knowles and Barb Pearson

1. Prologue
2. On Our Way to Bethlehem Joseph solo Ram Belarmino, Mary solo Leanne ?
3. Mary's Song
4. On our way to Bethlehem – Reprise
5. Innkeeper
6. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing & Angels we have heard on High
(*the congregation is invited to join in singing remaining seated*)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

7. Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
8. On our way to Bethlehem – Reprise
9. The Gifts we Bring
10. On our way to Bethlehem – Reprise

11. Joy to the World & O Come all ye Faithful

(the congregation is invited to join in singing remaining seated)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

Cast Members (See Insert)

Hymn 102 *Sing of Mary*

ODE TO JOY

1. Sing of Mary meek and lowly,
Virgin-mother pure and mild,
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.

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor 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.

3. 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 reechoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

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.**

Intercessions *Please kneel, sit or stand, as comfortable.*

Led by Ted Robinson

Leader In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying,
“Lord Jesus, come soon!”

Leader O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour:
come and save us, Lord our God.

All Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn 269 *Heavenly Message*

PIED-DE-FORT

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (CP 735)

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.**
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – (CP 744) *Sung by all*

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (CP 747) *Jesus Lamb of God*

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not instinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester – adapted*)

For those not receiving the sacrament we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Hymn 117 *Lo How a Rose*

ES IST EIN' ROSE

Hymn 100 *Comfort, comfort Ye my people*

PSALM 42

Motet *The Shepherd's Carol*

BOB CHILCOTT

*We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.*

*There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.*

*The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.*

*Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.*

*And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.*

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 109 *When the King Shall Come Again*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Orgelbüchlein - Christmas chorales*

J.S. BACH

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich [This Joyful Day] BWV 605

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her [From Heaven above I come] BWV 606

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Children's ministry in the Diocese

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, its food bank, refugee support, prayer shawl ministry, and support of Sleeping Children Around the World and other outreach initiatives; for the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath, its school breakfast and lunch programs, its weekly dinners, its Deacon's Cupboard, refugee sponsorship, and support of Warkworth Hospice; and for Christ Church, Bolton, its support for Caledon Community Services, its community garden, prayer shawl ministry, Christmas stocking outreach to the King Nursing Home, and support of other local outreach programs.

Parish Cycle: Audrey Hughes, Rosemary Hutchison, Margie Huycke, Michele Hynes

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT SPSS

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

10 pm Christmas Eve – Blessing of the Christmas Crib and Festal Eucharist

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday after Christmas

Servies at 9.15 and 10.30 am.

*Other Christmas flowers and decorations throughout the Church are given
to the honour and glory of Almighty God by*

Marie Adams in memory of Loxley Adams

Marc Cote in appreciation of the Altar Guild

Cathy Graham

Daphne Harris in memory of Rosaleen Sherrard

Ted & Issabelle Robinson in memory of our parents Angel, Albert, Dots and Bill

Ivaline Jonas

Peggy Needham

Robert O'Keefe in memory of Reginald & Dorothy Fleming

Jean Porter in memory of my sons Graeme and Steven Ponter

Deta Raffington in memory of Nellie Burton and Samuel Beswick

Mealica Smith

Noma Spence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Year-end offering

If you would like to make a year-end donation, please do so by December 31, to receive a tax receipt for 2023.

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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.

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