



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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am. Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* pp. 67ff

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Collects

BCP page 97 and page 95 For the readings please see 10.30 am.

Choral Matins at 10.30 am.

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

Officiant

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Preacher

The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Server

Fen Nanton

Director of Music

Robin Davis

Organist:

Johan van 't Hof



*The flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God
and in loving memory of my father Mykhaylo Yuryk, from Yaryna Yuryk.*

Prelude *Andante, First Organ Sonata,*

JOSEF RHEINBERGER

Introit *Behold, the Saviour is at Hand*

MAURICE WHITE

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

Hymn101 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

CRÜGER

Opening Sentences – BCP pp. 1-3

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader

In this second week 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.

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.**

Chant - CP Hymn 107 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

TAIZÉ

Officiant Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people shall see the salvation of our God.

All **Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people shall see the salvation of our God. Repeat**

Exhortation *BCP p. 4*

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

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. 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;

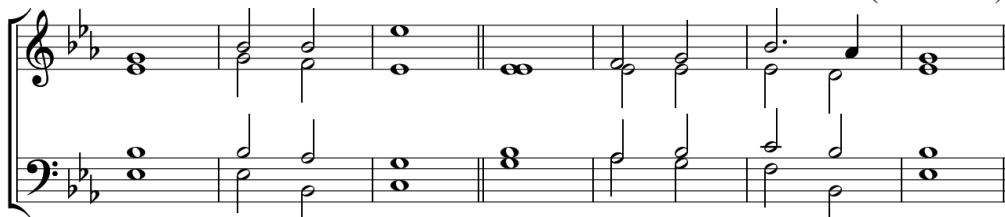
All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

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

The Venite – *Psalm 95 BCP pp. 6-7 Sung by All.*

E. J. Hopkins
(1818-1901)



*Our King and Saviour / drawth / 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.’
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.
*Our King and Saviour | drawth | nigh: * O | Come | let us | worship.*

First Reading *Malachi.3.1-4*

Read by John White

Reader The first lesson is written in the third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Malachi beginning at the first verse.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 11 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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Second Reading *Philippians 1.3-11*

Read by Dr Ted Robinson

Reader The second lesson is written in the first chapter of the Epistle of St Paul to the Philippians, beginning at the third verse.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my

imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Benedicite, Omnia Opera* – BCP pp. 26-28 *Please stand.*

VIII. 1.



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

All 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, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

All 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:

All 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:

All 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.

All 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:

All 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:

All 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.

All 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.

All O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the **Lord**:

praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

Third Lesson *Luke 3.1-6*

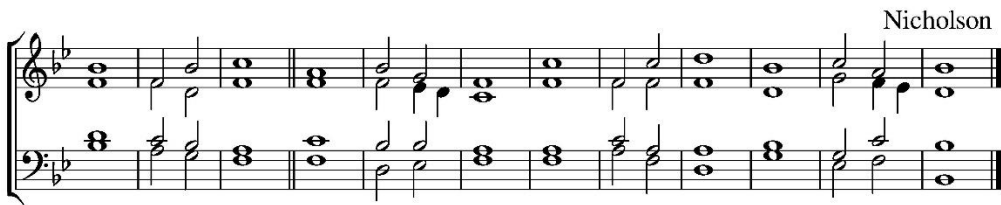
Reader The third lesson is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Surge, Illuminare – BCP pp. 28-29 *Please stand.*



Arise, shine, for thy' light is' come, • and the glory of the Lord is' risen up' on thee.
2 For behold, the darkness shall' cover the' earth, • and gross' darkness the 'people.
3 But the Lord shall a'rise up'on thee, • and his glory shall be' seen up' on thee.
4 And the Gentiles shall' come to· thy' light,
• and kings to the 'brightness · of thy 'rising.
5 Thy gates shall be' open con'tinually; • they shall not be shut' day nor' night.
6 The children also of' them that· af' flicted thee • shall come bending' unto' thee;
7 And all' they that · des'pised thee
• shall bow themselves down at the' soles of· thy' feet.
8 And they shall call thee the' City · of the ' Lord,
• the Zion of the ' Holy One · of ' Israel.
9 Violence shall no more be' heard in · thy ' land,
• wasting nor destruction with'in thy' borders.
10 But thou shalt call thy' walls Sal' vation, • and thy' gates' Praise.
11 The sun shall be no more thy' light by' day,
• neither for brightness shall the moon give' light un-to' thee,
12 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 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 Almighty God, who sent thy servant John the Baptist to prepare thy people to welcome the Messiah; inspire us, the ministers and stewards of thy truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to thee, 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 thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 *O Thou the Central Orb*

CHARLES WOOD

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Homily

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

ASCENSION

During the hymn collection will be taken.

The Prayers

Other prayers may be added at the discretion of the clergy.

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.**

The Advent Prose - *Please kneel or be seated.*



Pour down, O hea-vens, from a - bove, __ and let the skies rain down right-eous-ness

All ***Pour down, ye hea-vens, from a-bove, and let the skies rain down***

Choir 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.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir 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.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir 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.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir 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.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

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 *The Mighty God the Lord hath Spoken*

ST CLEMENT

The mighty God, the Lord hath spoken, and bid the trembling earth draw nigh:
the silence of long ages broken, he speaks in thunder from the sky.

Forth from the heavenly Zion shining, in perfect beauty he appears:
love, wisdom, majesty combining, bright are the diadems he wears.

He speaks and all the nations tremble; heaven, earth and hell his voice obey:
in solemn awe his saints assemble, the world's dim shadows flee away.

O who can stand when thou appearest in robes of majesty divine?
Though now each contrite sigh thou hearest, what terrors then will round thee shine!

O mighty God, O Lord most holy, prepare us for that solemn day:
O shield and guard us, save us wholly, thy pardoning grace to us display.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in b minor*

HEALEY WILLAN

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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: Gloria Martin, Godfrey Martin, Mary Martin and Malcolm Jackson, and Norman Martin.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Marie Samuels – Isaac, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES at SPSS

Sunday, December 15 – Advent 3

Morning services as usual at 9.00 and 10.30 am.

1.00 pm *Children's Christmas Musical – "Once Upon a Starry Night"*

Wednesday, December 18 – Advent Ember Day

6.30 pm – *Blue Christmas Service and Reception*

Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4

Services as usual at 9.00 and 10.30 am.

*Our area Bishop, The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson
will celebrate and preach at 10.30 am.*

4.00 pm *Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas*

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5.00 pm – *Family Eucharist with the Christmas Story*

10.00 pm – *Festal Eucharist*

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10.30 am – *Sung Eucharist with Carols*

Sunday, December 29 – Christmas I

9.00 am – *Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit*

10.30 am – *Choral Eucharist*



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