



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am. (In the Chapel of the Holy Spirit)

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

For the readings, please see the 10.30 am. service.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Collects – BCP pp. 99 & 95.

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am. Traditional Rite

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine |
| <i>Preacher</i> | The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess |
| <i>Assisting</i> | The Reverend Abraham Thomas |
| <i>Servers</i> | Ferdinand Galingan, Fen Nanton, Celine Wong, Vincent Wong |
| <i>Communion Ministers</i> | Peggy Needham, Gary Toneguzzo |
| <i>Director of Music</i> | Robin Davis |
| <i>Mass Setting</i> | John Merbecke |

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am service.

*The flowers today are given by Nancy Nourse, to the honour and glory of God
and in appreciation for musicians of this parish, past and present,
who have raised their voices in praise.*



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." *Ps. 24.1.*

† The Gathering of the Community †

Prelude *Two Preludes on Veni Emmanuel*
Organist Linda Kellington-Davis

W. HELD & M. BURKHARD

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.

Greeting

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 with thy spirit.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader On this Third Sunday of Advent
we rejoice in the peace that Jesus gives to the world.
May we watch and wait faithfully
for His coming as our Messiah and King.

The third (rose) candle is lit.

Leader Arise, shine for your light is come,

All **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Leader Though night still covers the earth and darkness covers the nations,

All **Over you will the Lord arise, over you will his glory appear.**

Leader Grant us Lord to walk in the light of Christ, that like John and the prophets
of old, we may be found ready and watching on the day of his coming.

All **Blessed be God forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn CP 103 *On Jordan's Bank*

WINCHESTER NEW

Collect for Purity & Summary of the Law

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify
thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

† The Liturgy of the Word †

First Lesson *Zephaniah 3.14-20*

Read by Carol Faye Petriko

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

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.**

Canticle (Isaiah 12.2-6)



BEHOLD, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be a-**fraid**:
for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song;
he also is become **my** salvation.
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of sal-**va**-tion.
And in that day shall ye say, **Präise** the LORD.
Call upon his name, declare his doings among the **peo**-ple,
make mention that his name **is** exalted.
Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent **things**: this is **known** in all the [^]earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of **Zi**-on:
for great is the Holy One of Israel **in** the midst of thee.

Epistle *Philippians 4.4-7*

Read by Spencer Higgins

A Reading from the Epistle of St Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel *Luke 3.7-18*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 axe 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.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was**

incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Dr. Ted Robinson

Please kneel, sit or stand, as comfortable.

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!

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Silence is kept.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution is pronounced.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all people; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Galatians 6. 10.*

† The Celebration of the Eucharist †

Hymn CP 112 *Behold! The Mountain of the Lord*

BISHOPTHORPE

During the hymn a collection will be taken to support the ministry of the parish.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

The Proper Preface follows.. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

CP Hymn Book 683

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who

partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *Sung together*

CP Hymn Book 684

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say, 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 those who 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.

Celebrant

We do not presume,

All

to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood and that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

CP Hymn Book 685

All

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**


**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

† Holy Communion †

- Holy Communion is administered at the High Altar and a standing station at the St. Peter Altar in the south aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion. You may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest. Please follow the directions of the sides-people.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

Music During Communion *The Advent Prose*

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

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...***

Motet *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

HENRY PURCELL

For text, please see the second reading.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant Merciful God, may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy and prepare us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer unto thee ourselves our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work for thy praise and glory. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements

Recessional Hymn CP 111 *Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement*

NEANDER

Dismissal

Leader Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.

All **Amen.**

Postlude *Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel*
Organist – Robin Davis

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services*.

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer The Season of Spiritual Renewal.

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 refugee sponsorship, support of Operation Scugog food bank, and participation in Affirming Worship Durham; *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 Carol Matthew, Sarah McFarland, Joseph Mcininch, Neil Mckeown.

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

Hymn Notes: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (CP # 103)

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) was a French Latinist. He was a disciple of Horace and Ovid and probably France's outstanding Latin author. Born in Buzancy, Coffin taught at the University of Paris. In 1691, he moved to the College of Dormans, Beauvais, becoming principal in 1713. He served as rector of the University of Paris (1718-23) and then returned to Beauvais. In 1736, 100 of his hymns (including this hymn) were published in his *Hymni Sacri*. Some were included in the Paris Breviary (1736). Several of Coffin's hymns were translated by John Chandler ((1806-76), one of the most successful translators of hymns. The translation of this hymn for Lauds on Sundays in Advent was published in 1837.

Winchester New was a German hymn tune published in 1690. The tune was introduced to the English by John Wesley in his collection of tunes (1742).

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES at SPSS

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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