

# Sung Eucharist

**The Book of Alternative Services**



**20 December 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:15am**



**St. George's Cathedral, Kingston**

**Setting:** *German Mass, Schubert*

## Introit

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Veni Emmanuel*

*Hymnal Noted, 1856 (from a French Missal)*

Latin Advent Antiphons  
tr J.M. Neale 1818-66

## The Gathering of the Community

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

**Celebrant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People** **And also with you.**

*The following prayer may be said.*

**Celebrant** Almighty God,

**All** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are  
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie

**Chorister** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

God of scandalous love, Mary consented to bear the shame and carry your word within herself; may her courage give hope to women and men who yearn to sing new sons of justice and find the world a dwelling place for God; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.  
**Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings (Tanis Fairley)

*A first reading as appointed.*

*Reader* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel 7:1-11

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.*

### Psalm 89:1-4, 19-28

<sup>1</sup>My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the LORD; / with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>For I have said, ‘Loving-kindness shall be built up for ever; / thy faithfulness shalt thou stablish in the heavens.’

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen: / I have sworn unto David my servant;

<sup>4</sup>Thy seed will I stablish for ever, / and set up thy throne from one generation to another.’

<sup>19</sup>Thou spakest sometime in a vision unto thy saints, and saidst, / ‘I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

<sup>20</sup>I have found David my servant: / with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup>My hand shall hold him fast, / and my arm shall strengthen him.

<sup>22</sup>The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: / the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

<sup>23</sup>I will beat down his foes before his face, / and smite them that hate him.

<sup>24</sup>My faithfulness also and my mercy shall be with him: / and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

<sup>25</sup>I will set his hand also on the sea, / and his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup>He shall call me, “Thou art my Father, / my God, and the rock of my salvation.”

<sup>27</sup>And I will make him my first-born, / the highest of the kings of the earth.

<sup>28</sup>My mercy will I keep for him for evermore; / and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

*Reader*            A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel.*

*Reader*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Reader*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was

said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Loving God’s Story - Canon Barbara Stewart**

### **Hymn: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, your branches stand before us.

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, a symbol for the faithful.

Your branches green in summer’s prime,  
are all now bare at Advent time.

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, your branches stand before us.

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, adorned with Advent’s promises.

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, a symbol for the faithful.

Your branches speak of days to come,  
Of peace and joy for everyone,

O Jesse Tree, O Jesse Tree, your branches stand before us.

## **Sermon – The Venerable David Selzer**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant*      Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

*All*              **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People (Tanis Fairley)**

*A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People after the following model. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for the Church the Queen and all in authority the world the local community those in need the departed.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The following prayers may be used here if the Penitential Rite was not used before the Gathering of the Community, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People. The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.*

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn (please stay seated while the Choristers sing)

HARK the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
Enrich the humble poor.

2 He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

*Bristol*

T. Ravenscroft (*Psalms* 1621)

Philip Doddridge (1702-51)

## Prayer Over the Gifts

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Chorister* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to

be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*All*

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*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 for ever. Amen.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and may say one of the following:*

*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.**

## The Communion

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of Christ (given for you).

*The communicant responds each time, Amen.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Standing, the community prays in silence. The celebrant may say the Prayer after Communion appointed for the day. At the conclusion of the prayer the congregation says, Amen.*

*Then the following doxology may be said.*

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Now and always.

*People* **Amen**

## Dismissal

*The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Bristol*, H. Willan (1880 – 1968)

**Interim Dean: The Ven. David Selzer**  
**Celebrant: The Ven. David Selzer**  
**Interim Director of Music: Brad Barbeau**  
**Choristers: Tania Fifield, George Turcotte**

**Prayer List:** The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, Collin Stewart, Lynn Moore, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Kathy Anderson, Anne Kirkpatrick, John Weatherall, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Paul Robertson, Richard, Brian English, Sue Kilpatrick, Steven Hurd and Jenn Hurd, Ayda Mora, Danielle Clarke; Barbara Watson and family; Barbara Fittell and family.

**The flowers at the High Altar today are given to the glory of God with sincere gratitude for our children's teachers, who are risking much to teach and protect our children, and therefore our future, from Muriel and David Smith**

We are delighted that you are with us for worship today. Every person who is baptized is invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. All people are welcome to come forward at the time of Communion. Please cross your arms to indicate a prayer of blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion.

**Receiving Communion during pandemic:** To receive Communion please line up in single file down the center aisle while practicing social distancing. Approach the Clergy with your mask on and arms fully outstretched hands together. You will receive a wafer only. Immediately step aside, move your mask, consume the wafer and return to your pew using a side aisle.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. George's Pastoral Visiting Committee, John Poland and members; and we pray for the following households: Darlene Campbell, Rev Tony Capon, Edward and Cassandra Carlile, Scott and Miriam Carson, and their families.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tickets:** If you have an email address, we recommend parishioners please register themselves with **Eventbrite** (<http://bit.ly/SGCTickets>). If you do not have a computer or email address please call the parish office at 613-548-4617 to reserve a space for the coming Sunday. Please make every effort to register by Thursday in the week. Thank you! **For reservations for the Christmas services please register through St. George's Website/Tickets for Christmas Services.** If you require assistance or need to cancel a Christmas reservation, please email [vergerstg@gmail.com](mailto:vergerstg@gmail.com), or call 343-363-9964.

### **Advent at the 9:15 am Service!**

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On the four Sundays of Advent, at the 9:15am service, we will be making a Jesse Tree. A Jesse Tree is a little like a Christmas Tree but with a different meaning. We decorate it with symbols of people who lived before Jesus and who told of a Saviour who would come and show us how to live! It is fun and all the children and the congregation can take part. We invite you to come and live out Advent with our Jesse Tree.

**Today, 4:00pm** Festival of Lessons and Carols, Diocese of Ontario YouTube channel  
**7:00pm** Advent Lessons and Carols, St. George's YouTube

**Wednesday December 23** at Noon, Advent Reflections by Bishop Michael Oulton, YouTube  
**Wednesday December 23, 12:15** Holy Eucharist, in Lady Chapel

**Thursday December 24, Christmas Eve services 4:00, 7:00, and 10:00pm**  
**Friday December 25, Christmas Day service 10:00am**  
**Friday, December 25, 12:15pm** Litany of Reconciliation, on church steps  
**Sunday December 27, worship services 8:00, 9:15, 11:00am**  
**Friday January 1, 2021 New Years Day service at 10:00am**  
**Sunday January 3, worship services 8:00, 9:15, 11:00am**  
**St. George's office will be closed from December 24 to January 5.**

**Christmas Memorial Flowers 2020** donation slips are available in baskets/boxes at each entrance to the Cathedral. The Flower Guild welcomes donations towards our Christmas flowers and decorations, in memory of loved ones or as a thank offering. Please return the completed slip to the church office by **tomorrow, Monday December 21.**

### **PWRDF Christmas Cards**

Thank you to all in the parish who supported the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Christmas Card program. Parishioners took home 30 packages of cards and the Diocesan Office took 25 packages. That is a total of 55 packages of cards! The total giving to the PWRDF is \$1,375.00. Well done!

### **Readings for Sunday, December 27 – Second Sunday of Christmas**

**8:00am:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:13-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

**9:15 and 11:00am:** Sirach 24:1-12; Canticle 11 (Song of Wisdom); Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18