

Sung Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services



20 December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:00am



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

Setting: *Communion Service*, R. Vaughan Williams
Prelude:

Advent Introit *Verbum supernum prodiens*

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:

Veni Emmanuel

Hymnal Noted, 1856 (from a French Missal)

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:

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 with thy spirit.**

Then may be said by the celebrant alone or with the people,

**Almighty God,
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.**

The Summary of the Law

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.

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

Kyrie

Chorister Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

The Collect of the Day

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 (Tania Fifield)

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.

Psalm 89: 1-4,19-28

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

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

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

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

¹⁹Thou 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

²⁶He shall call me, "Thou art my Father, / my God, and the rock of my salvation."

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

²⁸My 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.

Reader

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Reader

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon – The Venerable David Selzer

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, 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 (Peter Gower)

<i>Leader</i>	In peace let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For this city of Kingston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .) for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences,

let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Leader

For all who have died (especially . . .) let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Leader

Remembering St George, and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

People

To thee, O Lord.

Leader

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 hear 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; for thou, Father, art good and loving, and we glorify thee through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

A confession of sin may be made here if a penitential rite has not been used earlier, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People. The celebrant or other person may say one or more of the following:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 1.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only- begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Then shall be said:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and

make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

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.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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

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

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 A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Here follows the Proper Preface

Celebrant Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Chorister Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all, of this; 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 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee,
Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with 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

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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 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.**

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Then the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. Then may be said,

All **We do not presume 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 we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Chorister 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.

The Communion

The celebrant and people receive the communion in one kind only. At the distribution the minister says to each communicant,

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee (preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving).

The communicant responds each time, Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, We most heartily thank thee That thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, With the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood Of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, Which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, Ourselves, our souls and bodies, To be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, Not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.

The celebrant may bless the people.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BuxWV 211), D. Buxtehude

Interim Dean: 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, 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; Cantic 11 (Song of Wisdom); Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18