

Welcome to this house of prayer.
May you find peace.



A Choral Celebration
of the Holy Eucharist
on the
FIRST SUNDAY
in ADVENT

November 27th 2022 at 11 o' clock

*Pandemic precautions remain in effect.
It is encouraged wearing a mask
while inside the church building.*

Kindly silence your phones.

Children are welcome to be children.

The WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This sacred place is located in the Lower Chedoke Watershed and situated upon the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe Peoples. This land is covered Upper Canada Treaty of 1792 and as well at the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt agreement which committed the parties to the sharing of the resources of the Great Lakes Region. In hospitality, newcomers to this land have been invited to share in the spirit of that agreement.

The ENTRANCE

*Please rise as you are able when the sacristy bell is rung
and the Choir and liturgical ministers enter from the side door.*

The GREETING & WELCOME

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

And also with you.

The ADVENT RESPONSORY

Palestrina

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him
and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign
over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one
with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou
Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.
Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength,
O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering
the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us,
art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

A HYMN

Hark! A herald voice is sounding | CP 108

*The KYRIE**Byrd*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The COLLECT PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace
to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility, that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated. A READING is given,
from the Epistle to the Romans chapter 13, verses 8-14,
after which the reader says The word of the Lord,
and the congregation responds **Thanks be to God.***

The PSALM

122 | *Laetatus sum*

1 I WAS glad **when** they said | to me, | * “Let us go to the house of the **Lord.**”

2 Now our **feet** are stand-ing * within your gates, O Jerusa-lem.

3 Jerusalem is built **as** a ci-ty * that is at unity with it-self;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes **of** the Lord, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the **Lord.**

5 For there are the **thrones** of judge-ment, * the thrones of the house of Da-vid.

6 Pray for the peace **of** Je-ru-|sa-lem:. * “May they prosper who love **you.**”

7 Peace be with **in** your walls * and quietness within your tow-ers.

*Please rise as you are able. The GOSPEL is read from the Book of Matthew 24. 36-44. The minister says The Lord be with you, and the congregation responds **And also with you.** The minister says The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [] and the congregation responds **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** At the end of the Gospel, the minister says The Gospel of Christ, and the congregation responds **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

The HOMILY

The ANTHEM

O Radiant Dawn | James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom

a light has shone. Amen.

The APOSTLES' CREED

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

The CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The ANNOUNCEMENTS

The OFFERTORY HYMN

You servants of the Lord | CP 93

The PRAYER *over the* GIFTS

God of love and power,

**your word stirs within us the expectation
of the coming of your Son.**

Accept all we offer you this day,

and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

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;

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. **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray.

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Let us pray.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
**we welcome your presence in us,
and together proclaim our love for you;**

With our hearts, minds,
our souls and our strength,
**with the saints we worship you,
with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church
we proclaim your reign.**

Come to us,
and make us one in you. Amen.

The LAMB of GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you wish a blessing instead, please come forward and,
when reaching the priest, cross your arms over your chest.
If you need the sacrament brought to your seat,
kindly indicate so to our Vergers.
Gluten-free bread is also available, on request.
The Common Cup has also been restored -as an option for all.*

The MOTET

O taste and see | Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the man that trusteth in Him.*

The PRAYER after COMMUNION

God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand
before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

The CLOSING RESPONSORY

My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.
Out of the depths have I called to you.
Lord, hear my voice.
In his word is my hope.
There is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning.

In his word is my hope.

People of God, wait for the Lord,
for there is mercy in him.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

My soul waits for the Lord;

in his word is my hope.

The BLESSING

The RECESSIONAL HYMN

Creator of the stars of night | CP 96

The DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*The Postlude is the last musical offering in the service.
You are welcome to stay and enjoy the beauty of music,
and say your personal prayers before departing this house of prayer.*

The POSTLUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 | J.S. Bach



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