

Welcome to this house of prayer.

May you find peace.



A Choral Celebration
of the Holy Eucharist
on the
SECOND SUNDAY
of ADVENT

December 4th 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 PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 | J.S. Bach

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 by the Upper Canada Treaty of 1792 as well as 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

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

And also with you.

A HYMN

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry | CP 103

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Choir sings the Kyrie | William Byrd.

The COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God,
**who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah;
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
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 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 15, verses 4-13, after which the reader says The word of the Lord, and the congregation responds **Thanks be to God.***

The PSALM

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1 GIVE THE King your justice, O **God**, *
 and your righteousness **to** the King's Son;
 2 That he may rule your people **right-** | eous-ly | *
 and the **poor** with jus-tice;
 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the **peo-**ple, *
 and the little **hills** bring right- | eous-ness. |
 4 He shall defend the needy among the **peo-**ple; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush **the** op-pres-sor.
 5 He shall live as long as the sun and **moon** | en-dure, | *
 from one generation **to** an-oth-er.
 6 He shall come down like rain upon the **mown** field, *
 like showers that **wa-**ter the earth.
 18 Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of **Is-** | ra-el, | *
 who **alone** does won- | drous deeds! |
 19 And blessèd be his glorious Name for **ev-**er! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
A-men. A-men. ■

*Please rise as you are able. The GOSPEL is read from the Book of Matthew 3. 1-12. 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 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 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, 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 day to souls
erewhile unclean, now pure within. 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 OFFERTORY HYMN

Where Jordan cuts the wilderness | CP 105

The PRAYER *over the* GIFTS

God our strength,
**we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
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.**

LAMB of GOD



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant_____ us peace.

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 how sweet, O Lord | Healey Willan

O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them wondrous Bread from Heaven; Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

The PRAYER after COMMUNION

Faithful God,

we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.

Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

The ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RECESSIONAL HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness crying | CP 106

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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