



ADVENT 2

DECEMBER 8, 2019

8:00 AM

*The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier – Presider
Vivian Lewin – Lay Assistant*

Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are here for the first time. Our community has worshipped here at the heart of Montreal on St Catherine Street since the 1860s, and we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

***God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God,
and God in them. | John 4:16***

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to stay in touch, please fill out one of our welcome cards (available at the back of the church) and leave it in the offertory plate or with a greeter.

DONATIONS

A collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral in downtown Montreal. The Cathedral is open seven days a week between 9:00am and 6pm for all who want to pray, for all who are looking for peace, a quiet place to sit and rest, and seek help. Through our outreach programmes the Cathedral supports many local organizations which help the needy. Please give generously. If you would like to find out about regular or tax efficient ways of giving please speak to a greeter.

Gluten free hosts are available: If you would like one, please inform the Communion assistant.

We gather today in the non-ceded traditional territory of the

Haudenosaunee and Anishinabe



Christ Church Cathedral office
514-843-6577 ext. 241
administrator@montrealcathedral.ca
www.montrealcathedral.ca



ChristChurchMTL

THE ADVENT WREATH

Priest Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
just and true:

All **To you be praise and glory for ever.**

Priest Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets. But in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and salvation.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying
to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 GIVE the king thy judgements, O God, / and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 **Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, / and thy poor with justice.**
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace, / and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4 **He shall keep the simple folk by their right, / save the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.**
- 5 HE shall live as long as the sun, / and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, / even as the showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish; / yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- 18 **Let his name endure for ever; / let his name continue as long as the sun.**
- 19 Let all the tribes of the earth be blessed through him, / and let all nations call him happy.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit
 is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
 according to Matthew

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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 ax 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. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE CREED (page 71)

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION (page 75)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (page 78)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 85)

PRAYERS

For all students of theology for Diocesan College, and for Ben and Jeffrey and all people discerning their vocations and deepening their faith.

For those in special need Grace, Steve, Gaston, Benjy, Claudette, Michael, Dorothy, Sharon, Barbara

For continuing support Duncan, Bob, Gloria, Jan, Norma, Susan, Yannis, Marie-Charlotte, Ruby, Pamela

Pray for the Capital Campaign, the fundraising team, cabinet members, future donors, architects and engineers working on the spire.

Years' mind Larry Eldridge, Winnifred Martin

TODAY

Pain, partage et prière 10:00 am. The French Bible study and prayer group will meet in the undercroft.

Write for Rights following the 10:30 service there will be petitions available to sign for Amnesty International's Write for Rights.

Fair Trade Kiosque 12:00 pm in the baptistry, supporting justice for producers and farmers.

SERVICES

December 14, 4:00 pm - Sing-along Messiah.
(pre-talk by Dr Jonathan White at 3:30 pm)

December 18, 6:00 pm - Blue Christmas service, for all who find Christmas a difficult time of year.

December 22, 4:00 pm - A celebration of Carols and Readings for Christmas by candlelight.

NOTICES

Honor Advent: This Sunday, take home a free poster with simple spiritual practices for each day of Advent.

Altar linens The Cathedral needs additional help tending our altar linens. If you are seeking a quiet, behind-the-scenes, contemplative ministry, contact Deborah.Meister@montrealcathedral.ca. Training is provided.

Food collection The Cathedral will be collecting non-perishable food items for St. Michael's mission during the month of December. Place items in basket at the back of the church, and please be generous.

Canadian Church Calendars for sale.
\$ 5.00, please contact Ann Elbourne

Sing-along Messiah Calling all singers (and non-singers)! This year's performance of the Messiah will be on Saturday 14 December from 4:00pm and all are welcome to come and support your music program. Admission is by donation, and you can also reserve a full pew for audience members for a small fee. Contact the office for more information,
director.music@montrealcathedral.ca.

This bulletin is printed with 50% recycled paper