



ADVENT 4

DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:00 AM

*The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Meister – 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***



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## THE ADVENT WREATH

*Priest* Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,  
just and true:  
*All* **To you be praise and glory for ever.**

*Priest* Your light has shone in our darkened  
world through the child-bearing of  
blessed Mary; grant that we who have  
seen your glory may daily be renewed in  
your image and prepared like her for the  
coming of your Son, who is Lord and  
Saviour of all.

*All* **Blessed be God forever.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Raise up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power,  
and come among us, and with great might succour  
us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness,  
we are sore let and hindered in running the race  
that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us; who with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one  
God, world without end. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ask a sign of  
the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high  
as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will  
not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said:  
“Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for  
you to weary mortals, that you weary my God  
also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a  
sign.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall  
bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall  
eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to  
refuse the evil and choose the good. For before  
the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose  
the good, the land before whose two kings you  
are in dread will be deserted.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Churches.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation remains seated.*

## MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1:46-55)

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my  
Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
servant Israel : as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit  
is saying to the Churches.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand***HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 1:18-25

*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.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.  
*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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## PRAYERS

**For all students of theology** for Diocesan College, for Ben, Jeffrey, Alex, Fresia, Lucas, Noah and Sarah and all people discerning their vocations and deepening their faith.

**For those in special need** Grace, Steve, Gaston, Benjy, Claudette, Michael, Dorothy, Sharon, Barbara, James, Pamela, Bridie, Diana

**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** Donald Peter Aitkens, Walter Mitchell

## TODAY

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

**QueerSpace@CCC, 12:15 pm** in the Undercroft. Join the LGBTQ+ community at the cathedral as we create a space together to pray, discuss scripture, identity, orientation, and these intersections together.

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

## NOTICES

**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

## CALENDAR

### CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Bilingual family Christmas

7:00 pm Christmas Mass (FR)

11:00 pm Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

8:00 am Traditional Eucharist

9:00 am Christmas Mass in French

10:30 am Festival Eucharist

**End of the month lunch December 29 at 12:00 pm** in Fulford Hall. Volunteers are always welcome.

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