



ADVENT 3

HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM DECEMBER 13, 2020

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Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are with us for the first time. Our community has worshipped at the heart of Montreal on Ste-Catherine Street since the 1860s; today, we are worshipping at the Cathedral and on-line to gather our community at this time of COVID-19.

In all circumstances, 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

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We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations. Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.



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The Eucharist begins on page 67 of the BCP.

Priest Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

All **Amen.**

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

Priest 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,

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

Then may be sung or said.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Priest The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Then shall be said the collect of the day, together with any other Collects appointed to be said.

Priest God of power and mercy, who dost call us once again to celebrate the coming of thy Son. Remove those things which hinder love of thee, that when he cometh, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 “The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, ***
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears ***
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING | Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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HOLY GOSPEL John 1:6-8, 19-28

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Then shall be said this Creed by the Priest and people.

All **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 men 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 SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

All members of the Cathedral community are encouraged to support the Cathedral by electronic giving, or by placing a gift in the offering basket when you depart today. At this time, we encourage you to offer to God yourself, your life, and the concerns of your heart, trusting in God's love to receive them.

Priest As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6. 10

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Then the Minister shall say the intercession.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Mary our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Priest 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.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: 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.**

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

Priest 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 11: 28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten, 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 men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2

Priest The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts;

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

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

Preface for the day

Priest 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.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying:

All **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.

Priest 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 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 was 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; 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.

All **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you;
All **And with thy spirit.**

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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

All **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.**

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 them that 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.**

Priest 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.

All **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 Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

**We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Priest 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

WEEKDAY PRAYERS

PRIÈRES DE LA SEMAINE

Monday / Lundi

9h15 Morning Prayer and fellowship / Prière du matin et conversation

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Tuesday / Mardi

12h15 Prayers via Facebook live / Prières via Facebook en direct

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18h Contemplative Prayer group via zoom

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19h Prières du soir avec discussion sur la Bible / Evening prayer with Scripture discussion (fr)

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Wednesday / Mercredi

12h15 Morning Prayer / Prière du matin

In-Person at the Cathedral/ En personne à la cathédrale

19h Evening prayer with Scripture discussion/ Prières du soir avec discussion sur la Bible (en)

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Thursday / Jeudi

12h15 Holy Eucharist / La Sainte Eucharistie

In-Person at the Cathedral/ En personne à la cathédrale

Friday / Vendredi

12h15 Holy Eucharist / La Sainte Eucharistie

In-Person at the Cathedral/ En personne à la cathédrale

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS / L'AVENT ET NOËL

December 13, 20 décembre

16h Lessons and Carols for Advent / Leçons et de chants pour l'Avent et Noël (Bilingual)

Broadcast live via Radio VM 91.3fm.

**In person limit to 25 people, no preregistration. First come, first served basis.*

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December 16 décembre

18h 'Blue Christmas' service / Service 'Noël Bleu' (EN)

For those who find this time difficult / Pour ceux qui trouvent cette période de l'année difficile.

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December 20 décembre

11h30 Christmas Carols / Chants de Noël

We invite you to gather on the Cathedral steps, masked and distanced, to sing some Christmas Carols together.

Nous vous invitons à vous rassembler sur les marches de la cathédrale, masqués et distancés, pour chanter ensemble quelques chants de Noël.

December 24 décembre

20h Messe de Noël / Christmas Mass (FR)

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22h Midnight Mass / Messe de Minuit (EN)

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December 25 décembre

10h30 Christmas Eucharist / Messe de Noël (EN)

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