



ADVENT 4

HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM DECEMBER 20, 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* Heavenly Father, who did chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with thy grace, that we in all things may embrace thy will and with her rejoice in thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

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

*The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.*

## **THE MAGNIFICAT – THE SONG OF MARY**

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me;  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy  
hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

## **SECOND READING** Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*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**

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*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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**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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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS / L'AVENT ET NOËL

### TODAY December 20

**11h30 Christmas Carols / Chants de Noël**

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

**16h Lessons and Carols for Advent** Broadcast live via Radio VM 91.3fm.

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December 24 décembre

**20H MESSE DE NOËL / CHRISTMAS MASS (FR)**

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December 25 décembre

**10H30 CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST / MESSE DE NOËL (EN)**

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