



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88901754420>

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Preacher The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier



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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of power and mercy thou callest 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation remains seated to pray the Magnificat.

The Magnificat

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.

**GLORY be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the
coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for
the precious crop from the earth, being
patient with it until it receives the early
and the late rains. You also must be
patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do
not grumble against one another, so that
you may not be judged. See, the Judge is
standing at the doors! As an example of
suffering and patience, beloved, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the
Lord.

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Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2-11

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

Priest The holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to St.
Matthew.

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

When John heard in prison what the
Messiah was doing, he sent word by his
disciples and said to him, "Are you the
one who is to come, or are we to wait
for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go
and tell John what you hear and see: the
blind receive their sight, the lame walk,
the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the
dead are raised, and the poor have good
news brought to them. And blessed is
anyone who takes no offence at me." As
they went away, Jesus began to speak to
the crowds about John: "What did you go
out into the wilderness to look at? A reed
shaken by the wind? What then did you
go out to see? Someone dressed in soft
robes? Look, those who wear soft robes
are in royal palaces. What then did you go
out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you,
and more than a prophet. This is the one
about whom it is written, 'See, I am
sending my messenger ahead of you, who
will prepare your way before you.' Truly
I tell you, among those born of women
no one has arisen greater than John the
Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom
of heaven is greater than he."

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE CREED (page 71)

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

A collection plate will be passed during the hymn.

If you would prefer, you can leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to accounting@montrealcathedral.ca.

Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.

THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION (page 75)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (page 78)

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.

Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 85)

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