



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

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Celebrant

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Preacher

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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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, thou hast shed upon us the new light of thy incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; ***
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ***
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; ***
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and maidens, ***
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the
Lord, *
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and
heaven.

14 **He has raised up strength for his
people
and praise for all his loyal
servants, ***
**the children of Israel, a people
who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, in order to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we
might receive adoption as children. And
because you are children, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no
longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

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

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, they
brought him up to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord (as it is written in the law
of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be
designated as holy to the Lord'), and they
offered a sacrifice according to what is
stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of
turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose
name was Simeon; this man was righteous
and devout, looking forward to the
consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. It had been revealed to
him by the Holy Spirit that he would not
see death before he had seen the Lord's
Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon
came into the temple; and when the
parents brought in the child Jesus, to do
for him what was customary under the
law, Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are
dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have
seen your salvation, which you have
prepared in the presence of all peoples, a
light for revelation to the Gentiles and for
glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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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