

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 91: *People, look east!* BESANÇON
Prayer over the Gifts BAS, p. 272
Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS, p. 198

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface: *Preface of Advent* BAS, p. 219

Sanctus (*Common Praise 689*) Hurd

Lord's Prayer (BAS p. 918) McNeil Robinson

Breaking of the Bread BAS, p. 212

Agnus Dei (*Common Praise 690*) Hurd

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest when the priest approaches. Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.

Communion hymn 94: *Wait for the Lord*
WAIT FOR THE LORD

Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 272

Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing hymn 89: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*
VENI EMMANUEL

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Welcome to everyone here today!

*Please join us after Mass for refreshments
and conversation in the parish hall.*

Intercessions List

A list is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance.

Please feel free to add your own petitions, and the names of those you would like prayed for during Mass.

Prayers have been asked today for:

Phyllis, Vanesta, Marcelle, Becky, Mark, Kadeem,
Montelle, Jermaine, Alex, Tejah, Chris

*For announcements and up-coming events,
see the separate take-home leaflet.*



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4th Sunday of Advent

December 21st , 2014

SUNG MASS AT 10:30

**I am the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to his word.**

Luke 1.38

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services (BAS)*.
Hymns and service music are found in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

Processional hymn 269: Heavenly message **PIED-DE-PORT**

*Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

Priest: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion (*Common Praise 688*)

Hurd

Collect of the Day

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The third candle of the Advent wreath will be lit after the Collect.

Liturgy of the word

(A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily).

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26: Misericordias Domini

- 1 YOUR LOVE, O Lord, forever will I sing; /
from age to age my mouth will pro-claim your fäith-ful'ness.
- 2 **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ev-er; /
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the häav-ens.**
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my cho-sen one; /
I have sworn an oath to Da-vid my sër-vant:
- 4 **'I will establish your line for ev-er, /
and preserve your throne for all ge-ne-rä-tions.'**"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful peo-ple: /
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the pëo-ple.
- 20 **I have found David my ser-vant; /
with my holy oil have I a-nöint-ed him.**
- 21 My hand will hold him fast /
and my arm will mäke him strong.
- 22 **No enemy shall de-ceive him, /
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

23 I will crush his foes be-fore him /
and strike down those who häte him.

24 **My faithfulness and love shall be with him, /
and he shall be vic-to-rious through my name.**

25 I shall make his dominion ex-tend /
from the Great Sea to the Rïv-er.

26 **He will say to me, 'You are my Fa-ther, /
my God, and the rock of my sal-vä-tion'.**

Epistle: Romans 16.25-27

Gradual: Advent Prose

*Refrain (All): Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the
skies pour forth righteousness.*

Cantor Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
the holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.. *Refrain.*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities. *Refrain.*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.
Refrain.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God,
the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Refrain.*

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Johanna Pak

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions

(Names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance)

When the departed are prayed for:

V: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

R: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

V: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

R: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,

*God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.*

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Priest: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

Laying on of hands

(Please come forward if you desire prayer for healing or a blessing).

Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Announcements