

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 108: *Hark, a herald voice* MERTON

Prayer over the Gifts BAS, p. 271

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*

Communion hymn 60: *I come with joy* LAND OF REST

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

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 271

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

Announcements

Closing hymn 102: *Prepare the way, O Zion*
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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, Ashley &
Zariah, Allison; Montelle; Jermaine; Alex; Tejah; Damien;
Tannis; Cyrlene & Harmon; Claire; Mel

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



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

SUNG MASS AT 10:30

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.**

Isaiah 61.1

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of New Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat Nation.

The service begins on page 216 of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS). Hymns and service music are found in the blue Common Praise hymnal, which is available in regular print (with music) and large print (no music).

Opening hymn 103: On Jordan's bank WINCHESTER NEW

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

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.

Collect of the Day

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The second 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).

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3.14-20

Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6 Song of Thanksgiving

SURE-LY, it is God who saves me; /

I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fence, /
and he will be my Sa-viour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with re-joic-ing /
from the springs of sal-va-tion.

And on that day you shall say, /

Give thanks to the Lord and call up-on^his name;

make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; /

see that they remember that his name is ex-alt-ed.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, /
and this is known in all^the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, /

for the great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly

One of Is^ra-el.

Epistle: Philippians 4.4-7

Gradual: Advent Prose

Refrain *Cantor: Drop down, ye heavens, from above,*

All: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Cantor Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember our iniquity forever;
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion 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 3.1-7

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Mtr Maggie Helwig

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.