

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 101: *Hail to the Lord's anointed* CRÜGER

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 694*) Hurd

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

Breaking of the Bread BAS, p. 212

Agnus Dei (*Common Praise 701*) 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 87: *Strengthen for service, Lord*

ACH GOTT UND HERR

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 98: *Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes*

BRISTOL

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Prelude in E minor*

J.S. Bach

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, Jermaine, Alex, Tejah, Damien, Tannis, Cyrlene & Harmon, Beck, Kevin, Neville, Lovina, Michael, Chris, Gladston, Curtis

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



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**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete**

December 11, 2016

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).

Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. If you require one, please pick up one of the red cards from the small table near the entrance, and add it to the collection plate at the time of the offertory.

Prelude: *Intermezzo* Herbert Sumsion

Opening hymn 99: *Break, day of God, O break* CHRISTCHURCH

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.

Kyrie (Common Praise 687) Hurd

Collect(s) of the Day BAS, pp. 270, 268

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).

First Lesson: Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalm 146.4-9: *Lauda, anima mea*



- 4 HAP-PY are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! /
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; /
who keeps his pro-mise for ev-er;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op-pressed, /
and food to those who hun-ger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners frée;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; /
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 the Lord loves the rightéous; the Lord cares for the stran-ger; /
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wick-ed.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ev-er, /
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hal-le-lu-jah!

Epistle: James 5.7-10

Gradual: Advent Prose

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

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Mtr Maggie Helwig

Nicene Creed BAS, p. 188

Intercessions

*(Names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance)
Please respond to "We pray, saying," with "Lord, hear our prayer."*

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.**