

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.**

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 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 268: *Gabriel's message does away*
ANGELUS EMITTITUR
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

Announcements

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

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Improvisation on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Johannes Gardamus

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; Nancy

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



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

SUNG MASS AT 10:30

**A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.**

Matthew 1.23

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: *Praeludium und Fuga in G minor* J.S. Bach

Opening hymn 96: *Creator of the stars of night*
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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

Collects of the Day

BAS, pp. 272, 268

The fourth 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 7.10-16

Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18: *Qui regis Israel*



- 1 HEAR, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; /
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the che-ru-^bim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man-as-seh, /
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; /
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, / how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your peo-ple?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; /
you have given them bowls of tears to^drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neigh-bours, /
and our e-ne-mies laugh us to^scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; /
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand; /
the son of man you have made so strong for your^self.
- 17 And so will we never turn a-way from^you; /
give us life, that we may call up-on your^Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; / show the light of
your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Epistle: Romans 1.1-7

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 1.18-25

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Mtr Andrea Budgey

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."