

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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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 Christmas*

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Sanctus (*Common Praise 735*)

Schubert

Lord's Prayer (BAS p. 918)

McNeil Robinson

Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei (*Common Praise 747*)

Schubert

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 146: *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

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

Prayer after Communion

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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 154: *Joy to the world*

ANTIOCH

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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; Zachary; Barbara

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



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Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

SUNG MASS AT 10:30

**I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

Luke 2.10-11

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

Opening hymn 118: *O come, all ye faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

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.

Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Gloria (Common Praise 686)

Hurd

Collect of the Day

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Liturgy of the word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 9.2-7

Psalm 96: *Cantate Domino*

- 1 SING TO the Lord a new song, /
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; /
proclaim the good news of his salva-tion
from day to^day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the na-tions /
and his wonders a-mong all peo-ples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; /
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but i-dols; /
but it is the Lord who made the hea-vens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his pre-sence! /
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanc-tu^a^ry.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peo-ples /
ascribe to the Lord ho-nour and pow-er.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his Name; /
bring offerings and come in-to his^courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of ho-li-ness; /
let the whole earth trem-ble be-fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! /
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo-ples with e-qui-ty.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; /

- let the field be joyful and all that is there^in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, /
when he comes to judge the^earth.
 - 13 He will judge the world with righteous-ness /
and the peo-ples with his^truth.

Epistle: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia (*Please stand, as able*)

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 2.1-20

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)

*To the bidding, “Lord, in your mercy”
please respond, “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.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 148: *See amid the winter's snow*

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

Prayer over the Gifts

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