

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 103: On Jordan's bank WINCHESTER NEW

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Closing hymn 116: "Your kingdom come" IRISH

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; Alex; Tejah; Damien;
Tannis; Cyrlene & Harmon; Richard; Beck; Lovina; Michael,
Victor; Mary; Zariah; Kadeem; Ashley; John; Kim;
Marvin; Ed; Claire; Roy; Neville

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



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

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, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant.

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.

Some parishioners and visitors are allergic to perfumes and similar fragrances. We ask that you avoid wearing strong fragrances to services.

Opening hymn 108: Hark, a herald voice is sounding

MERTON

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.

Kyrie (Common Praise 687)

Hurd

Collect(s) of the Day

BAS, p. 270

Liturgy of the word

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

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3.14-20

Canticle 3: Song of Thanksgiving Isaiah 12.2-6

Tone VIII. 1



- 2 SURE-LY, it is God who saves me; /
I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.
- 3 **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fence, /
and he will be my Sa-viour.**
- 4 Therefore you shall draw water with re-joic-ing /
from the springs of sal-va-tion.
- 5 **And on that day you shall say: /
Give thanks to the Lord and call on his name;**
- 6 make known his deeds among the na-tions; /
proclaim that his name is ex-alt-ed.

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 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 3.7-18

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Mtr Maggie Helwig

Anthem: Gaudete

Anonymous, 16th-century

Nicene Creed

BAS, p. 188

Intercessions

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

To the petition, "We pray, saying,"
please respond "**Hear us, O Lord.**"

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.**