

The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2022

SUNG MASS ON ZOOM AT 7 PM

**A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.**
Matthew 1.23

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Response **And also with you.**

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory.
We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

Hymn 268: *Gabriel's message does away*

ANGELUS EMITTITUR (GABRIEL'S MESSAGE)

- 1 Gabriel's message does away
Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
out of darkness brings our Day:
so, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.
- 2 He that comes despised shall reign;
he that cannot die, be slain;
death by death its death shall gain:
so, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.
- 3 Weakness shall the strong confound;
by the hands, in grave-clothes wound,
Adam's chains shall be unbound:
so, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
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.

Response **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
Response **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.**

Celebrant 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.

Response **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Kyrie eleison

Hurd

***Cantor* Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

***Cantor* Amen.**

Collect of Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

***Cantor* Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 7.10-16

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response Thanks be to God.

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.

Second Lesson: Romans 1.1-7

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

***Response* Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Advent Prose

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***Refrain:* Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor 1 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.

***Cantor 2* Refrain.**

Cantor 1 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.

***Cantor 2* Refrain.**

Cantor 1 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.

Cantor 2 **Refrain.**

Cantor 1 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.

Cantor 2 **Refrain.**

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

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

Response **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

Response **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Mtr Maggie Helwig

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
Response **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Bidding Lord, in thy mercy,
Response **Thy will be done.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 88: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

STUTTGART

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us;
 let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
 born a child and yet a King;
 born to reign in us forever;
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit,
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,
 by the power of the Spirit
 who sanctified the mother of your Son,
 make holy all we offer you this day.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Response **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Cantor **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Cantor **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cantor **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface of Advent

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hurd

Cantor **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

***Response* we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

***Response* Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Robinson

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
Cantor **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Response **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Agnus Dei

Hurd

Cantor **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Response **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
Response **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

Celebrant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope,
and untiring in love all the days of your life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, and remain with you always.

Response **Amen.**

Hymn 89: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

TUNE CP 89, VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 4 O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 5 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes from Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Postlude

Advent Prose, mode i

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