

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: *For Advent*

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Sanctus:

(S124) Hurd

Lord's Prayer:

McNeil Robinson

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei:

(S161) Hurd

(we receive communion standing or kneeling as you feel comfortable. We ask that you please not lean on the rail)

Prayer after Communion:

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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.

The Blessing

Hymn: 71

Bristol

The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

Organ Postlude

Those Who Have Asked For Prayers

Arcelia Hunte, Phyllis Coombs, Montelle Brathwaite, Tannis Duncan, William Howard, Vanesta Licorish, Marcelle De Freitas, Morgan Dougherty, Joseph, Thomas Craven, Matthew, Ken, Cuthbert Downes, Belinda, Jim Stiner, Louise Franklin, Dorothy Hatcher, Christine Moore, Nolan Ferarro, Beckie Hunte, Adonica Huggins and son Adiva, Lovena Bryan, Pamela Sellers, Leonie Bell, Richard Troy, Anne Lightfoot, Tracey Lightfoot, Emile Gariepy, John Quinelin, Richard Schenck, Ben, Charles Ward, George Watson, Hazene Chase

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Welcome to everyone here today. Please join us after mass for refreshments and conversation in the parish hall

Intercessions List: A list of intercessions is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance. Please feel free to add petitions and names of those you would like prayed for during mass.

Next Sunday Advent 3 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, Luke 1:46b-55, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Feasts and Commemorations this week:

Wednesday: Simon Gibbons, Priest

Vestment restoration fund: anyone wishing to donate to the restoration of the SSJD altar frontal please see Fr. Hoopes. Any amount would be appreciated.

Sunday breakfast: We are always looking for volunteers: please speak with Fr. David Hoopes

Christmas Decorations: envelopes are available to make donations towards decorating the church for Christmas. They can be placed on the collection plate. This may be an opportunity to make a memorial donation for a loved one or a thank offering. Decorating will take place on the afternoon of December 23rd. Anyone able to help out is most welcome.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: First Eucharist of Christmas @ 8pm

Christmas Day: The Nativity of our Lord Sung Eucharist @ 11am

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN IN-THE-FIELDS

103 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5T 2N8

Sung Eucharist: Sunday @ 11 o'clock am

Plain Eucharist: TBA

Bible Study & Meditation: Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

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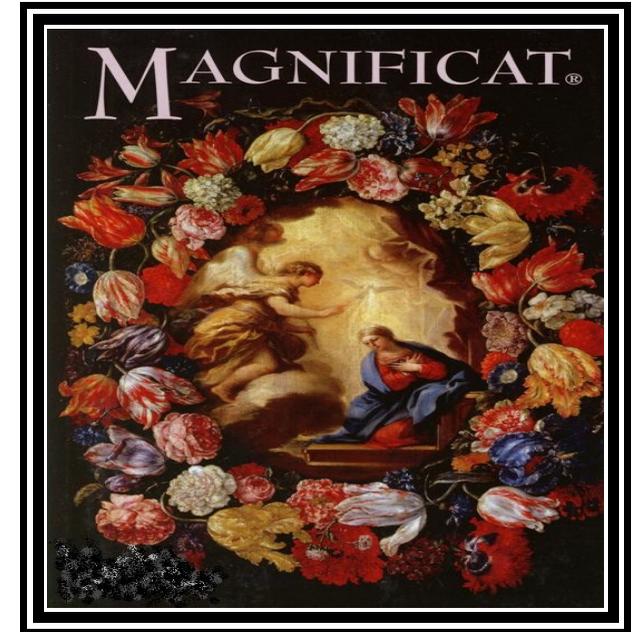
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 2011

SUNG EUCHARIST AT 11 O'CLOCK

“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

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(see separate sheet)

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

Response: 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.

Kyrie: *BAS page 186*

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Collect:

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Liturgy of the word

(a period of silence is observed after each reading)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Canticle: Luke 1:46b-55

46b "My soul magnifies **the** Lord / and my spirit rejoices in **God** my Sa-vior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his **ser**-vant / Surely, from now on all genera-tions will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things **for** me / and **ho**-ly is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who **fear** him / from generation to **ge**-ne-ra-tion.

51 He has shown strength with **his** arm / he has scattered the proud in the **thoughts** of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from **their** thrones / and lifted **up** the low-ly;

53 he has filled the hungry with **good** things / and sent the **rich** a-way empty.

54 He has helped his servant Is-**ra**-el / in remembrance **of** his mer-cy,

55 according to the promise he made to our an-**ces**-tors / to Abraham and to his descen-**dants** for-e-ver."

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gradual Hymn: 65

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The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr. David Bryan Hoopes

The Nicene Creed

Priest: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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 worshiped 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.

The Intercessions

(names and prayers can be added to the list at the entrance)

I: We Pray to the Lord.

R: Lord have mercy.

V: Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them O Lord.

R: And Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

V: May they rest in peace

R: AMEN

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 allgoodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

The laying on of hands

(please come forward if you desire a blessing)

Announcements

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Offertory Hymn: 74

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Prayer over the gifts:

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Eucharistic Prayer: 3

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