

## Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory hymn 111:** *Herald, sound the note of judgement*  
NEANDER

**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. Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.*

**Communion hymn 81:** *Father, we thank thee*  
LES COMMANDEMENS

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

**Prayer after Communion** BAS, p. 270

### 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

**Closing hymn 109:** *When the King shall come again*  
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

### Dismissal

*Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.*

**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, Mark, Kadeem,  
Montelle, Jermaine, Alex, Tejah, Chris

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



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# Church of the Most Holy Martyr Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**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*

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services (BAS)*.  
Hymns and service music are found in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

**Processional hymn 100:** *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

PSALM 42

*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.*

**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.**

**Trisagion** (*Common Praise 688*)

*Hurd*

**Collect of the Day**

*BAS, p. 270*

*The third 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).*

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

**Psalm 126:** *In convertendo*

- 1 When the Lord restored the for-tunes of Zi-on, /  
**then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laugh-ter, /  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said a-mong the na-tions, /  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, /  
and we are glad in-deed.**
- 5 Restore our for-tunes, O Lord, /  
like the watercourses of the Ne-gev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears /  
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carry-ing the seed, /  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

**Gradual:** Advent Prose

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

Cantor Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity for ever:  
the holy cities are a wilderness, Sion 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.*

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint John.*

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Holy Gospel:** John 1.6-8, 19-28

*Priest: The Gospel of Christ.*

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily:** Rev'd Mtr Maggie Helwig

**Nicene Creed**

*BAS, p. 188*

### Intercessions

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

*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.**

### 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.**

### Announcements