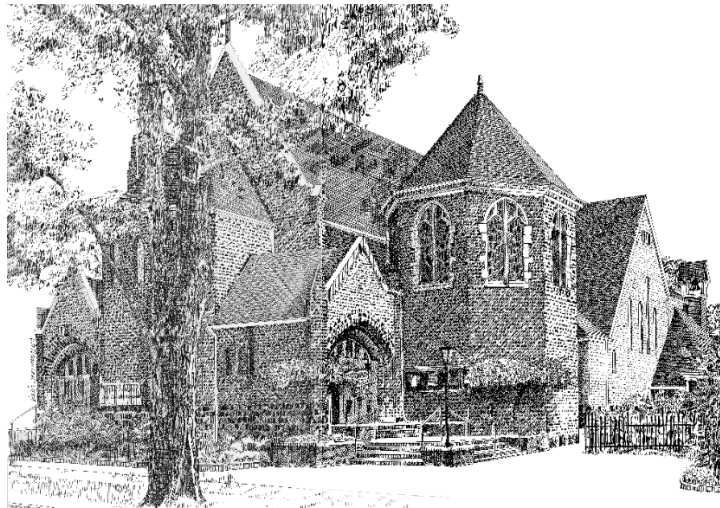




**Advent III**  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Sung Mass at 9:30 am**



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*Please note that congregational singing is now permitted on the condition that protocols around mask wearing and distancing are strictly followed. Please sing along with the choir.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx**

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

**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.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,

*People:* **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**

*Sung three times.*

*Chant: Alexander Arkhangelsky*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in G major (one flat) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 3: Song of Thanksgiving; *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Ring out your joy, for the

Ho - ly One of Is - rael is in your midst.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour. **R/.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. **R/.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **R/.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4.4-7**

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3.7-18**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

John said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*After the Sermon, please remain seated for a period of silent reflection. Please stand when the Celebrant stands.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People:* **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: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)***

**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.**

*Please remain standing.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* Show forth your power Lord, and come.  
Come in your great strength and help us.  
Be merciful and forgiving, hear our plea.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Intercessor:* Come as shepherd to tend your flock: for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Andrew our Bishop, and all who worship and minister here. Gather all people into the unity of the Church.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Intercessor:* Much of the world does not know you: The nations, the people and their leaders, those flooded with wealth and those thirsting for sustenance. Show yourself anew to all creation.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Intercessor:* We shall draw water from the springs of salvation: For the sick\_\_\_\_\_ and those others for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_ that they may receive the water of salvation as a new medicine, bringing health, strength, and joy.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Intercessor:* We pray also for those, who at this time of joy, find their lives a burden too heavy to bear.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Lord be their strength and hope.**

*Intercessor:* In thanksgiving, let us (both here and by livestream) remember all our families, friends, and the strangers that we meet. We offer up a portion of our blessings now aloud or in silence \_\_\_\_\_ and we pray that we may be blessings for others. An occasion of joy.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Intercessor:* Remember those who have died: \_\_\_ Lord, show them the glory your gift has won for them.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Awaken our faith from sleep.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, Creator of all things, Grant to us who in faith and love wait for the coming of your Son, the reward of faith and the renewal of true freedom; through the same, your Son, who with you and your Spirit are one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* 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.

*The people may bow or kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Most merciful God,

*People:* **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. **Amen.**

*All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 396 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

- 1 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,  
Great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.
- 2 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
From hill to vale the fountains  
Of righteousness o’erflow.
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
- 4 O’er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever,  
His changeless Name of Love.

CRÜGER  
*Johann Crüger, 1640*

*James Montgomery, 1821*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

*The Choir sings:*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

*Please remain standing.*

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."



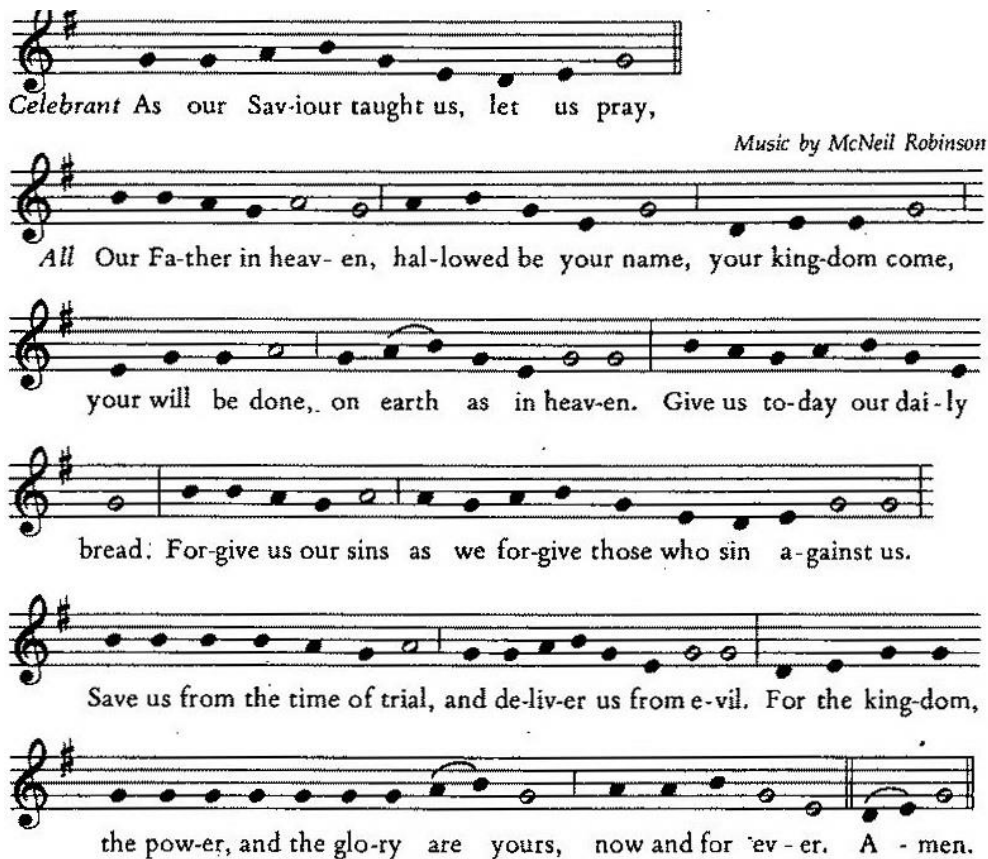
*Celebrant:* Therefore, Father, according to his command:

*People:* **We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

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 sons and daughters; 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. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are: 'Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray, All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.'

*Celebrant* As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray, *Music by McNeil Robinson*

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly  
bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings:*

### AGNUS DEI

Jesus, wisdom and mighty Lord, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Jesus, true branch of Jesse's tree, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Desire of nations, our Emmanuel, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Key of David and Dayspring from on high, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.*

### MOTET

Rejoice in the Lord alway; *Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> century*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. (*Phil 4.4-7*)

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

**My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.**

### ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.**

**Body of Christ, save me.**

**Blood of Christ, inebriate me.**

**Water from the side of Christ, wash me.**

**Passion of Christ, strengthen me.**

**O good Jesu, hear me.**

**Within thy wounds hide me.**

**Suffer me not to be separated from thee.**

**From the malicious enemy defend me.**

**In the hour of my death call me.**

**And bid me come to thee,**

**That with thy saints I may praise thee,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Merciful God, may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **CONCLUDING HYMN 65 – Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes**

- 1 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long:  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.
- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To bless the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy belovèd Name.