



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019  
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*(Please join in the congregational parts of the service, which are shown in **bold print**.)*

**Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant:** The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe; **Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor; **Deacon:** The Rev. Deborah Noonan **Ministrants:** Carol Spence Lord, Richard Johansen; **Server:** Patrick Burrowes; **Torches:** Hernan Torres, Don Costache; **Readers:** Rod de Courcy-Ireland, Ariana Winn, **Intercessor:** Susan Searle; **Greeters:** Malcolm McLeod, Tom Burpee, Bill Garrett; **Altar Guild:** Kasra Golnaraghi; **Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Elodie Lambert; **Music Director;** Jean-Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier.

**Prelude:** Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen (Op. 122, No. 8) - *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*  
*(Behold, a rose is blooming)*

**Processional Hymn: #103 – “ON JORDAN’S BANK...”**

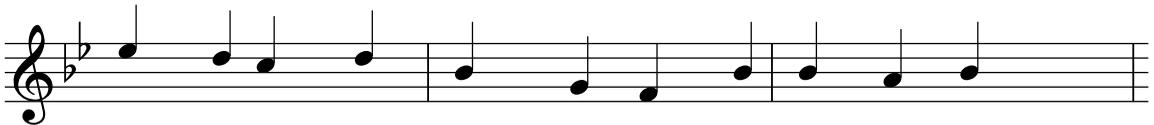
*Please stand & sing*



1. On ■ Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry an-  
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose



- noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,  
straight the way for God with-in. Pre - pare we in our  
ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
bid the fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
hearts a home, where such a might-y guest may come.  
waste a - way, like flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.  
light re-store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

## **Advent Candle-Lighting& Children's Focus**

*Please be seated*

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*Voice 1:* This is our Advent Wreath.

*Voice 2:* Why is it round?

*Voice 1:* Its roundness reminds us of God's love that goes on forever.

*Voice 2:* Why is it green?

*Voice 1:* The evergreen leaves remind us that new life will come.

*Voice 2:* Why do we have candles?

*Voice 1:* The candles remind us of Christ's light coming into the world.

*Priest:* Today we light two candles. We name this candle Hope. We name this candle Peace.

*Priest:* O God, as light comes from these candles, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming

*All:* **We look forward to Jesus coming.**

### **✠ The Gathering of the Community**

*Please stand*

*Priest:* 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.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

*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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our

judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

*Please be seated*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 11.1-10

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 72 – *Deus, iudicium*

*Please stand & sing*



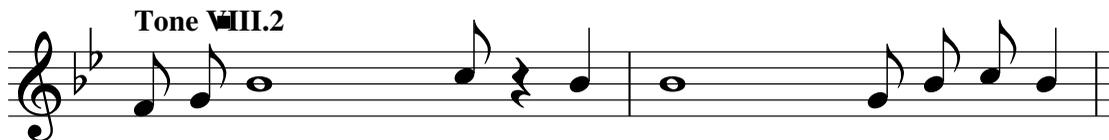
*Cantor:* 1. Give the King your justice, O God :

*People:* **and your righteousness to the King's Son.**

*C:* 2. That he may rule your people **righteous-ly** :  
and the **poor** with jus-tice.

*P:* 3. **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the peo-ple :**  
**and the little hills bring right^eous-ness.**

*C:* 4. He shall defend the needy among the **peo-ple** :  
he shall rescue the poor and crush **the op-pres-sor.**



**P: 5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure :  
from one generation to another.**

**C: 6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field :  
like showers that water the earth.**

**P: 7. In his time shall the righteous flourish :  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

*Reader:* Une lecture tirée de la lettre de saint Paul Apôtre aux Romains. *Please be seated*

Que le Dieu de la persévérance et du réconfort vous donne d'être d'accord les uns avec les autres selon le Christ Jésus. Ainsi, d'un même cœur, d'une seule voix, vous rendrez gloire à Dieu, le Père de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ. Accueillez-vous donc les uns les autres, comme le Christ vous a accueillis pour la gloire de Dieu. Car je vous le déclare : le Christ s'est fait le serviteur des Juifs, en raison de la fidélité de Dieu, pour réaliser les promesses faites à nos pères ; quant aux nations, c'est en raison de sa miséricorde qu'elles rendent gloire à Dieu, comme le dit l'Écriture : C'est pourquoi je proclamerai ta louange parmi les nations, je chanterai ton nom. Il est dit encore : Réjouissez-vous, nations, avec son peuple ! Et encore : Louez le Seigneur, toutes les nations ; que tous les peuples chantent sa louange. À son tour, Isaïe déclare : Il paraîtra, le rejeton de Jessé, celui qui se lève pour commander aux nations ; en lui les nations mettront leur espérance. Que le Dieu de l'espérance vous remplisse de toute joie et de paix dans la

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you

foi, afin que vous débordiez d'espérance    may abound in hope by the power of the  
par la puissance de l'Esprit Saint.                    Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* Parole du Seigneur.

Romains 15.5-13

*People:* Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #106 – “THERE’S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS...”    *Please stand & sing*

*The first two verses are sung before the Gospel, the remaining verses, after.*



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-  
2. O Zi-on, give voice to good tid-ings, as-cend to the heights and  
3. But your word, O God, is faith-ful, your arm, O Lord, is  
4. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-



- trod: pre-pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our God! The  
sing! Pro-claim to a des-o-late peo-ple the com-ing of their King. The  
strong; you stand in the midst of na-tions, and you will right the wrong. You'll  
- trod: pre-pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our God! The



val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the lof-ty hills brought low; make  
works of pride all per-ish, like flowers they shall de-cay; the  
feed your flock like a shep-herd, and fold the lambs to(your) breast; in  
val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the lof-ty hills brought low; make



straight all the crook-ed plac-es where the Lord our God may go!  
power and pomp of na-tions shall pass like a dream a-way.  
pas-tures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the wea-ry rest.  
straight all the crook-ed plac-es where the Lord our God may go!

TEXT: Is.40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.

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## The Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

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

*All:* 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 3.1-12

*All:* 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

**Sermon:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed.*

## The Nicene Creed

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

*Please stand*

*All:* **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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Please kneel or be seated*

*Leader:* Our God is always ready to hear our prayers. Let us be still, and pray to him now.

*Prayers for the church are offered*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who remind us to be kind and loving, by their words and example. We pray that, as a church, we may prepare to welcome you and make straight the paths that lead us to your love. Come to us, Lord:

*All:* **We know our need of you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the world, as it seeks a peace that it cannot find without God.

*Prayers for the world are offered*

We pray that there may be respect among nations, and that where communication has broken down there may be a new desire for healing. Come to us, Lord:

*All:* **We know our need of you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the sick and the suffering, the baleful and bitter, the lonely and lost.

*The names of the sick and suffering are offered*

I invite your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

*Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you*

We pray that all who long for healing may be filled with hope. Come to us, Lord:

*All:* **We know our need of you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who have died, and have entered into eternity with the Father.

*The names of those who have died are offered*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*All:* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* May those who have died be welcomed into the fellowship of the saints and the company of angels, and may those who miss them be comforted. Come to us, Lord:

*All:* **We know our need of you.**

*Leader:* Almighty God,

*All:* **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Ministrant:* 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.

*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.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

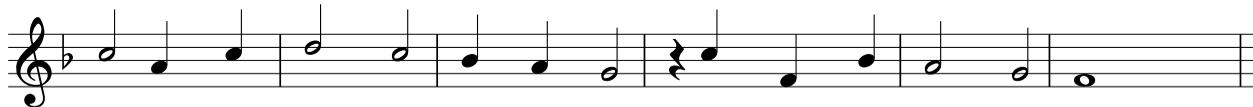
*Ministrant:* Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (*Luke 3.4*)

# Offertory Hymn: #646 – “SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYERS”

*All sing*



1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make our hearts your home;
2. Come as the light: to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3. Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fic - ial flame;
4. Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peac - eful love;
5. Come as the wind, with rush - ing sound and pen - te - cost - al grace,
6. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make this lost world thy home;



de - scend with all your gra - cious powers, O come, great Spir - it, come!  
 and lead us in those paths of life where all the right - eous go.  
 let our whole life an off - ering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.  
 and let your church on earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.  
 that all of wo - man born may see the gl - ory of your face.  
 de - scend with all your gra - cious powers: O come, great Spir - it, come!

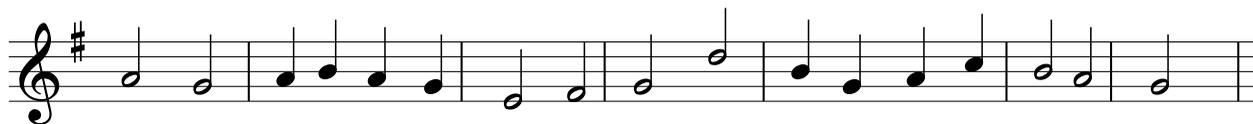
TEXT: Andrew Reed (1787-1862), alt. MUSIC: Grafenburg (Nun danket all); Melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662).

## Offertory Sentence

*All sing*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be -



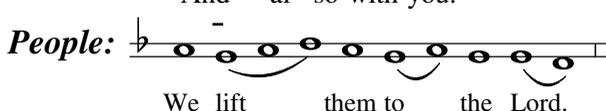
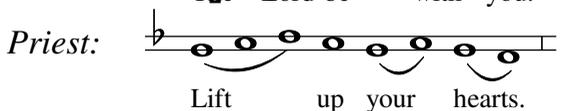
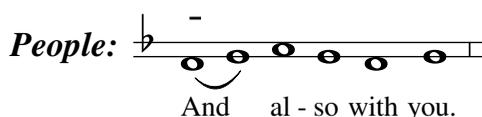
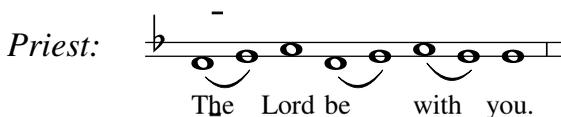
- low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1710). MUSIC: Old 100th; Melody Geneva, 1551.

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist (*Eucharist Prayer S-1*)

*Priest:* God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.



*Priest:* 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* 

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Priest:* Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus - Communion Service Op. 71 – William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Sung by the Choir*

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heav'n 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 kneel or be seated*

*Priest:* Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

*All sing*



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain.

*Priest:* Breathe your Holy Spirit the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our soul and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest:* Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne. Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

### **The Breaking Of The Bread**

*Priest:* 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!**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*Agnus Dei - Communion Service Op. 71 – William Mathias (1934-1992)*

*Sung by the Choir*

Jesus Lamb of God: have mercy upon us.

Jesus bearer of our sin: have mercy upon us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

# The Communion

*All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Should you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms on your chest.*

*Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the priest when at the altar rail.*

*Tous les chrétiens sont invités à communier. Si vous préférez recevoir seulement la bénédiction du Seigneur, veuillez croiser vos bras sur votre poitrine.*

*Hosties sans gluten disponibles. SVP demandez au prêtre lorsque vous serez à la balustrade.*

*If it is physically difficult for you to go up to the altar rail to receive Communion, please tell a Greeter who will ask the Celebrant to bring communion to you in your seat.*

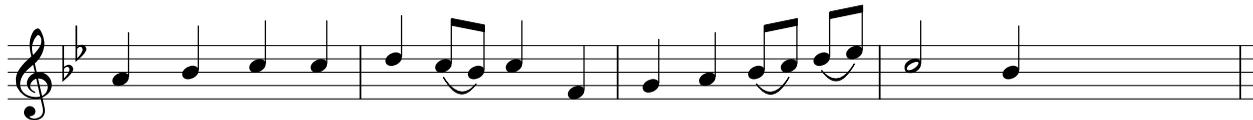
*Si vous avez du mal à vous déplacer jusqu'à l'autel pour recevoir la Communion, veuillez en aviser l'accueil qui demandera au Célébrant de vous apporter la Communion à votre siège.*

## Communion Hymn: #87 – “STRENGTHEN FOR SERVICE, LORD”

*All sing*



1. Strength-en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en; let
2. Lord, may the tongues which “Ho - ly” sang keep free from all de - ceiv - ing; the
3. The feet that tread thy ho - ly courts from light do thou not ban - ish; the



ears that now have heard thy songs to clam-our nev - er wak - en.  
eyes which saw thy love be bright thy bless-èd hope per - ceiv - ing.  
bod - ies by thy bod - y fed with thy new life re - plen - ish.

TEXT: The Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles W. Humphreys (1840-1921). MUSIC: Ach Gott Und Herr; Melody Neu-Leipziger Gesangbuch, 1682.

## Anthem: “RIU, RIU, CHIU (*Mateo Flecha the elder*) (1481-1553)

*Sung by the choir*

Riu, riu, chiu, cried the shepherd by the riverside. God kept the wolf away from our lamb.

The raging wolf wanted to bite her, but the powerful God knew how to protect her.

He wanted to make her incapable of sin, and this Virgin did not even have original sin.

Many prophecies have fortold it, and now in our time we have seen them fulfilled.

We see God in human form here on earth, and man raised to heaven because God loved him.

Since now we have our hearts' desire, let us all go together bearing gifts;

we shall all submit our will to him, because he came to make himself equal with man.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

*Priest:* All your works praise you, O Lord.

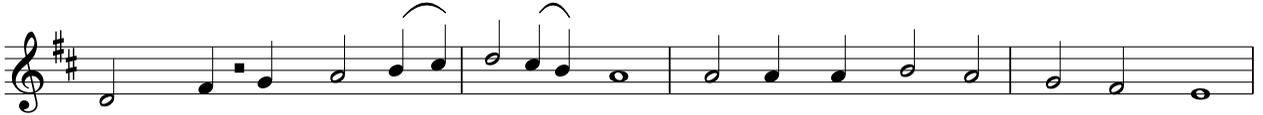
*All:* **And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Announcements

*Please be seated*

Recessional Hymn: #383 – “JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE’ER THE SUN” *Please stand & sing*



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
2. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with sweet - est song,
3. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - oners leap to lose their chains;
4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ours to our King,



his king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
the wear - y find e - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. MUSIC: Duke Street; John Hatton (?-1793).

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Go forth in peace and serve in the kingdom of God. Alleluia!

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

*Choir:* Amen.

**Postlude:** Fughetta on - Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland (BWV 699) - *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*  
(*Come now, Saviour of the Gentiles*)



### Our Motto

"To know Christ and to make Him known"      "Connaître le Christ et le faire connaître"



### Our Mission Statement:

To actively witness to the faith that is given to each of us as we open our hearts and minds to God, and to share this wholeheartedly with those who live, work and study in downtown Montreal through the transforming love of Jesus and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our services today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to make yourself known to one of our Greeters or Clergy.

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux visiteurs et aux nouveaux venus à nos services d'aujourd'hui et nous vous invitons à vous faire connaître auprès d'une des personnes à l'accueil ou auprès d'un membre du clergé.

### TODAY

**Following the 10:30 a.m. service ...** We invite everyone to join us for refreshments.  
**Advent Study** – 12:30-2:00 in the Boardroom.

### THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday – Saturday</b>	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Community Lunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Holy Communion (Chancel)
	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Boardroom)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Boutique St. Georges (Lower Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

### NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15, 2019 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Chapel) <i>Preacher:</i> The Rev. Deborah Noonan
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Advent Lessons and Carols</b>

## NOTICES

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY** – If it is your birthday during the month of **December** or you are celebrating a significant life event, please let the office know. We will have cake or goodies to mark the occasion and read the names of those who are celebrating **that month**.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COMING UP!** - The Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday 22 December**). There will be rehearsals on Sundays December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate to the Flower Fund to decorate the Church, please place your envelope in the offering plate marked "Flower Fund".

**END OF YEAR REMINDER:** In order to receive Income Tax credit for contributions to the church, **all** donations must be received no later than **December 31, 2019**.

**ADVENT RESOURCES** are on the resource table. If you would like Advent resources for families, please see Rev. Debbie.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** "The Scandalous Women in Jesus' family tree" concludes today.

**"CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT" SERVICE** – **Friday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m.:** Mark your calendars for our beautiful annual tradition featuring lessons and carols in both English and French.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** – **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** Tony Hadley will make a presentation and hold a workshop on the three types of wills permitted in Quebec. Is there one that would be considered the best? Can you write your own will? The presentation portion will take the usual 20 minutes but the workshop segment will continue for another 15 minutes approximately.

**STRINGS AT ST. GEORGE'S WINTER STUDENT RECITAL - Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!** You are all invited to our Musician-in-Residence, Beatrice Ferreira's recital for her students held here at St. George's Church. All of her students have been working extremely hard on their repertoire and are excited to share it with you. Join us for an evening of wonderful music and to support these young musicians. **Admission:** \$12 (\$8 students) Free admission for current SSG studio students! Recital to be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

 **CIVITAS<sup>x</sup>, "MEALS TO THE STREETS"** – **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.** Our volunteer base is growing and we need members of St-George's community to join us to provide a welcoming presence and to fill in where needed. Join us to have fun and do good with our partners PEACE Initiatives Canada, a Muslim-led non-profit and many others when we will make and deliver our 5000<sup>th</sup> meal together. For more information, please speak to Deborah Hinton, Honor Barrett or Carole Kapelanski at the church office.