



# SUNG EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST GEORGE

22 DECEMBER 2024

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

## WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit [www.stgeorgescathedral.ca](http://www.stgeorgescathedral.ca), or connect with one of the clergy following the service. We hope you will join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us!

## ABOUT THE LITURGY

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The Eucharistic Prayer offered in this service is from the Church in Wales, Eucharistic Prayer 5.

## LEADING THE SERVICE

### PRESIDER

Canon Peter Case

### PREACHER

The Ven Bob Hales

### MUSICIANS

The Cathedral Choir

### INTERCESSOR

Eleanor Rogers

## ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Judith Challis, *server*

Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin, *livestream technicians*

Jane Kirkpatrick & Nancy Legacy, *vergors*

Jim Parrish & Jane Kirkpatrick *lay ministers*

Brian Hinchey, John Courage, Debbie Docherty, *sidespeople*

*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of my loving parents,  
Alan and Dorothy Baldwin, from Jane Baldwin*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*The people's responses are in bold.*

**PRELUDE** *The people stand as able as the procession enters the Cathedral.*

## **WORDS OF WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT**

*Please be seated and join in the singing of the carols*

#### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
how still we see thee lie  
above the deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
be born to us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

#### **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night**

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

2 "To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"  
and this shall be the sign:

3 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed;  
and meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
and in a manger laid."

4 "All glory be to God on high  
and to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to us  
begin and never cease."

#### **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.  
*O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high. (Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone cold tomb. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,  
no crib for His bed.  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head.

2 The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me I pray.

4 Bless all the dear children  
in Thy tender care,  
and take us to heaven  
to live with Thee there.

## Joy To The World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness;  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders, of His love.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Celebrant* Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants is my brother or sister or mother.'

*People* I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to his word.

*The fourth candle is lit*

*Celebrant* Jesus is the light of the world.

*People* A light no darkness can ever put out.



Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness  
on that Day.

2 Mary's gift beyond all telling,  
Was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
In a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
-cross and glory;  
- Empty tomb

*The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.*

### **THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*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 with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*        Almighty God,

*People*            **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

### **THE SERMON: THE VEN BOB HALES**

*Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*People*            I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## CONFESSIOŃ & ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*People* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people stand as able.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Sung by all, standing as able.*



Now in holy celebration  
sing we of that Mother blest,  
in whose flesh for our salvation  
God incarnate deigned to rest,  
when her cousin's salutation  
named in faith the mystic guest.

2 Lo, the advent Word confessing,  
spake for joy the voice yet dumb,  
through his mother's lips addressing  
her, of motherhood the sum,  
bower of beauty, blest and blessing,  
crowned with fruit of life to come.

3 'Whence,' she cried, at that fair meeting,  
'comes to me this great reward?  
For when I first heard the greeting  
of the Mother of my Lord,  
in my womb, the joy repeating,  
leapt my babe in sweet accord!'

*Oriel*  
Caspar Ett 1788-1847

4 Lo, at that glad commendation  
joy found voice in Mary's breast  
while in holy exultation  
she her maker's power confessed,  
at whose word each generation  
now henceforward names her blest.

5 Triune Godhead, health supplying,  
Ruler of eternity,  
on the fount of grace relying,  
we uplift our hearts to thee,  
praying that in realms undying  
we at one with Life may be. Amen.

Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> cent  
Tr Laurence Housman 1865-1959

## 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. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother, and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed



passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*People* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray

*People* **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*People* We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to

eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

*Sung by the all.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

*All baptised Christians are welcome to share in this Eucharist. Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

## **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

*The people stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*People* **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**

*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!

Woodlands  
Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

Timothy Dudley Smith b. 1926  
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## POSTLUDE

*The organ postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.*



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