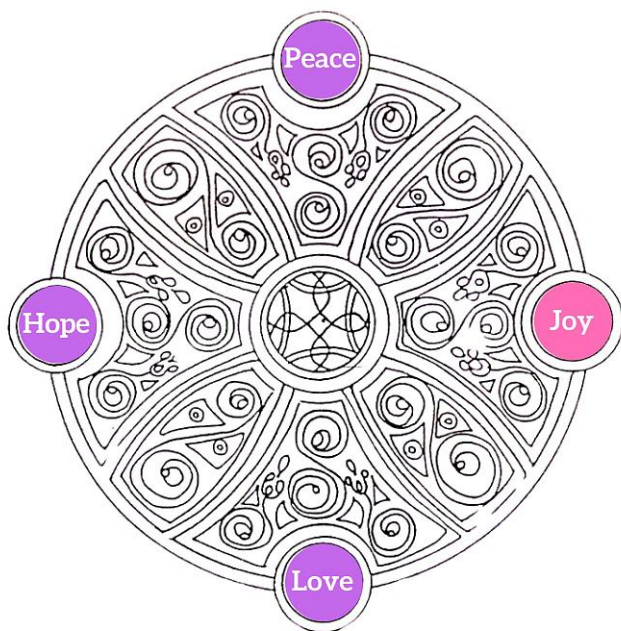


# **The Cathedral Church of All Saints**



**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 14, 2025**



I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of worship. Please, stay awhile. Get to know us better. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We at All Saints Cathedral Church, are a diverse lot, from many Christian backgrounds, non-Christian backgrounds, and no faith backgrounds. We come for Christian community, to find God in relationships with neighbours and new friends. We come for lessons from the incredible life of Jesus Christ. We come for spiritual rest, time to think, pray, and center on God, for comfort in hard times, and gratitude in good times. We come to serve God, each other, and the world. We're not perfect. We trust in God's gentle grace and unconditional love. We seek meaning for the life God has gifted us.

You are invited to God's table to receive communion (gluten free wafers are available). We welcome you, no matter who you are, or what you look like, or what labels the world puts on you. We welcome you if, like us, you struggle with flaws and imperfection but have a loving spirit and strive to let the light of Jesus shine within you and then to share it with others. We dare to welcome all because God, and not any human authority, extends this gracious invitation. If you wish not to receive Holy Communion you may still come forward for a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You are also welcomed to remain seated during this time.

In this leaflet, you will find most everything you need to follow along throughout the service. Whether you have been attending the Cathedral Church your whole life or this is your first time here, you are invited to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing and are able to.

Blessing to you,

*The Very Rev. Paul Smith*, Rector,  
and Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints

## **Prelude Music ~ Paul Halley**

## **Welcome/Announcements ~**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*Leader:* As we gather today, we acknowledge, with gratitude, that we do so on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

## **Introit** *The Fifth & Sixth Great O Antiphons* Plainsong

O Oriens O Dayspring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness: Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death. O Rex Gentium O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

## **Opening Hymn CP 102** *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDAN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

## **Advent Candle Lighting - Week Three: Joy**

**Reader:** "Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God". With these words the prophet Isaiah calls us to celebrate. Even in difficult times, God does not forget us. "They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

**Reader:** Jesus says; "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them."  
There is Good News to be shared!

**Reader:** Today we light the Pink candle on our Advent wreath to symbolize our **Joy** in this season of waiting. *[The pink candle is lit].*  
The flame of this light joins with our candles of **Hope** and **Peace**, each week the light grows stronger and brighter as we await Christ's coming.  
*[2 purple candles are lit]*

**People:** Let us lift up our hearts in joy and thanksgiving to our God!

**Hymn CP 89** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv.5&6)*

VENI EMMANUEL

5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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** *Sviati Bozhe, Sviati krepki, Sviati bessmertni, pomiluy nas.*  
P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy on us.*

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit,  
both now, and for ever, world without end. Amen.*

## Collect

**All** Almighty God, for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

**Reader** A reading from the prophet Isaiah [35:1-10]

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

**Canticle 18** *Magnificat* Luke 1. 47-55 Tone VI



*Cantor* 1 MY SOUL proclaims the greatness of the Lord :  
*All* my spirit rejoices in **God** mÿ Sa-viour.

*Cantor* 2 FOR HE has looked with favour on his lowly **ser**-vant:  
from this day all generations will **call** mē bless-ed  
*All* 3 THE AL-mighty has done great things **for** me :  
and ho-**ly** is his name.

*Cantor* 4 HE HAS mercy on those who **fear** him :  
in every **ge**-nē-ra-tion.  
*All* 5 HE HAS shown the strength of **his** arm :  
he has scattered the proud **in** thēir con-ceit.

*Cantor* 6 HE HAS cast down the mighty from **their** thrones :  
and has lifted **up** thē low-ly.  
*All* 7 HE HAS filled the hungry with **good** things :  
and the rich he has sent **a**-wāy emp-ty.

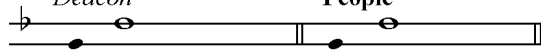
*Cantor* 8 HE HAS come to the help of his servant Is-**ra**-el: for he  
has remembered his pro-**mise** öf mer-cy,  
*All* 9 THE PRO-mise he made to our **fa**-thers :  
to Abraham and his chil-**dren** för ev-er.

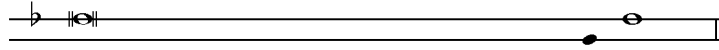
*Cantor* GLO-RY to the Father, and to **the** Son: and to the **Ho**-lÿ  
Spi-rit;  
*All* AS IT was in the beginning, **is** now :  
and will **be** för ev-er.

## Gradual Hymn #270 *Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise* LÜBECK

Verses 1-4 before the Gospel vs. 5-6 following the Gospel

### The Gospel [Matthew 11:2-11]

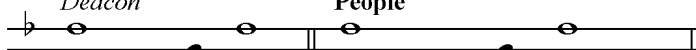
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	<b>And</b> also with you.

<i>Deacon</i>

<i>The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.</i>

<i>People</i>

<b>Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.</b>

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

<i>Deacon</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>The Gospel of Christ.</i>	<b>Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.</b>

**Gospel Recessional** vv. 5 & 6

## The Apostles' Creed

*The celebrant may invite the people, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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 *(Crafted by the Reader)*

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*



*Celebrant* 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.

*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.  
*People* Amen.

## The Peace

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Preparation Hymn CP 111** *Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement*  
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## The Celebration of the Eucharist




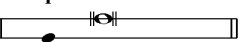
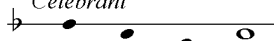

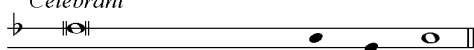
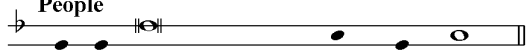
Today the Wine, Host, and Bulletin are offered in loving memory of Said & Sharon Awad who would have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 11<sup>th</sup>. From their children, Brian & Michelle

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*When the altar has been prepared,*

**All** 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      Eucharistic Prayer 2

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>People</b>
	
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>People</b>
	
<i>Lift up your hearts.</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
<i>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i>	
<b>People</b>	
	
<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	

**Celebrant** We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,

and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

# **Sanctus (Sung by all)**

# *Advent Sanctus*

(‘Nun komm der Heiden Heiland)

Trad. Lutheran adapt. P. Halley

(Organ) *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Women*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

*Men*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the

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name\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Bles - sed is the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

*All*

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."  
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church, now and for ever.



*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All* **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

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution*

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

*All:* **Happy are those who are called to the supper  
of the lamb.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei** *from Missa Super Dixit Maria*  
H. L. Hassler (1564-1612)

**Communion Anthem** *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*  
J. Stainer (1840-1901)

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that  
bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth  
salvation; that saith unto Zion, "Thy God reigneth!"*

**Communion Hymn CP 452** *Command Your Blessing from Above*  
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## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* *Let us pray.*

**All** 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.

*Then the following doxology may be said*

*Celebrant*      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** CP 116    “*Your Kingdom Come*”    IRISH

**Choral Benediction**    *The Great Forerunner of the Morn*  
The Truth from Above

1 The great forerunner of the morn,  
the herald of the Word, is born;  
and faithful hearts shall never fail  
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

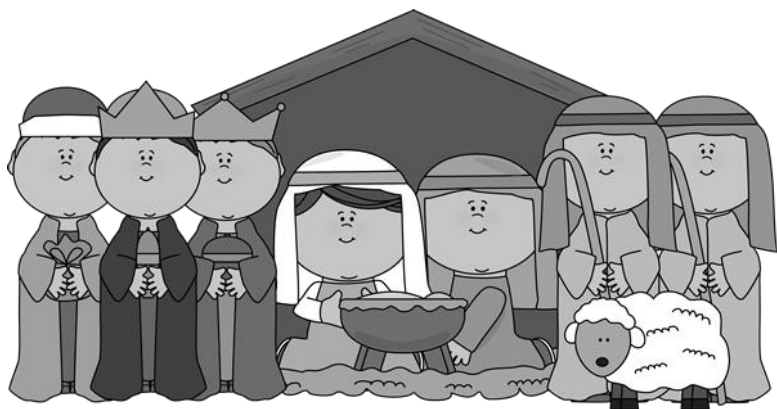
2 With heavenly message Gabriel came,  
that John should be the herald's name,  
and with prophetic utterance told  
his actions great and manifold.

3 Of woman born shall never be  
a greater prophet than was he,  
whose mighty deeds exalt his fame  
to greater than a prophet's name.

Words: Venerable Bede (c.672-673 - 735) trans. J. M. Neale  
(1818-1866) Music: Trad. English; harm. R. Vaughan Williams

**Dismissal**    *by the Deacon*

**Postlude**    *Fuga sopra il Magnificat*    J. S. Bach (BWV 733)



Join us **NEXT** Sunday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** for our annual Pageant service.

This will be a combined service at **10 am**.

In word, action, and song we will retell the story of the birth of our Lord.

The service will also include a celebration of Eucharist.

There will be a pageant rehearsal on **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**.

All are welcome to join in the pageant.

We have speaking and non-speaking parts,  
so there is something for everyone!

If you can't make the rehearsal we will also have 'walk-on' roles  
available on Sunday morning – just come a bit early.

As we give thanks for the birth of Jesus, we ask you to consider bringing  
a gift for a newborn to be distributed in our area.

Diapers, blankets, onesies, etc.



**\*\* You will find offering plates at the front and side entrance of the Cathedral. We also have installed touchless “Tap” devices at the main entrance, or you may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.**



**Thank you for your support of our Cathedral’s ministries.**