

Advent III

Sunday, 16 December 2007

Welcome. We hope that the liturgy will assist you in prayer and the worship of Almighty God. *More information about the church and our practices may be found at the end of this leaflet.*

8.00 a.m. Said Mass

Celebrant: Fr Nahabedian
Propers as at 11.00am

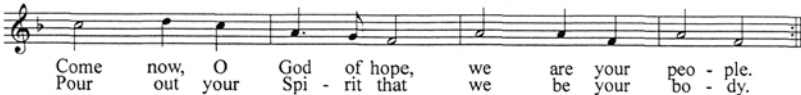
CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAMME today at the 9.30 Mass.
Please go to the lounge. All are welcome.

9.30 a.m. Sung Mass

Celebrant: Fr Thompson; Assistant: Fr Nahabedian

Gathering of the People of God

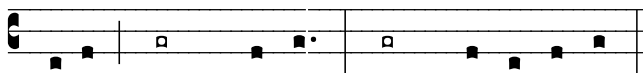
Introit Hymn K. Kendrick



Greeting **Blue Book No. 63**
Kyrie Eleison **Blue Book No. 64**
Collect of the Day **BAS p. 270**

Proclamation of the Word of God *(please sit)*

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10 Lector: Jeffrey Hocking
Psalm 146: 4 – 9



- C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help : whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- P: **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them : who keeps his pró-mise for e-ver;**
- C: Who gives justice to those who are op-pressed : and food to those who hun-ger.
- P: **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind : the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- C: The Lord loves the right-eous; the Lord cares for the stran-ger : he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wick-ed.

P: The Lord shall reign for e-ver : your God, O Zion, throughout all ages. Hal-le-lu-jah!

Second Reading: James 5: 7 – 10 Lector: Ian Greig

Sequence Hymn 10 *(small green book – stand)* Personent Hodie

Alleluia



Acclamations **Blue Book p. 126**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 – 11

Homily: Fr Nahabedian *(please sit)*

Apostles' Creed *(please stand)* **Blue Book p. 127**

Prayers of the People *(as announced)*

Confession & Absolution *(please kneel)* **Blue Book p. 128**

Kiss of Peace *(please stand)* **Blue Book p. 128**

Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

Offertory Hymn 7 *(small green book)* Little Cornard

Prayer over the Gifts

Sursum Corda **Blue Book No. 65**

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3 **Blue Book p. 131**

Sanctus **Blue Book No. 66**

Lord's Prayer & Breaking of Bread **Blue Book No. 67**

Holy Communion *(you may stand or kneel)*

Communion Anthem **Blue Book No. 68**

(We sit in silent thanksgiving, then stand for the hymn.)

Hymn 5 *(small green book)* Merton

Post Communion Collect

Blessing & Dismissal **Blue Book No. 69**

10.40 a.m. Mattins in the Lady Chapel

(The office begins at the petition 'O Lord, open thou our lips.' on page 6 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please join in as you arrive)

Psalms 63, 98 **BCP pp. 405, 455**

Lessons: Amos 9: 11 – 15; II Thessalonians 2: 1 – 3, 13 – 17



11.00 a.m. Solemn Mass

Celebrant: Fr MacLean; Deacon: The Rev'd M. Maybee;
Sub-deacon: Peter Sinclair

Music of the Mass: *Missa Brevis XI* Willan
Prelude: Renaissance music for guitar (various)

Gathering of the People of God

Asperges me, Domine **Blue Book No. 107**
(Stand and kneel with the Sacred Ministers.)

Introit: *Rejoice ye in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice ye: let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, nor troubled: but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Ps. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be ...*

Greeting *(please stand)* **Blue Book p. 139**

Kyrie eleison **Text - Blue Book p. 139**

Collect of the Day

Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10 *(please sit)*

Lector: Miles O'Reilly

Gradual: *Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up thy strength and come. V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.*

Second Reading: James 5: 7 – 10

Alleluia: *Alleluia. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come, and deliver us. Alleluia.*

Sequence Hymn 10 *(small green book – stand)* Personent Hodie

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 – 11

Sermon: Fr Nahabedian *(please sit)*

Nicene Creed *(stand - bow at the Incarnatus)...* **Blue Book No. 110**

Prayers of the People *(as announced)*

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Final Response: To thee, O Lord.

Confession and Absolution..... **Blue Book p. 142**

Kiss of Peace *(stand)* **Blue Book p. 142**

Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

Offertory Hymn 7 (*small green book*) Little Cornard
(*please sit after hymn ends*)

Offertory Sentence: *Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.*

Motet *A Hymn to the Virgin* Britten

Of one that is so fair and bright, *Velut maris stella,*
Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella:*
I cry to thee, thou see to me; Lady, pray thy Son for me,
Tam pia, That I may come to thee. *Maria!*

All this world was forlorn, *Eva peccatrice,*
Till our Lord was y-born, *De te genetrice.*

With *ave* it went away;
Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis; The well springeth out of thee. *Virtutis.*

Lady, flow'r of ev'ry thing, *Rosa sine spina,*
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *Gratia divina:*
Of all thou bear'st the prize; Lady, queen of paradise,
Electa: Maid mild, mother *es effecta.*

(*Stand as the thurifer approaches to cense the congregation; remain standing until the end of the Sanctus.*)

Intention of the Mass

Priest: Pray that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy name, to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Sursum Corda **Blue Book No. 116**

Sanctus Text - **Blue Book p. 143**

Eucharistic Prayer B (*please kneel*) **Blue Book p. 145**

Lord's Prayer **Blue Book No. 117**

The Fraction **Blue Book p. 146**

Agnus Dei Text - **Blue Book p. 146**

Holy Communion (*you may kneel or stand*)

Communion Sentence: *Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, and fear not: behold, our God will come, and will save us.*

Advent Prose Hymn 501 (*small green book*) Rorate Caeli
(*congregation joins during the verse*)

Concluding Rite

(*Sit. The community prays in silent thanksgiving.*)

Post Communion Collect (*you may stand*)

Blessing and **Dismissal** **Blue Book No. 118**

Hymn 5 (*small green book*) Merton

The Angelus (*see inside front cover of hymn book*)

Postlude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* Bach

Those who wish to say **the Rosary** together are invited to meet at the Shrine of Our Lady after coffee, at about 12.50pm.

We would like to thank **Don Macdonald** for providing us with Renaissance music for guitar from Spain and Italy as a prelude to the Solemn Mass today.

Solemn Evensong, Advent Carols and Benediction will be sung today at **4.30pm**. All are invited to join in worship. Carolling within the neighbourhood and other festivities will follow the liturgy.

Jesus gave his body and blood to his disciples in bread and wine. Amazed at such a token, and little understanding what they did, Peter, John and the rest reached out their hands and took their master and their God. Whatever else they knew or did not know, they knew they were committed to him, body and soul; they were consenting that he should die for them, and that they, somehow, should live it out ... We are not worthy of Christ, but we are bound to Christ. With all the sincerity of our minds let us renew the bond, and pray to live for him who has died for us.— Austin Farrer

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Visitors are invited to sign one of the guest books in the narthex. **Full music hymn books, or large print hymn books** are available from sidespersons. The **Blue Book**, which you have, lists **hymns** and **Mass music by number**. The text of the **liturgies** is by **page number** at the back of the book. All who are **baptised** with water in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive **Holy Communion** in the Anglican Church. **At the time of Communion** you may receive bread and wine **OR** bread only. However, **intinction** (dipping bread into the wine) is **no longer allowed**. You may kneel or stand to receive communion.

Washrooms are in the basement which can be reached from the door beside the font. There is a **wheelchair-accessible lift and washroom** in the office area. Please speak to one of the sidespersons.



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SEXTON

Alvaro Castañeda



ANNOUNCEMENTS
Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto
Sunday, 16 December 2007

CALENDAR 17 – 23 December 2007

17 Monday	6.00pm	Mass	Advent Feria
18 Tuesday	7.15am	Mass	Feria
19 Wednesday	10.00am	Mass	Ember Day
	11.15am	<i>Study of S. Luke's Gospel</i>	
20 Thursday	7.15am	Mass	Feria
	10.00am	La Messa	
21 Friday	6.00pm	Mass	Ember Day
22 Saturday	10.00am	Mass	Ember Day
23 Sunday	8.00am	Said Mass	Advent IV
	9.30am	Sung Mass	
	11.00am	Solemn Mass	

Decoration of the Church for Christmas

Mass Readings for Advent IV

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16; Romans 1: 1 – 7; Matthew 1: 18 – 25

Confessions will be heard in the church on Saturday by Fr Nahabedian from 5.00 to 5.30 pm or at other times by appointment. Mattins and Evening Prayer are normally said in the church on weekdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, except for Wednesday and Saturday when Mattins is said at 9:30 am. **Sacrament of Anointing for healing of the sick** - first Sunday of the month.

Christmas Eve	11.00pm Solemn Mass & Procession
Christmas Day	8.00am Said Mass; 10.00am Folk Mass
Holy Name (1 January)	10.00 am Said Mass
Feast of the Epiphany (6 January)	8.00am Said Mass; 9.30am Sung Mass; 11.00am Procession & Solemn Mass
Feast of the Baptism (13 January)	Masses 8.00, 9.30 and 11.00am
Celebrant and Preacher: The Most Rev'd F. Hiltz, Primate	

Visitors are warmly welcomed and are invited to enjoy refreshments with us **after the 9.30 or 11 o'clock Mass.**

- This afternoon at **4.30pm, Solemn Evensong and Benediction** will include a selection of **Advent Carols**. The Gallery and Ritual Choirs and the Orff Ensemble will be joined by Les Yeux Brass, and refreshments and neighbourhood carolling will follow. Family and friends are invited to join in worship and celebration. Help is needed with the clean-up of the reception.

If you would like to donate money for **Christmas flowers** as a memorial, please fill out the form included in the leaflet, **printing** the names of those to be commemorated, and put it and your contribution in a pew envelope; put the envelope in the offering plate or give it to one of the Wardens. This is the last Sunday to do so.

- If you have ordered **statues or other ceramic figures**, they have arrived. Please speak to Alvaro after Mass.
- The **decoration of the church** for Christmas will take place next Sunday, **23 December**, after the Solemn Mass. If you can help, please speak with Edith Killey.
- After the **Solemn Mass on Christmas Eve**, the annual **Réveillon** or Christmas party will take place. All members of the congregation are invited. Donations of finger foods and refreshments are needed and welcomed, as well as help cleaning up.
- For **next Sunday's coffee hour**, as a gesture of thanks, Alvaro Castañeda, our sexton, and his wife Rosalia and son Nicolas will provide special Colombian coffee for our enjoyment, as well as Colombian bread at the **Réveillon** on Christmas Eve.
- Please remember that on **New Year's Day**, Mass with hymns is celebrated at 10.00am followed by the annual **Levee** in the rectory to which all parishioners and family and friends are invited.
- On Sunday, **13 January**, there will be a **fundraising dinner** which will start at about 6.00pm, following Solemn Evensong. *Festa Italiana* has been organised by some of the Italian members of the congregation, and

will provide a joyful occasion for parishioners to share traditional Italian fare. Tickets will be \$35 (\$5 for children under 12); to learn more, please call the church office. A tax receipt will be issued for \$20 per adult ticket.

- **Interim statements**, providing a summary of 2007 donations up to the end of October, may be picked up at the back of the church.
- **Women's Transition House** is a hospice for aboriginal women (and their children) recovering from spousal abuse. Parishioners are invited to donate **wrapped Christmas gifts** for adults and children which will be delivered to the House on Boxing Day. Please indicate the age for which a child's gift is appropriate. Items such as cosmetics, stockings, scarves, etc. which will help build self-esteem in the women will be appreciated. Thank you.

• I want to announce that I have appointed **Mary Catherine Doyle** to be a regular **special greeter for the Solemn Mass** congregation. She has taken a leave of absence from the Gallery Choir to do this ministry of hospitality for parishioners, but especially for our visitors. She may, from time to time, ask you to help which we hope you will do.

Please remember that greeting visitors, assisting them at Mass with books and leaflets, and including them in the coffee hour is a task for each and every member of the congregation.

A parish is known as a friendly parish when the parishioners are found to be friendly.

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• With 2007 drawing to a close, the parish is getting ready to issue envelopes for 2008. This is a great time to remind everyone about the **Pre-Authorized Remittance system**. The Pre-Authorized Remittance system lets you automate your donations to the church. Once a month, the bank transfers money directly from your account to the church's account. You don't need to write cheques or keep track of how many you've written, and the parish volunteer counters have fewer cheques to process.

The Pre-Authorized Remittance system is highly secure. You can direct your givings to the General Fund, the Second Century Fund, and/or FaithWorks. Of course, you can withdraw or change your contribution at any time. For more information, please speak to one of the wardens.

• When buying **Christmas postage**, you may wish to make a specific request for stamps depicting the **Holy Family**. While the stamps generally sold this year for Christmas use feature a dove, using the Holy Family stamps provide a reminder of the presence of Christ in our lives, at this season and always.



Update from the Building Committee

On behalf of the Building Committee, I am providing an update on where matters stand as of earlier this month. First, I may advise that our architect has produced (1) drawings, (2) design specifications, (3) a schedule, and (4) a costs update for this project. Special attention has been paid to the costs update. To recall the circumstances of the June vestry meeting, our authorized budget for this project is \$485,134 and the main project components are (1) restoring or improving the main windows on the east and west sides of the Church, (2) replacing the floor in the entire Church building including the sanctuary and narthex, (3) installing new main doors in the narthex, (4) replacing the fence and improving access to the main doors from the street, (5) installing a new sign, and (6) installing a new sound system.

At the time of the vestry meeting, we had certain assumptions about the cost of the floor replacement based on not replacing the sub-floor. While that may be possible, our architect has provided a new budget that includes replacing the subfloor. The new budget also includes increases for the window aspect of the project as well. The updated project budget is \$580,507.

In the June vestry meeting, the Committee promised you that vestry would be re-engaged before the Committee approved any project that exceeded the June estimate. The Committee thus discussed how to address this updated budget and the re-engagement of vestry. Based on the experience of various Committee members with similar projects, the Committee is recommending that we go out to tender with the current package of information received from the architect and review the actual costs that come back from prospective contractors. On this basis, we would seek tenders in early January and have actual information on costs in late January 2008. We could then seek vestry approval based on such costs at that time, if the actual costs exceed the June budget.

This is a proposal only and Committee members and Church wardens and clergy are open to hearing from you in the next few weeks. We sincerely hope this update and proposal meet the spirit of our commitment to all of you in June. Based on input received, we will provide a further update in December of the next course of events.

Rodney Northey
Building Committee Chair