

The Third Sunday of Advent



Solemn Evensong, Advent Carols and Benediction

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Welcome. We hope that the liturgy will assist you in prayer and the worship of Almighty God.

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. **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.

Officiant: Fr Harold Nahabedian

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Prelude

Trumpet Suite in D

Handel

Service of Light

Advent Responses (choir – *please stand*)

Alan Wilson

V: Send us, O Lord, your saving power.

R: Send your deliverance to us and to all people.

V: You brought from chaos the light and darkness.

R: Be the light in our lives and scatter our darkness. Bring us new birth and restore our hope.

V: Send us, O Lord, your saving power.

R: Come and redeem us with healing light.

Hymn

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
3. O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with
awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
4. O come, thou root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
5. O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
6. O come, O come, thou Dayspring
bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.
7. O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with *your* spirit.**
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Thanksgiving:

Blessèd are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness. In this holy season, when the sun's light is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendour of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the prophets you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of his Spirit, you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise. For to you all honour and blessing are due, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Evensong

Psalm 103 (*please sit from middle of first verse; sing even numbered verses*)



- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, O my **soul** : and all that is within me **praise** his ho-ly^Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my **soul** : and forget not **all** his ben-e^fits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy **sin** : and healeth all **thine** in-firm-i^ties;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from des-**truc**-tion : and crowneth thee with mercy and **lov**-ing kind-ness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with **good** things : making thee young and lusty **as** an ea-gle.
- 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and **judge**-ment : for all them that are op-**press**-ed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways unto **Mo**-ses : his works unto the chil-**dren** of Is-ra^el.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **gra**-cious : long-suffering, and **of** great good-ness.
- 9 He will not alway be **chi**-ding : neither keepeth he his an-**ger** for ev-er.



- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our **sins** : nor rewarded us according to our **wick**-ed-ness-es.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth** : so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the **west** : so far hath he **set** our sins from^us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren : even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are **made** : he remembereth that **we** are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as **grass** : for he flourisheth as a **flower** of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone** : and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that **fear** him : and his righteousness unto **chil**-dren's chil-dren;
- 18 Even unto such as keep his **co**-ve^nant : and think upon his command-**ments** to do them.
- 19 The Lord hath established his throne in **hea**-ven : and his kingdom **ru**-leth o-ver^all.
- 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in **strength** : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the **voice** of his word.
- 21 O praise the Lord, all ye his **hosts** : ye servants of his that **do** his plea-sure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his do-**min**-ion :

(*please stand*)

praise thou the **Lörd**, O my^soul.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho-ly^Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.
 A-men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 13: 6 – 13 (*please sit*)

Office Hymn (*please stand*)

Mode IV



A - men.

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| <p>1. Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.</p> <p>2. Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heavenly grace.</p> <p>3. Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.</p> | <p>4. At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and King alone.</p> <p>5. To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every onslaught of the foe.</p> <p>6. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.</p> |
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V: Drop down ye heavens from above.

R: And let the skies pour down righteousness.

Antiphon:

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Magnificat

Fauxbourdons by Healey Willan

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; / he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, / and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; / and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Antiphon

Second Lesson: John 5: 30 – 47 (*please sit*)

Antiphon: (*please stand*)

Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace, that we may joy before thee with a perfect heart.

Nunc Dimittis

Fauxbourdons by Healey Willan

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel. GLORY be ...

Antiphon

Creed

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit. (*please kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Suffrages

Celebrant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Celebrant: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Celebrant: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Celebrant: O Lord, save thy people;

People: And bless thine inheritance.

Celebrant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And evermore mightily defend us.

Celebrant: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Anthem of Our Lady: Alma Redemptoris

Mode V

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat populo: Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem: Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere. (Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven, and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise: You who gave birth, amazing nature, to your sacred Creator: Virgin prior and following, taking from the mouth of Gabriel that: Hail! Have mercy on us sinners.)

V: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Collect

Hymn (please stand)

Ascension (Bancroft)



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 val-leys shall be ex - alt-ed, the loft-y hills brought low;



make straight all the crook - ed plac - es where God, our God, may go!

- 2. **O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!**
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
The power and the pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

- 3. **But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;**
You stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;
In pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.
- 4. **There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:**
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

Advent Carols (please be seated)

Vigilate

William Byrd

Watch ye therefore (for you know not when the lord of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning): Watch therefore, lest coming on a sudden, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch.

Ecce quod natura

Anonymous 15th-century English

Behold, Nature changes her laws; a pure virgin bears the Son of God. Behold, a new joy, a new wonder. She knew not a man, but as the pear-tree bears a pear, or the meadow a sapphire, or the rose a lily, she bore a son. God, seeing the lamentable world in ruin, has brought from a thorn a delectable flower; he has brought forth her who is virgin-queen, a healing to the world and the salvation of the peoples. Divinity could not be more humbled, nor could our weakness be more exalted, than to be placed in the sky, equaled with God, through this union of word and flesh.

SMM Orff Ensemble

Lo how a rose

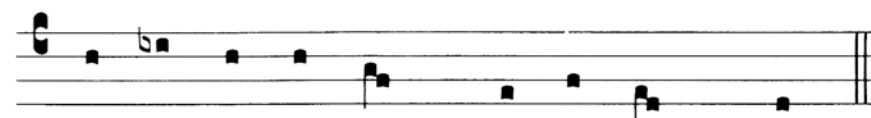
Jan Sandström

Lo how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung; of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.

Advent Prose Hymn 501 (congregation sings refrain as below - please kneel) Rorate Caeli, Tone I



Drop down, ye hea - vens, from a - bove,*



and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

Lo in the time appointed

Healey Willan

Lo in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon the throne of David shall he reign for ever. Alleluia ...

Hymn (please stand and join in)

Irish



1. Thy king - dom come! on bend - ed knee
2. But the slow watch - es of the night
3. And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills



The pas - sing a - ges pray; And
Not less to God be - long; And
The flags of dawn ap - pear; Gird



faith - ful souls have yearned to see
for the ev - er last - ing right
up your loins ye pro - phet souls,



On earth that king - dom's day.
The si - lent stars are strong.
Pro - claim the day is near.

4. The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;

5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad:
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God. (please sit)

Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

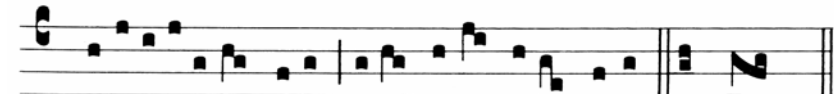
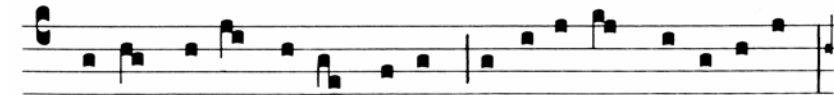
The tree of life my soul hath seen laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the Apple Tree. His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell the glories which I now can see in Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while; under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

Benediction (please kneel)

Hymn

Verbum Supernum



A - men.

1. O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Motet

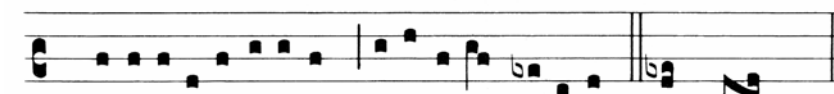
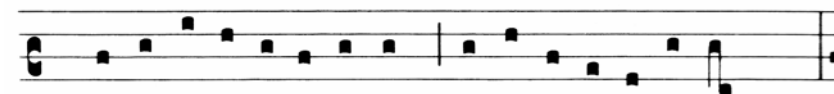
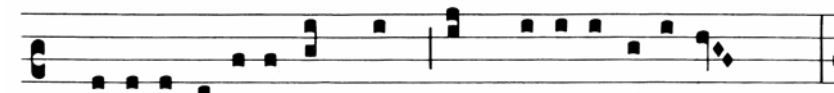
At thy great name

Stephanie Martin

At thy great name exalted now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things in heaven and earth adore and own thee King for evermore. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit Three in One, praise, honour, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Hymn

Pange Lingua



A - men.

<p>1. Therefore we, before him bending, This great sacrament revere: Types and shadows have their ending, For the newer rite is here; Faith, our outward sense befriending, Makes the inward vision clear.</p>	<p>2. Glory let us give and blessing To the Father and the Son, Honour, might and praise addressing, While eternal ages run; Ever too his love confessing, Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.</p>
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V: Thou gavest them bread from
heaven.

**R: Containing in itself all
sweetness.**

Collect

The Divine Praises (*repeat after the
officiant*)

Blessèd be God.

Blessèd be his holy name.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God and
true Man.

Blessèd be the Name of Jesus.

Blessèd be his most sacred Heart.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in the most
holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessèd be the Holy Spirit, the
Paraclete

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**Antiphon: Let
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Psalm 117**

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to all visitors. **Please join us for refreshments downstairs** after the service. Use the stairs at the west end of the church (near the baptismal font) or through the door besides St. Joseph's statue. We hope that you will also join us as we set off carolling around the neighbourhood, with further celebration and refreshments to conclude.

Many thanks to all the planners, musicians and participants who contributed to this evening's liturgy and music.

The SMM Ritual Choir
The SMM Gallery Choir
The SMM Orff Ensemble
Schola Magdalena
Les Yeux Brass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 final Sunday to do so.
- The **decoration of the church** for Christmas will take place on Sunday, **23 December** after the Solemn Mass. If you can help, please speak with Edith Killey.

- After the **Solemn Mass**, the annual party will take place in the congregation of finger foods as needed and welcome cleaning up.
- Please remember the **Solemn Mass**, Mass with 10.00am followed in the rectory to and family and friends

OUR SCHEDULE AND EARLY 20

Christmas Eve
00pm Solemn Mass
Christmas Day
0am Said Mass
Holy Name (1
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F. Hiltz, Prima