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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Veni redemptor

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Mass Setting

Missa XVIII

Plainsong

Creed: Merbecke

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Holly: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Jon: On the second Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Prophets. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Holly and Jon with Phoebe: Today we light the candle of John the Baptist. *(the candle is lit)*

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus, **Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light. To You, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Opening Hymn

5 *Hark! A herald voice is calling*

Merton

Introit Proper

Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your

moderation be known unto all, 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.* And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding : shall keep your hearts and minds. Glory be ... Rejoice ye ...

Opening Greeting p.2

Kyrie p.2

Collects

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 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 traveller, 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

VIII.2



Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea.

⁴ Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his *help*, / and
whose hope is *in* the Lord his[^] God;

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is;
/ who keepeth his *pro-mise* for ev-er;

⁶ Who helpeth them to right that suffer *wrong*; / who feed-eth
the hun-gry.

⁷ The Lord looseth men out of *pri-son*: / the Lord giveth *sight*
to the blind.

⁸ The Lord raiseth up them that are *fall-en*: / the Lord lov-eth
the righ-teous.

⁹ The Lord careth for the strangêrs; he upholdeth the
fatherless and *wi-dow*: / as for the way of the ungodly, he
turneth *it* up-side down.



¹⁰ The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for ever-*more*, / **and throughout all ge-ne-ra-tions.**

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

521 *Lord, thy word abideth*

Ravenclaw

Gradual Proper

Shew thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim : stir up thy strength and come. *℟.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* Stir up thy strength, O Lord : and come and help us. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, beginning at the second verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Canon George Kwari

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Offertory Proper

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

Offertory Hymn

7 Hark what a sound Highwood

Prayer over the Gifts

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 CANON OF THE MASS

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Communion Proper

Say to them that are of a fearful heart : Be strong, fear not;
behold, your God will come and save you.

Communion Hymn

375 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Schmücke Dich
(omit v.2)

Ablutions Motet

Prepare ye the way of the Lord Michael Wise (c.1647-1687)

Prayer after Communion p.17

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.**

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our

souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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Post-Communion Hymn

6 *Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes* Bristol

The Angelus p.19

Organ Postlude

Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601
(‘Lord Christ, the only Son of God’)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon George Kwari
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