

**December 3, 2017**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

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**Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul!**  
**Worship is crucial to a healthy relationship with God.**  
**May you be uplifted by your experience here today, and may you**  
**experience the presence of Christ in this community of faith.**

**Nursery Care** during the 10:00 am Eucharist will be available in Rooms 203/204.

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**8:00 a.m. – Eucharist**  
*in St Aidan's Chapel*

**Presiding Celebrant:**  
**The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay**

The service can be followed in  
*The Book of Common Prayer*  
beginning on page 67.

The Collect for The First Sunday  
of Advent–BCP p.95  
The Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*  
The Gospel: *Mark 13:24–37*

**After the service please come for coffee  
in Cronyn Hall.**

# 10:00 a.m. – Choral Eucharist

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**Presiding Celebrant:** The Very Rev'd Paul Millward

## Announcements: The Work of the Community

**Setting**      *Communion Service in C*      William Harris

**Introit**      **Ad te levavi**  
*Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul: O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.*

**Processional Hymn** *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*      **Blue Book 8**

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider:*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*All:*      **And also with you.**

*Presider:*      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.**

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Presider:*      Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

*The Advent candle is lit today by the children.*

*Reader:*      We light the first candle for Hope to remind us that Jesus was the promised Messiah sent by God.

*All:*      **With this same hope we can look ahead knowing that God will always be with us.**

**Hymn** *Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near*      **Blue Book 94**

1. All 2. Ladies 3. Men 4. All

*PLEASE STAND*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider:*      Let us pray.

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.

*People:*      **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**First Reading** *Isaiah 64:1-9*      **Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 538**  
read by Lise Whealy

**Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18** BAS p. 812      *PLEASE REMAIN SEATED*



Show the light\_ of your coun-ten-ance, and we\_\_ shall be saved.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*      **Pew Bible, New Testament p. 127**  
read by Brad Visscher

**Gradual Hymn** *Sing for God's Glory*

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN  
(Blue Book 384)

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight  
succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us, s  
earing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,  
touching our shame  
with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right,  
resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see  
the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.

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*PLEASE TURN TO FACE THE GOSPELLER IN THE CENTRE AISLE*

**Gospel** *Mark 13:24–37*

**Pew Bible, New Testament p. 39**  
proclaimed by Deacon Pat Henderson

*After the Gospel Acclamation has been sung, the Gospeller will sing or say:*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**Nicene Creed**

*PLEASE STAND*

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten  
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things  
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the  
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was  
made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He  
has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

led by William McKillop

*Leader:* Lord, in your love,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion:*

*Leader:* God of steadfast love,  
*People:* **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us**

**Blue Book 110**

*AN OFFERING WILL NOW BE TAKEN FOR THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE CATHEDRAL.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

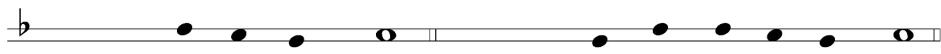
*PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

*Presider:* God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People:* **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

*PLEASE STAND SIT OR KNEEL*

  
*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

  
*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

  
*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

  
*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*sung by the Cathedral Choir*

*Presider:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, loving God, according to his command,

*All:* **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider:* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

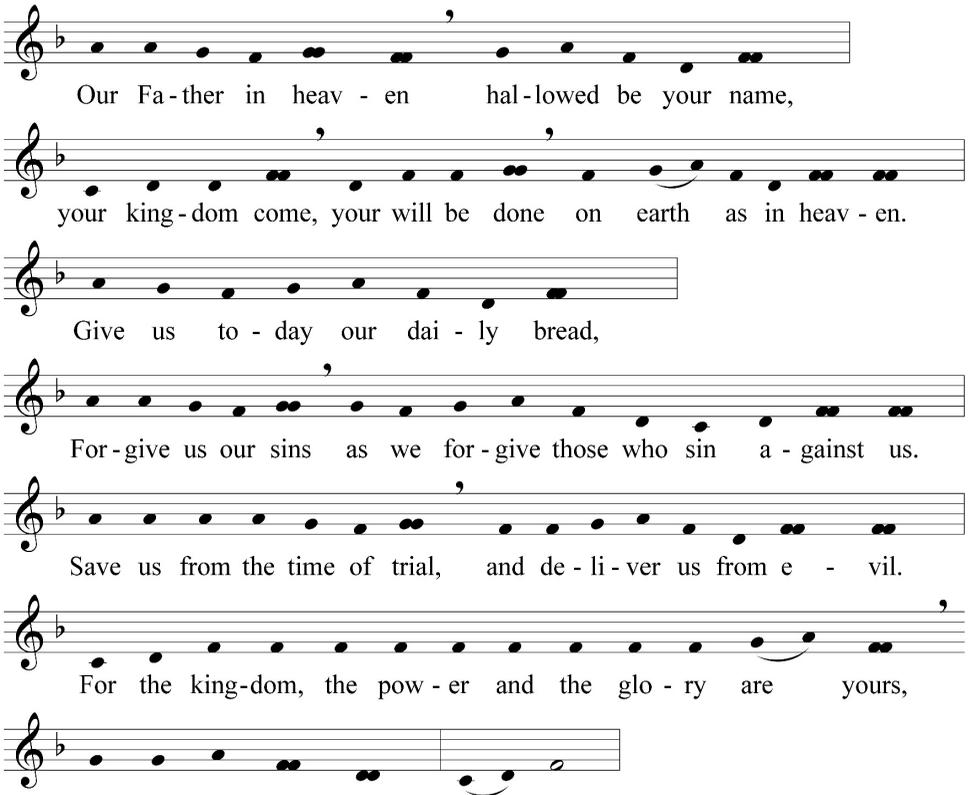
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Presider:*   
As our Saviour taught us let us pray,

*All:*



Our Fa-ther in heav - en hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for e - ver. A - men.

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### Breaking of the Bread

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

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to  
the supper of the Lamb.**

### Communion

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*All Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
Gluten-Free Hosts are now available. We invite you to ask the communion administrant  
at the time of communion. Those not receiving Communion may wish to receive  
a blessing and we ask that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the clergy.  
Those not wishing to drink from the chalice are asked to simply cross their arms over  
their chests as the lay administrant approaches, and, if desired, to touch the base  
of the chalice as a sign of reverence. Those drinking from the chalice are asked to  
assist the administrant by holding the base and guiding it to their lips.  
Those wishing to receive the sacrament of anointing are invited to the  
Lady Chapel prior to receiving Holy Eucharist.*

**Communion Antiphon** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
*The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.*

**Lamb of God** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

**Motet** *Vigilate* William Byrd

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando Dominus domus veniat, *Watch ye therefore: for ye know not  
sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane. when the master of the house cometh,  
at even, or at midnight, or at the  
co ckcrowing, or in the morning,*  
Vigilate ergo, ne, cum venerit repente, inveniatis vos dormientes. *lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.*  
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico; Vigilate. *And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

**Prayer after Communion** PLEASE STAND

*Presider:* Let us pray.  
God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us  
ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this  
in the name of Christ the Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* 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.**

## Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

*Presider:* In the name of this congregation,  
*All:* **we send you forth bearing these holy gifts  
that those to whom you go may share with us  
in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
Assure those to whom you go, that they continue  
to be in our thoughts and prayers.**

**Post-Communion Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* **Blue Book 88**

## Blessing

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**You are warmly invited to join us for coffee in Cronyn Hall  
after the service this morning.**

**Greeters:** *Leslie Smith, Ken & Kim Lumpkin, Brian & Elizabeth Elliott*  
**Lay Administrants:** *Pat Binnington, Peter Hockin, Gayle Anderson*  
**Warden:** *John Sproule*  
**Coffee Hour:** *Group 4*

**Next Week's Greeters:** *Ellen Atkinson, Linda Gregson, John & Sylvia Lacon  
Ruth McCluskie*

**Next week's Lay Administrants:** *Chris Hughesman, Nancy Reichstein, Ken Lumpkin*  
**Next Week's Readers:** *Marilyn Papple, Stephanie Allen*  
**Next Week's Coffee Hour:** *Group 5*

**The flowers at the High Altar** are to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones given by  
John and Nancy Shipston.

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** - Today we pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Aylmer; Trinity Church, Port Burwell; St. Luke's Church, Vienna; St. Andrew's Church, Muncey; and Zion Church, Oneida.

**Intercessions** – Helen, Jim, Eva, Therese, Thomas, Mark, Larissa, Lillian, Darryl, Bob, Laura, Madison, John, Tanja, Judy, River, Christine, Josh, Teagan, Leanne & Wayne.

*(Please note, names remain on the prayer list for three months from date of entry or re-entry, unless otherwise requested. To protect privacy, only first names appear in the bulletin. To add a name to the prayer list, please leave a confidential message for the clergy at Ext. 204 with the person's first and last name. Please include your name and phone number, and a few details about the prayer request)*

**Next weeks readings and Gospel:**

*Isaiah 40:1–11; 2 Peter 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–8*

## *Upcoming Events and Announcements*

### Services

**Morning Prayer** Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. in St. Aidan's Chapel 8:45 a.m.  
(except statutory holidays)

**Tuesday, December 5** 2:30 p.m. Extendicare Seniors Eucharist

**Wednesday, December 6** 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, December 10 Advent II** 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

### This Week's Events

**Today - December 3** Sundays @ 9  
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous

**Monday, December 4** 7:30 p.m. Recovery thru 11<sup>th</sup> Step

**Tuesday, December 5** 12:15 p.m. Noon Hour Organ Recital  
Aaron James, The Oratory of St. Philip Neri, Toronto, ON

**Thursday, December 7** 5:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Hope's Eating Disorder Support Group  
7:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group

**The Annual Seniors' Christmas Eucharist and Tea** will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 2:00pm. All parishioners are welcome. It is a time of an inspiring Advent service, wonderful fellowship, seasonal music and delicious food. Thank you to the Evening Women's Group for financially sponsoring this event.

**Christmas Concert with the London Jazz Orchestra** - December 14 at 7:30pm. Please plan to attend this fundraising event, in support of Project Jericho. \$15 in advance \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at St. Paul's or online at [tickets.londonfringe.ca](http://tickets.londonfringe.ca).

**Christmas Memorial Flowers** – The Altar Guild welcomes donations towards the cost of decorating for the Christmas season. If you would like to help in this way, please place your donation on the collection plate this Sunday or have it into the office by **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please include your name and envelope number, and if it is a memorial donation, the name(s) of those to be remembered. Flower offering envelopes are available from the Greeters. The last page of the Christmas bulletin will be reserved for this special Christmas remembering of loved ones.

**Fundscrip Gift Card Program** – We have made some changes most notably being the direct purchase of cards. Each Sunday we will be in Cronyn Hall with cards to purchase immediately for your use. Cards such as; Loblaws, Metro, Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart, Starbucks, Kelsey's, Tim Horton's, Cineplex Theatres.

All proceeds are going to the work of the church, so with Christmas approaching think about either giving gift cards or using the cards for your own spending!

We are also running a paper order campaign with orders going in December 3 and 10. We will be in church those Sundays to collect your orders. Your orders will be ready the following week from your order date.

You can still order online and have them delivered to your home just go to [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and use the invitation code UUH54.

Any questions please see Mary Mitches, Mary Ann McDowell or Norma-Jean Greenslade.

**Sundays @ 9 – “Faithful Practices”:** Our multi-week series continues on the central practices of the Christian faith. We are examining, exploring, and discussing: 1. Prayer; 2. Food; 3. Worship; 4. Sacraments; 5. Money; 6. Service; and 7. Community. *Sundays @ 9* is a discussion-based, community-focused, and theologically-informed educational time. All are welcome. Coffee and childcare are provided.

**Support for our St. Paul’s Social Services Food Bank** – The most needed item for December is **Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti**. Please leave your donation in the designated bin. Thanks for your support.



**London Knights Hockey Night!** St. Paul’s Cathedral night out with the Knights on Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ 7:00pm. Tickets \$30 (Suite). *A great Christmas gift for those hockey fans on your list.* Cash Bar. Contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225 to reserve your seats.

**College & Careers ministry** is open to people of all ages. We offer a safe space to ask questions and explore your faith. This is a great opportunity to meet people in the church! Join us **Wednesday nights at 8:30pm** in the Guild Room as we explore the value of God's Word and its relevance in our day to day lives through video series and spirit led discussions. Contact Lauren or Matt for more details or text (519)-868-5252.

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