

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024

**SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)**

*Please stand when clergy enter.*

**Prelude** *He Shall Feed his Flock* from Messiah

GF Handel  
Karianne Pasma, soprano

**Opening Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Blue Book 101**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Presider* From the Christ who was, who is and who is to come: Grace, Peace and Love be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

**The Liturgy of the Lighting the Advent Wreath**

*Presider* In this sacred season of Advent, we remember and celebrate the gift of Divine Love who leapt from the Holy Womb into the heart of humanity. This loving presence became for us a source of hope, peace, joy and love. This Love Incarnate came as a light radiating compassion, a Torch bearing truth, a Beacon offering guidance. As we welcome this Light we begin in the gathering darkness of winter. Be attentive to darkness. Recognize some darkness is good and nurturing.

The Christ was nurtured in a womb of darkness and came forth from this blessed darkness to be a Light for us.

Other darkness is destructive and bleeds love from the world: war, racism, hatred, greed, and all non-living in whatever form it takes. The Christ came to stand up to this destructive darkness and to light our path with goodness.  
O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you.

Bless us and our Advent wreath. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child.

We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World.

*All* **Amen.**



*I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1:38*



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**Week 4 Love** (*The Fourth Candle is lit.*)

*Presider* Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek love in our lives, love in our community, and love in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace and love.

*All* **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy.

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**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

“Children's Corner” – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** *Today's Readers: Trudy Warren, David Warren*  
(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

**A Reading** from the Book of Micah:

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. *Micah 5:2-5a*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle** *Magnificat My Soul Magnifies the Lord*

Lori True

**A Reading** from the Letter to the Hebrews:

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *Hebrews 10:5-10*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *You Servants of the Lord*

**Blue Book 93**

**(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel/Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel.)**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

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

**Homily** The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George *Please be seated*

**Anthem** *The Rebel Jesus* Jackson Browne  
Iain Stevenson

**The 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 Intercession**

*Leader* As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing, sitting or kneeling for the Prayers of the People.

*A brief silence.*

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the nature and wildlife in our neighbourhood. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill. We pray especially for Ann & Ellis, Jim, Mary and Margaret, Norm and Jeff, Marilyn, Micah, Cathnese, and Trudy. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Receive our prayer.**

*Leader* Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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**

*Please stand*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn "Your Kingdom Come" - on Bended Knee**

**Blue Book 116**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.

SANCTUS—DEUTSCHE MESSE

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*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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**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 children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

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AMEN

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and with  
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 all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*

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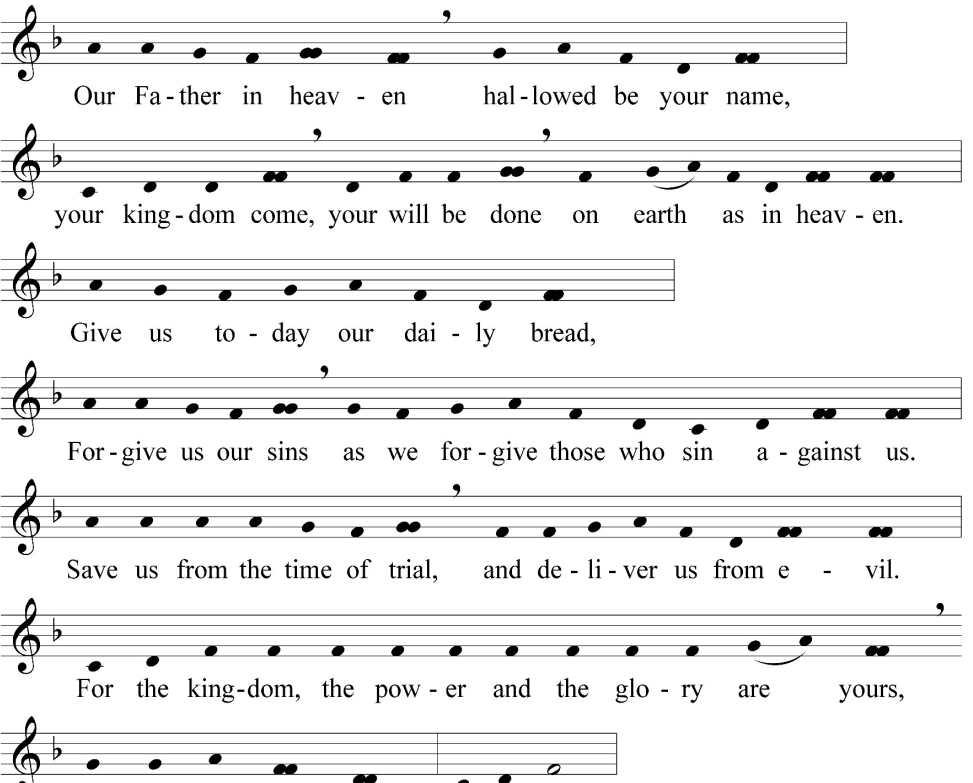
## Lord's Prayer

*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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## AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## The Communion

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

## Communion Anthem

**Communion Hymn** *Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free*

**Blue Book I 13**

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## Doxology

*Presider* 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.**

**Post Communion Hymn** *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

**Blue Book 97**

## Blessing and Dismissal

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

*Deacon* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

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

**Postlude** *My Heart For Very Joy Doth Leap* from Vom Himmel Hoch Triptych P Lehenbauer



**Coffee Hour**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the Parishes of Circle of Friends Parishes - Church of the Messiah, Kincardine; St. Luke's, Pine River; St. Matthew's, Kingarf; and St. Thomas', Walkerton.

**2025 Offering Envelopes** – are in alphabetical order at the back of the Cathedral. Please let us know if you would like envelopes. We would be happy to provide you with a new 2025 set and your very own envelope number.

## Today's Liturgical Leaders

*Presider* – **The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis**

*Preacher* – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**

*Gospeller* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Interim Organist* – **Dr. Matthew Pope, DMA**

*Associate Organist* – **Olakunie Aoko**

*Bell Ringer* – **Lynn Watson**

*Servers* – **Stephanie Allen, Pat Binnington, Victor Onebunne, Doug Campbell**

*Lay Administrants* – **Florence Perkes, Gord Rolleston**

*Greeters* – **John Lacon, Sylvia Lacon**

*Prayers of the People* – **Tina George**

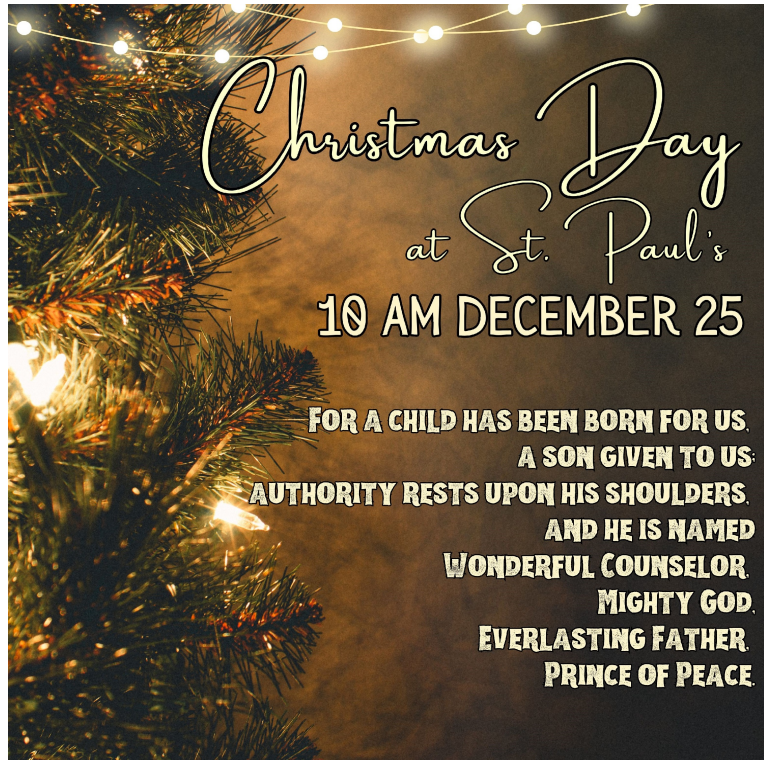
*Children's Ministry* – **Heather Clark**

*Wardens* – **Greg Childs, Hazil Malone**

*Live Stream/Sound* – **Christopher Sadler**







**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of Huron*

**The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**

*Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral*

**The Venerable Sam Thomas**

*Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care*

**The Rev'd Dr. Dawn Davis**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty**

*Honorary Assistant Emeritus*

**The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel**

*Resident Theologian*

**Matthew Pope**

*Interim Organist & Director of Music*

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