



Richmond  
Team Ministry

# Sung Eucharist

with Holy Baptism of  
**Dani McGregor**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

22 December 2024

11am

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**WELCOME** to St John's this morning on the Fourth Sunday of Advent! Welcome to Maddie and Scott, the parents of Dani who is being baptized this morning and to their family and supporters.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is when we think particularly about Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is such a joy to be able to baptize Dani so close to Christmas, as we anticipate the joy of the Christ child, the Word made flesh, who came to dwell among us. Today is a special day in the life of Dani, and her family and we give thanks with them that she is joining the family of the Church. This is my first baptism at St John's so I am thrilled that this is happening today, particularly as I was ordained Priest on the Fourth Sunday of Advent four years ago.

With love and prayers for Christmas,

Joe

*The Rev'd Joe Moore*

*Team Vicar*

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## **Mass Setting:**

*Mass of St Anne* by James Macmillan

### **Prelude**

*The organ is played before our worship.*

## **The Gathering**

*When the bell rings we stand to sing the **Gathering Hymn**.*

**1** O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**2** O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

**3** O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

**4** O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

**5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:**

JOHN MASON NEALE (1818–1866)

translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

## **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Joe welcomes the congregation.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom 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.**

## Presentation of the Candidate

*The parents and godparent(s) bring Dani forward to be introduced to the congregation.*

*Joe says to the congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Dani and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Dani with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Dani begins her journey in faith.

You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The fourth candle is lit*

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son.

Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy.

Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

### The Collect

*Joe introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for the readings and the psalmody.*

## The First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah (5.2-5a).

But 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.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalmody

The Choir sings **Psalm 80.1-8** and the congregation are invited to join in singing the **Response**.

**Response: Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved.**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **R**

3 Stir up your mighty strength  
and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

5 O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink. **R**

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**



## The Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10.5-10).

Consequently, 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn.***

**I Sing we of the blessèd Mother  
who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.**

**2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.**

**3 Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly breath of God's own being,  
manifest through wind and flame.**

**4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
raised on high and crowned with grace,  
may your Son, the world's redeemer,  
grant us all to see his face.**

GEORGE B. TIMMS (1910–1997)

*Gospel acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*A seasonal sentence is sung by the choir. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Please remain standing and turn to face the reader.*

*Joe says:*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
(1.39-55). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 leapt 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 leapt 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 for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Joe Moore,  
Team Vicar*

*Please sit for the sermon. After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

## **The Baptism of Dani**

### **The Decision**

*Joe addresses Dani through her parents and godparent(s):*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?	<i>I turn to Christ.</i>
Do you repent of your sins?	<i>I repent of my sins.</i>
Do you renounce evil?	<i>I renounce evil.</i>

*Joe makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Baptism on Dani's forehead, saying :*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*On moving to the font, the choir lead:*

*Behold, behold I make all things new,  
beginning with you  
and starting from today.  
Behold, behold I make all things new,  
my promise is true,  
for I am Christ the Way.*

John L. Bell  
Based on 2 Corinthians 5:17

## Prayer over the Water

*Joe stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*Joe addresses all the baptized in church today:*

Let us affirm, together with Dani, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead?**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Baptism and Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*Joe baptizes Dani and prays for her:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

*Joe then gives the candidate a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle,  
and says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of  
your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

We welcome Dani:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome  
you.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand. Joe introduces the peace with the following sentence:*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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*We remain standing to sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**1 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.'**

**Gloria!**

**2 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'**

**Gloria!**

**3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favoured lady.**

**Gloria!**

**4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
'Most highly favoured lady.'**

**Gloria!**

Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen (Basque Carol)  
paraphrased by SABINE BARING-GOULD (1834–1924)

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The altar is censed during the offertory hymn.*

Joe says:

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, God of hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the  
highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant  
that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your  
holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body  
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night  
that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he  
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you  
thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord,  
until you come again, until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Mary Magdalene, Matthias and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Joe breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## The Giving of Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Joe and the people receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St John's today if it is your usual practice, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing then please carry this order of service with you.*

*During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:  
I sing of a maiden*

Patrick Hadley

## The Prayer after Holy Communion

*The Post Communion Prayer is said by all.*

**Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Notices

*Relevant information about our life together is shared.*

*We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn.***

**1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH (b. 1926)

## The Blessing

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,  
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,  
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,  
help you bear the fruits of holiness.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The organ plays as the procession moves to the image of Our Lady.*

## The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, etc.....

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, etc.....

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.**

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace  
into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy  
Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his + cross  
and passion we may be brought to the glory of his  
resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

*The organ plays as the procession departs.*



# ***Regular Worship at St John's***



***You are always welcome!***

## **Sunday**

Sung Eucharist

11:00am - 12:15pm

## **Tuesday**

Morning Prayer

8:30am - 8:50am

Silent Contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm - 6:50pm

Said Eucharist

7:00pm - 7:30pm

## ***Open Church***

***Most Saturdays***

*10am - 12 Noon*

# Christmas

## SERVICES

### Christmas Eve

**First Said Eucharist of Christmas  
at 6:30pm**

*A short reflective service of Holy  
Communion for Christmas, with no music.*

### Midnight Mass

**at 11:00pm**

*A later service of Holy Communion with  
blessing of the Crib and Christmas carols.*

### Christmas Day

**Festival Eucharist for Christmas  
at 10:30am**

*Sung Holy Communion for Christmas Day  
with carols.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH!**