



# The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### CARILLON PRELUDE

*Canon, Air and Coda on Psalm 42, from A Triptych of Advent Hymns for Carillon*

Ennis Fruehauf (b. 1944)

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Variations on "Ave Maris stella"*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*The people remain seated during the introit.*

### INTROIT

*Advent Responsory*

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the Power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. (*Matin Responsory for Advent I*)

*The people stand and turn to face the Advent Wreath.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the king of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this Wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

*Winchester New*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

## THE TRISAGION

M. McCarthy

*The cantor introduces; the people sing twice.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The people are seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

Plainsong

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 59

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

*Merton*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas

*The people stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each intercession,*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.  
The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*How lovely are the messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. (*Romans 10:15, 18*)

*The people stand.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 67

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Psalm 42*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

*The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Peter and Paul, our patrons, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*Cantor*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,  
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1. 2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The people are seated.*

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.*

## ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*The Lamb*

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb: He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child: I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee.  
*(William Blake, 1757-1827)*

*The people stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN • 73

*The King shall come when morning dawns*

*St. Stephen*

## THE DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata on "Ave Maris stella"*

M. Dupré

## CHRISTMAS 2017 SERVICES



### DECEMBER 22

Go, Tell it on the Mountain: A Gospel Christmas  
Friday | 7 pm

Passes NOT required

### DECEMBER 23

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Saturday | 6 pm

Passes required

### DECEMBER 24

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Sunday | 6 pm

Passes required

Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist  
Sunday | 10 pm

Passes required

### DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Festival Holy Eucharist  
Monday, December 25 | 11:15 am

Passes NOT required.

This is the only service on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Organ Recital  
Monday, December 25 | 1:30 pm

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**WORSHIP LEADERS** The Reverend Dana Colley Corsello, The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan, The Reverend Benjamin Straley, The Girls Cathedral Choir.

**ADVENT GREENS** The Advent greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. Advent Wreath at the mid-nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; Advent Wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in thanksgiving; Advent Wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark.

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