



The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Il presepio - The Manger from *Novena di Natale per campane*

Nino Rota (1911-1979)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren: Fuge über das Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 ledest 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 face the Advent Wreath.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, as we mark the days of preparation for Christ's advent. Bless us as we light the candles of this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence and enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your coming among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 74 *Sung by all.*

Blest be the King whose coming

Valet will ich dir geben

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

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.

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 OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

plainsong

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 81

Sung by all.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.

THE SERMON

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

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,

Let us pray,
have mercy, O God.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

The bishop 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 then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

The Angel Gabriel

arr. Malcom Archer (b. 1952)

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! For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold; most highly favoured lady. Gloria! 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! Of her, Immanuel, 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!

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

God himself is with us (selected stanzas)

Tysk



1. Glad-ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er, soul and life and each en - deav - or.
2. Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry, be thine earth-ly sanc-tu - ar - y.



Help us to sur - rend - er earth's de-keit-ful trea - sures, pride of life, and sin - ful plea - sures:
Come, in-dwell-ing Spi - rit, with trans-fi-guring splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der.



thou a - lone shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
Where I go here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

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 to us 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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, 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 Father, 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:



have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO 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

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (c. 1535-1572)

Sung in Latin. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed be the fruit of thy womb. Amen. (*Offertory for the Fourth Sunday of Advent*)

The people stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Veni, Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

CHRISTMAS 2016 SERVICES

DECEMBER 23

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
Friday, December 23 | 6 pm

Passes Required



DECEMBER 24

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
Saturday, December 24 | 6 pm

Passes Required

Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 24 | 10 pm

Passes Required



DECEMBER 25

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

Passes NOT required. This is the only service on Christmas Day.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

ADVENT GREENS GIFTS The Advent greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. The greens at the high altar: in memory of Hibbard G. James; Advent wreath in mid-nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; Advent wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in thanksgiving; greens at St. Mary's Chapel altar: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson; greens at Holy Spirit Chapel altar: in memory of Ann Wilson; greens at Children's Chapel altar: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; greens at War Memorial Chapel altar: in memory of Margaret H. Howard; Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark; greens at Bethlehem Chapel altar: in honor of David, Michael, and Peter Lee.

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