

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO **DECEMBER 6, 2009** AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

# WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Canon Stephen Huber, presider The Reverend Canon Carol L. Wade, gospeller The Reverend Gwendolyn Tobias, assistant The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III, preacher Cathedral Singers

#### **CARILLON PRELUDE**

There's a Voice in the Wilderness - In Modal Style (2007) Geert D'hollander from Three Carillon Preludes for Advent

(b. 1965)

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### WELCOME

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

#### INTROIT

Advent Prose

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the Power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ve 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.

Matins Responsory for Advent I

The people turn to face the Advent wreath.

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

As we continue our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us in prayer and praise, thanksgiving and song, give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures,

that Christ's reign of love and light will indeed come among us. Let us offer ourselves anew as witnesses to the advent of Christ's glory, seeking to bring Christ's light and love to those who sit in darkness.

Come, O long expected Jesus, come.

### **HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 75**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### SONG OF PRAISE People, look East Besançon Carol Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the An - gels, with shouts of an nounce mirth Christ who Make your house you crown - ing of the fair year. as are brings new life earth. Set peak and val - ley tο ev - ery ble, trim the hearth and set the ble. Peo-ple, look ta hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo-ple, look to - day: the East and sing Love, the guest, is on way. Love, the East and sing to - day: Lord, the

is on way.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

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

# THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated.

Baruch 5:1-9 THE READING

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**SONG OF ZECHARIAH** Sung by the choir. Plainsong

> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

**HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 67** 

Sung by all.

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.""

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON Dean Lloyd

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

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,
God of glory,
Guide us in the way of peace.

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

#### THE CONFESSION AND 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 the 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 collected to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

How beautiful upon the mountains

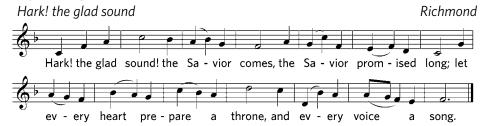
John Stainer (1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation, that publisheth peace; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 52:7

The people stand to sing and remain standing.

#### **PRESENTATION HYMN**



# 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 our thanks and praise.

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

#### **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**



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

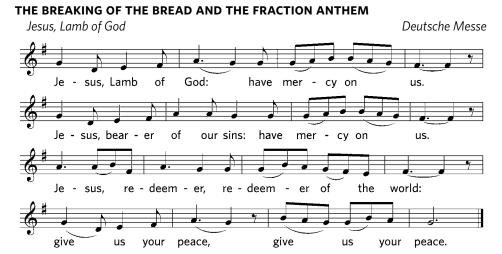
Therefore, according to his command, O God, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

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.

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's realm. The people affirm the Great Thanksgiving with **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



#### INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Glutenfree wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you desire to receive prayers for healing, you are invited to proceed to the high altar after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

#### ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Never weather-beaten sail

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more; than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast. O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest. Ever-blooming are the joys of heaven's high paradise, cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes; glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see. O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee.

Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

### **HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 343**

Sung by all.

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** Said by all.

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.

#### **BLESSING**

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

# **HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 76** Sung by all.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach

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