



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 12, 2010
ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Canon Mary Sulerud, presider
The Reverend Dr. Frank Wade, gospeller
The Reverend Canon Samuel Van Culin, assistant
The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III, preacher
The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

CARILLON PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion from Three Carillon Preludes for Advent
Geert d'Hollander (b. 1965)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium on 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'
Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

Advent Prose
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.

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.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 72 *Sung by all, standing.*
Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond

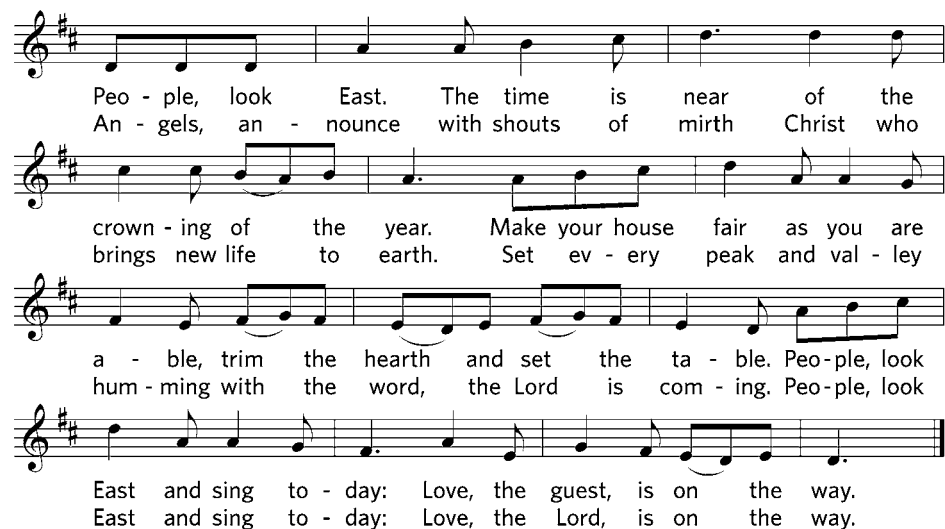
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

SONG OF PRAISE

People, look East

Besañçon Carol



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

THE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
 who keeps his promise for ever;
 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
 and food to those who hunger.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
 he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 The Lord shall reign for ever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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

When John the Baptist heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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,
We look to you in hope.
Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

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

CONFESSION

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 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 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 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 for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hark! the glad sound! Richmond

Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom - ised long; let
ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

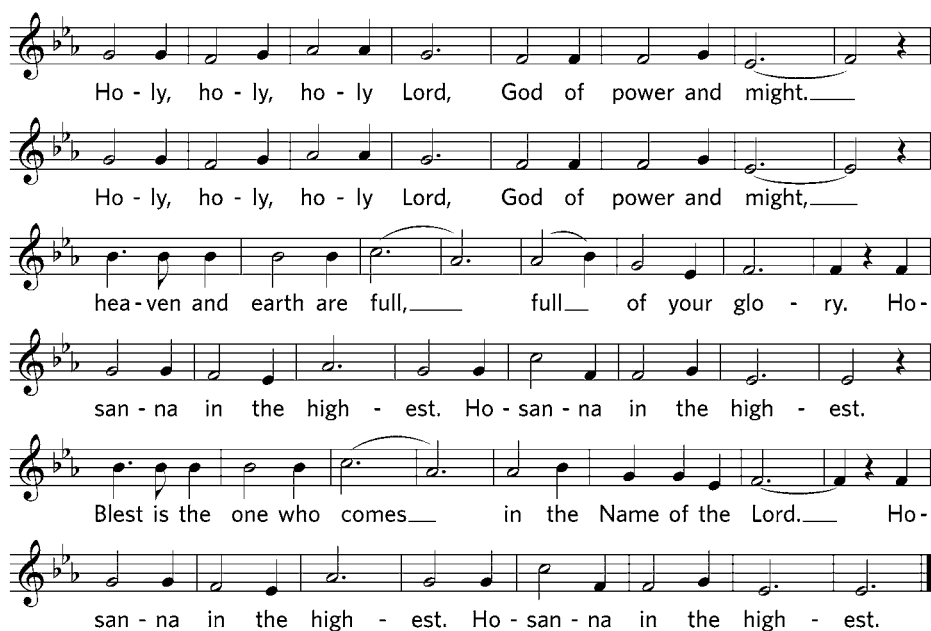
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, holy, holy

Deutsche Messe



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes____ in the Name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. **Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

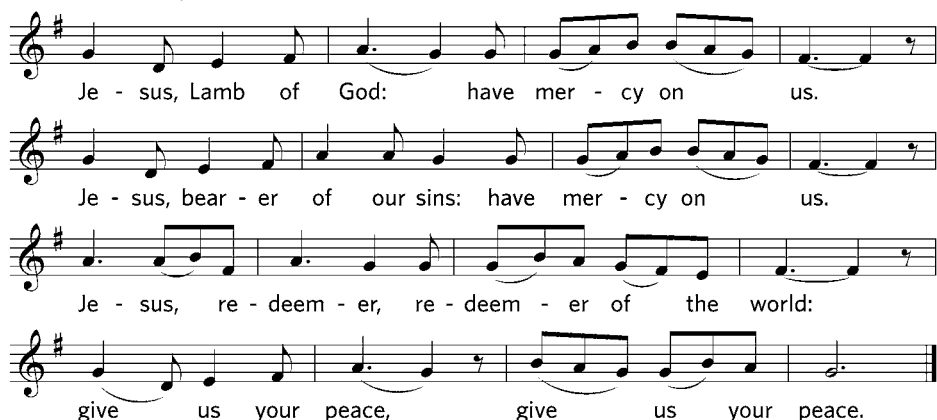
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

Deutsche Messe



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.

INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free 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 Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

The Lamb

John Tavener (b. 1944)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed. By the stream and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, 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, he is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild; he became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee!

William Blake (1757-1827)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all.*

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 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 presider offers a blessing and the people respond **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 444 *Sung by all.*

Blessed be the God of Israel

Thornbury

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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