



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
DECEMBER 11, 2011  
ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

### WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, celebrant*  
*The Reverend Heather Patton Graham, gospeller*  
*The Reverend Nicole Simopoulos, assistant*  
*The Reverend Lyndon Shakespeare, preacher*  
*The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys*

#### **CARILLON PRELUDE**

*Watchmen, tell us of the night* Aberystwyth; arr. Kamiel Lefevere (1888-1974)

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

*The people stand as the choir sings.*

#### **INTROIT**

*Matin 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.

*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.

#### **OPENING HYMN - 640**

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

*Aberystwyth*

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 126

Plainsong

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### THE SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*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**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Lyndon Shakespeare

## **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 celebrant 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 celebrant 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

*This is the record of John*

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." And they asked him, "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "What art thou that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord."

*John 1:19-23*

*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  
Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim; and  
ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

## 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, 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 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**

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**

*Agnus Dei* *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 War Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.*

**ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION***Rorate caeli*

Leo Nestor (b. 1948)

*Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum ne irascaris Domine, ne ultra memineris iniquitatis: ecce civitas Sancti facta est deserta: Sion deserta facta est: Jerusalem desolata est: domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ, ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri. Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus: cito veniet salus tua: quare mærore consumeris, quia innovavit te dolor? Salvabo te, noli timere, ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus, Sanctus Israël, Redemptor tuus.*

Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: the holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people and send forth Him who is to come send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth from Petra of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Sion that He may take away the yoke of our captivity. Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*The people stand.***HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 272***The great forerunner of the morn**The Truth From Above***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 celebrant offers a blessing and the people respond Amen.***HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 73***Sung by all.**The King shall come when morning dawns**St. Stephen***THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY***Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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