

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

the holy eucharist december 23, 2012 eleven fifteen am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Very Reverend Gary Hall, presider The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, gospeller The Reverend Canon Preston Hannibal, assistant The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell, preacher Cathedral Singers

CARILLON PRELUDE

Paraphrase on "O come, O come Emmanuel"

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 Albert Gerken (b. 1938)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

Matin Responsory

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 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 - 56

O Come, O come, Emmanuel

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

THE COLLECT OF 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.

THE FIRST READING

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

psalm 80:1-7

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.

THE SECOND READING

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 54

Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Micah 5:2-5a

Plainsong

Hebrews 10:5-10

THE GOSPEL

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Gina Campbell

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

Angelus ad Virginem

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

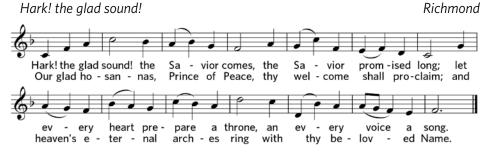
Angelus ad Virginem subintrans in conclave, virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit, 'Ave! Ave, Regina Virginum; coeli terraeque Dominum concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum; tu porta coeli facta, medela criminum.' 'Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi? Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia; ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura quod castimonia manebit in te pura Dei potentia.' Ad haec Virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei: 'Ancilla sum humilis Omipotentis Dei. Tibi coelestinuntio, tanti secreti conscio, consentiens, et crupiens videre factum quod audio; parata sum parere, Dei consilio.' Eia Mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti; tuum exora Filium ut se nobis propitium exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium vita frui beata post hoc exilium. Deo Gracias, Deo Gracias!

The angel, coming secretly to the Virgin, calming the Virgin's fear, said: "Hail, Mary, Queen of Virgins! You shall conceive the Lord of Heaven and Earth and give birth, remaining a virgin, to the Salvation of mankind; you, made the gateway of heaven, the cure for sin." "How shall I conceive, since I know not a man? How shall I break what I have resolutely vowed? The grace of the Holy Spirit shall perform all this. Fear not, but rejoice, confident that chastity will remain pure in you by the power of God." At this, the noble Virgin, replying, said to him: "I am the humble servant of almighty God. To you, heavenly messenger, who know so great a secret, I give my assent and desire to see done what I hear, and am ready to obey God's will." O Mother of the Lord, who restored peace to angels and men when you gave birth to Christ, beg of your Son that he may show himself favourable to us and wipe away our sins, offering help to enjoy the blessed life after this exile. Thanks be to God.

Late 13th century English

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN



THE HOLY COMMUNION

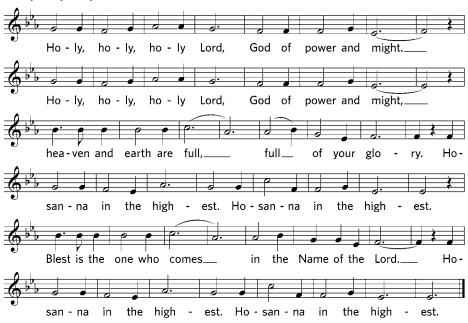
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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 we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy



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.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary 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**.

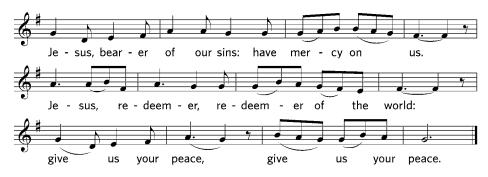
THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us, Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., Our Father...

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





INVITATION

The people are seated.

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

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION Sung in Latin.

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (1535–1571)

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.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 475 God himself is with us

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 - 437 Sung by all.

Tell out, my soul

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor (Dorian), BWV 539

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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