



Washington National Cathedral

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist

December 15, 2013

11:15 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Joy, joy, from Every Steeple

Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegretto, from Symphony No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

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 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.

—*Matin Responsory for Advent I*

The people turn and 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

THE 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.

TRISAGION

Cantor sings first, then all repeat twice.

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST 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.

THE SONG OF MARY

plainchant

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

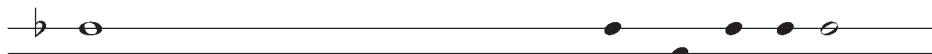
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

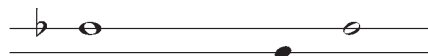
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

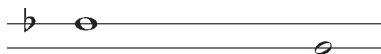


The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac - cord - ing to Matthew

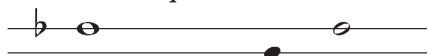


Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John 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

Rev. Dr. Regas

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ 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 ministry 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.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

Thornbury

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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:

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 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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, Peter and Paul, 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

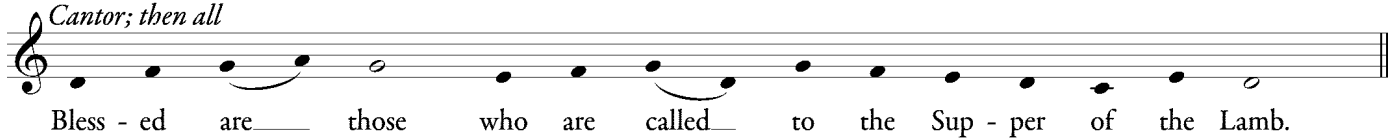
As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,
Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

Our Father, 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.

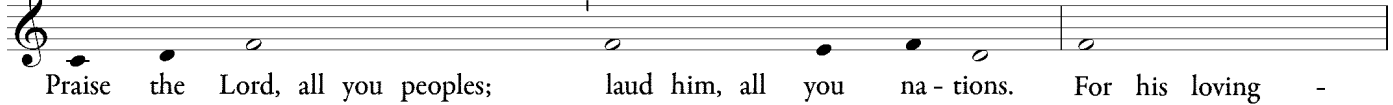
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon

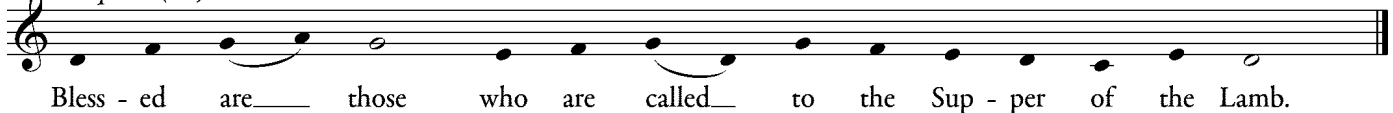
Cantor; then all



Cantor



Antiphon (all)



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.

THE ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

E'e'n so, Lord Jesus quickly come

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Gospeller

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN - 65 *Sung by all.*

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION

The Cathedral congregation is a community of faith growing into the fullness of Christian life. We grow through regular worship, spiritual formation, and stewardship. In our practice of welcome and hospitality, we seek to embrace Jesus' radical message of inclusion and, in service and advocacy beyond the walls of the Cathedral, we seek to honor the image of God in all persons.

We don't do it all at once and we don't do it by ourselves.

That is the blessing of exploring faith in community. We invite you to explore the Christian life with our community. Please fill out the form below and we will be in contact with you. *A valid mailing address is necessary to receive this information.*

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

I am interested in:

- joining the Cathedral congregation.
- receiving congregation event information.
- learning about the Cathedral 20s and 30s group.
- learning about the LGBT group.

Please return the completed form to the congregation table. Look for the purple banners at the west end.



NURSERY CARE is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm. The nursery is able to accommodate infants and children up to four years of age and is located on the lower level. Please ask an usher for assistance.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES should be silenced. Please do not take photographs, video or still, during the prelude or service.



HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers at no charge and may be used anywhere on the main floor of the Cathedral.



RESTROOMS are located at the west end of the Cathedral. Drinking fountains are located in the northwest cloister.



WHEELCHAIRS are available in the west end of the Cathedral. A handicapped-accessible restroom is located near the Lincoln statue at the northwest corner of the nave.



SUDDEN ILLNESS OR INJURY, should be brought to the attention of an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP LEADERS Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Rev. Dr. George Regas, Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

ADVENT GREENS GIFTS Greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. Advent wreath in the mid-Nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; Advent wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in thanksgiving; greens in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Father Elmer Francis; Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark; greens at the altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in honor of the anniversary of Janie Leigh Wall Carter and the Reverend Wilson Rosser Carter.

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