

Washington National Cathedral

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist December 22, 2013 11:15 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Paraphrase on "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prière a Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1997)

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 74

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!

Valet will ich dir geben

OPENING ACCLAMATION

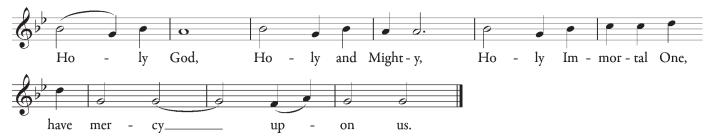
Blessed are you, holy and living One. You come to your people and set them free.

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.



THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 plainchant

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. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

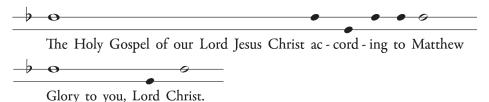
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

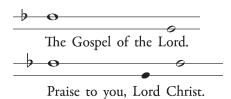
Es ist ein Ros

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



THE SERMON Canon Campbell

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.

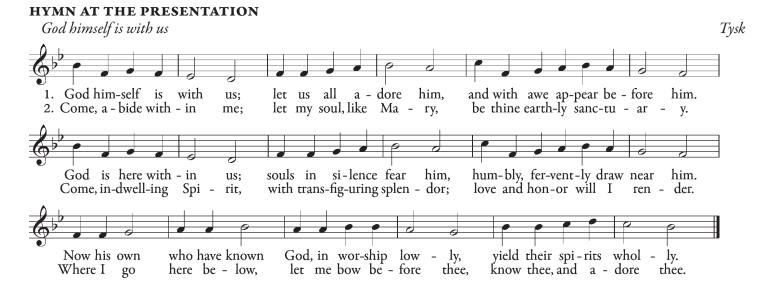
THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

A hymn to the virgin

Of one that is so fair and bright, *velut maris stella*, brighter than the day is light. *Parens et puella*: I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady pray thy Son for me, *tam pia*, that I may come to thee, *Maria!* All this world was forlorn, *eva peccatrice*, till our Lord was y-born. *De te genetrice*, with *ave* it went away, darkest night, and comes the day, *Salutis*; the well Springeth out of thee. *Virtutis*. Lady, flow'r of ev'rything, *rosa sine spina*, thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King. *Gratia divina*: of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise. *Electa*, maid mild, mother *es Effecta*.

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

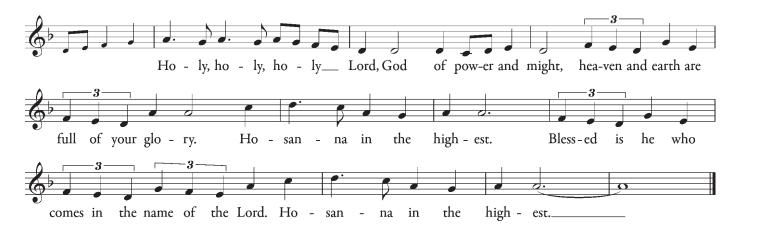
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

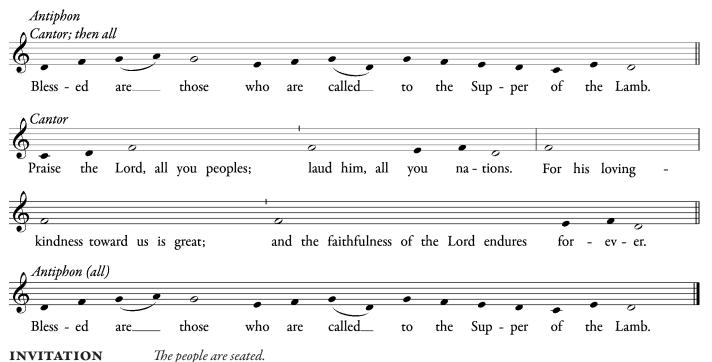
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, Peter and Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of 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..., Our Father...,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM



IN VITATION 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

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (1535–1572)

Ave Maria, gratia plena; Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.

—Offertory for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

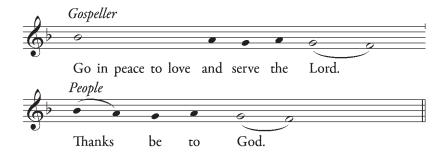
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

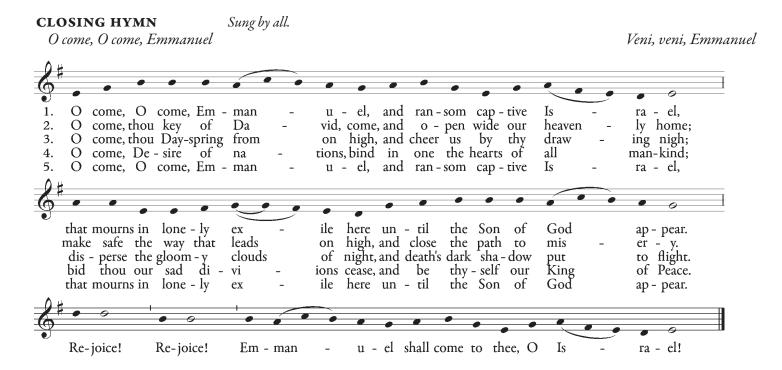
We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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





ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

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.

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joining the Cathedral congregation.
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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.



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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



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

WORSHIP LEADERS Rev. Canon Kim Turner Baker, Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Choir of Men and Girls

ADVENT GREENS GIFTS Greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. Greens at the High Altar: in memory of Hibbard G. James; Advent wreath in the mid-Nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; Advent wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in Thanksgiving; greens at St. Mary's Chapel altar: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson; greens at Holy Spirit Chapel altar: in memory of Ann Wilson; greens at Children's Chapel altar: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; greens at War Memorial Chapel altar: in memory of Margaret H. Howard; Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark; greens at Bethlehem Chapel altar: in honor of David, Michael, and Peter Lee.

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