



The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Prepare the way, O Zion, from Three Carillon Preludes for Advent

Geert D'hollander (b.1965)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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, that thou leadest Joseph like a sheep (tell us, O tell us), stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come. Glory 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 • 59 *Sung by all, standing.*

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

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.

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.

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

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

plainsong

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.
 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
 Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness shall go before him,
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 67 *Sung by all.*
Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

THE HOLY GOSPEL

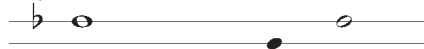
Mark 1:1-8

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

People



Glory to you, Lord Christ.

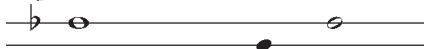
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

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 AND ABSOLUTION

Leveling God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

A spotless Rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; for, through our God's great love and might, the blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

—15th century German

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

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 & BENEDICTUS

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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. Blessed is the
one 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, John the Baptist, 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

Agnus Dei

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2. have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. *All*
 3. grant us peace, grant us peace. *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.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Veni Domine

Cristóbal de Morales (1500-1553)

Veni, Domine, et noli tardare. Veni visitare nos in pace, ut laetemur coram te corde perfecto. Veni, Domine: sicut mater consolatur filios, ita consolaberis nos. Veni Domine, et videbimus te, et gaudebit cor nostrum.

Come, Lord, and do not delay. Visit us with your peace so that we can rejoice in your presence with hearts made pure. Come, Lord, and as a mother consoles her children, so shall you comfort us. Come, Lord and we shall see you and our hearts will rejoice.

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

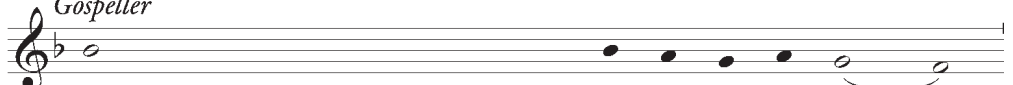
God in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The presider offers a blessing and the people respond, Amen.

DISMISSAL

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As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • 76 *Sung by all.*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Cathedral Singers

ADVENT GREENS GIFTS

Greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. Advent wreath at the mid-nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; Advent wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in thanksgiving; Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark.

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