



The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Joy, joy, from every steeple

Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

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 • 74 *Sung by all, standing.*

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

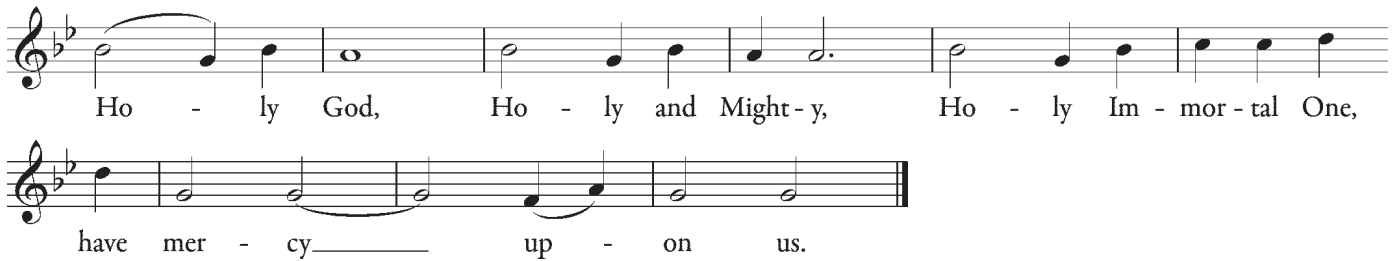
Valet will ich dir geben

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.



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 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

1 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

Sung by all.

Awake, awake, and greet the new morn

Rejoice, rejoice



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing.
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a - sing - ing.
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the world is de - spair - ing.
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though dark the win - ter and cheer - less.



Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 his hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 as morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 the ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er,
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness,
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der,
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry;



he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 the thun - der of his an - thems roll to shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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People

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.

People

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

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news for the sake of all the world. 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

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."

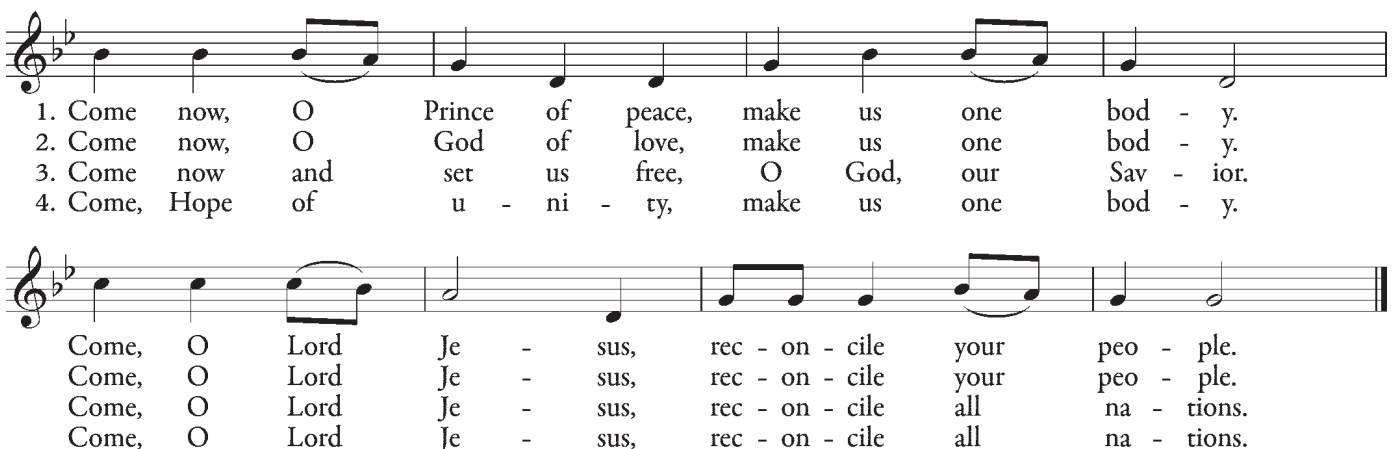
—*John 1:19-23*

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Come now, O Prince of Peace

Ososo, ososo; Korean melody



1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

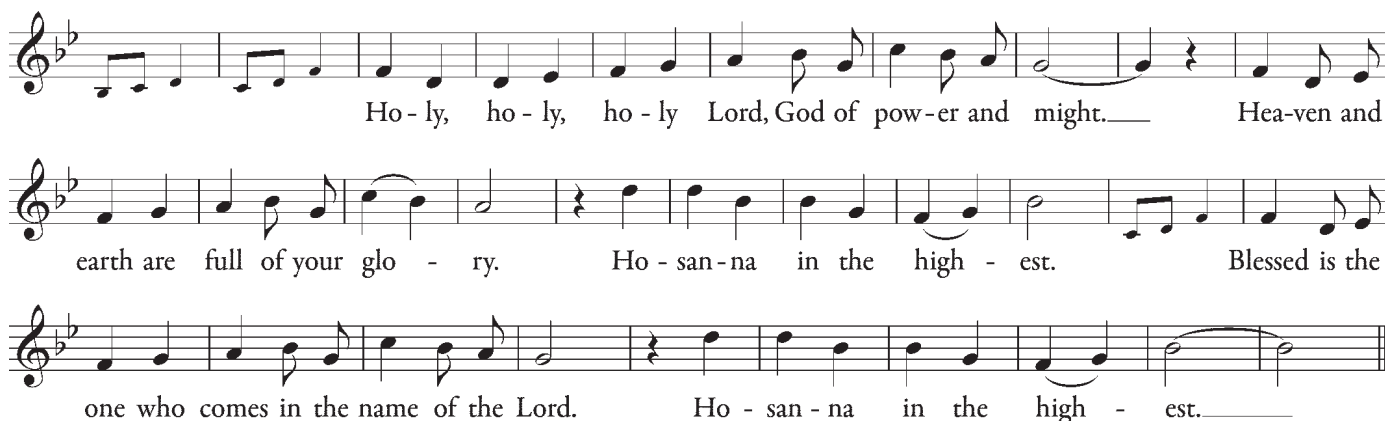
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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)



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...,

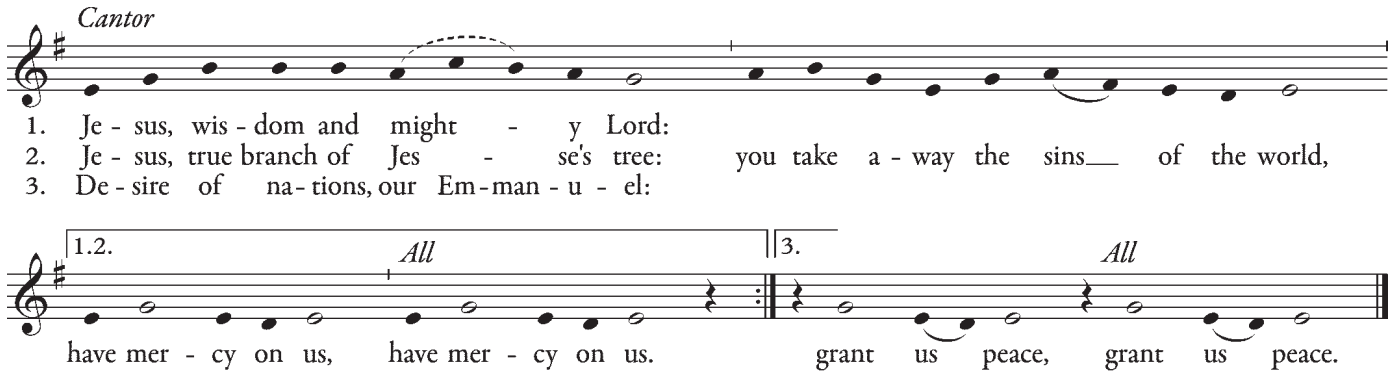
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us 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.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Laetentur Coeli

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Laetentur coeli et exultet terra. Jubilate montes laudem, quia Dominus noster veniet, et pauperum suorum miserebitur.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult. Sing forth praise, ye mountains, for the Lord shall come, and take pity upon his afflicted people.

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

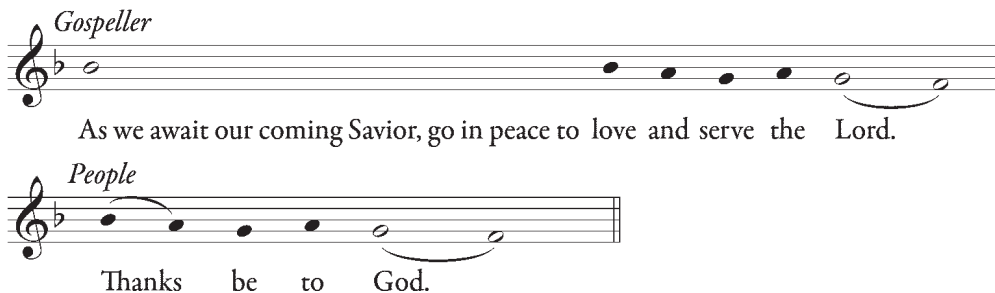
We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

Gospeller



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

People

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • 616

Sung by all.

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Rev. Preston B. Hannibal, Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls

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; greens at the altar 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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