



# The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent  
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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### 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 begin our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.**

### THE ADVENT LITANY IN PROCESSION

*Cantor*

A voice cries in the wil - der - ness, pre - pare the way of the Lord.

*Cantor* *All* *Cantor*

Lift up all the deep val - leys. Low - er all the steep moun - tains. The

*All*

glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - vealed. All flesh shall see it to - geth - er.

Ruler of all things in heaven and earth, may the desert blossom like a rose and may we, passing through what you have made good, guide each other to your holy mountain, where wolf and lamb can lie down together in peace, for we look to you in hope.



Judge of the Nations, may we not put you to the test in our arrogance, but find wisdom, restraint, and courage to beat our swords into ploughshares and no longer to study the ways of war, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Foretold by John on the banks of the Jordan, immerse us into a baptism of repentance, so that we may rise from water, reaching out our hands to people of all faiths who long for your goodness, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Lamb of God, enlighten and strengthen your Church, so that we may be stewards of your abundance and joyful heralds of the banquet to which all are invited, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Herald of Good News, may all our words and deeds loosen the yoke of the troubled and lighten the burden of the poor, so that what we proclaim becomes what we spend ourselves to accomplish, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Heir of David's Throne, empower us to establish justice in our cities and communities and to honor the covenant into which we have entered, so that all homes may be lively and joyful and all children may flourish, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Head of the Household, may what you have entrusted to us, our homes, families, friends, and possessions, be ready always for your arrival, and keep us alert to the signs of your presence, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Bridegroom of our Soul, draw us beyond selfish desire and fear, so that we may give ourselves fully to you, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, care for our flesh, heal our diseases, strengthen our weakness, and enfold us at last in your peace, and may what is done in us be according to your will, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Child of Bethlehem, make us your children, simplify and soften our hearts so that we may enter the realm of God with gratitude and joy, for we look to you in hope.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Gracious God, Eternal Light, come among us! Enter our darkness and guide us in those paths of justice and peace that fulfill your purposes for us. Lift us up to rejoice forever in the life of the Holy Trinity, for we look to you in hope, and praise you, with the Father, and the Spirit, one God, from before time and through all eternity.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *All* Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## 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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

### PSALM 25: 1-9

plainsong

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
 let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
 and teach me your paths.  
 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.  
 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
 for they are from everlasting.  
 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
 remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
 He guides the humble in doing right  
 and teaches his way to the lowly.  
 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

*My Lord, what a morning*

*African American Spiritual*

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the

stars be-gin to fall. **Fine** *Unison*  
1. You'll hear the trum-pet sound,  
2. You'll hear the sin-ner mourn, To wake the na-tions un-der -  
3. You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

ground, Look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall. **D.C.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36

*Gospeller*

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

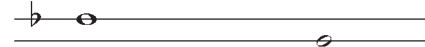
*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

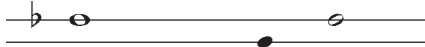
“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Gospeller*



The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Schenck

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people stand and 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

*E'en 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 for the presentation hymn and remain standing.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 66

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

*Stuttgart*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

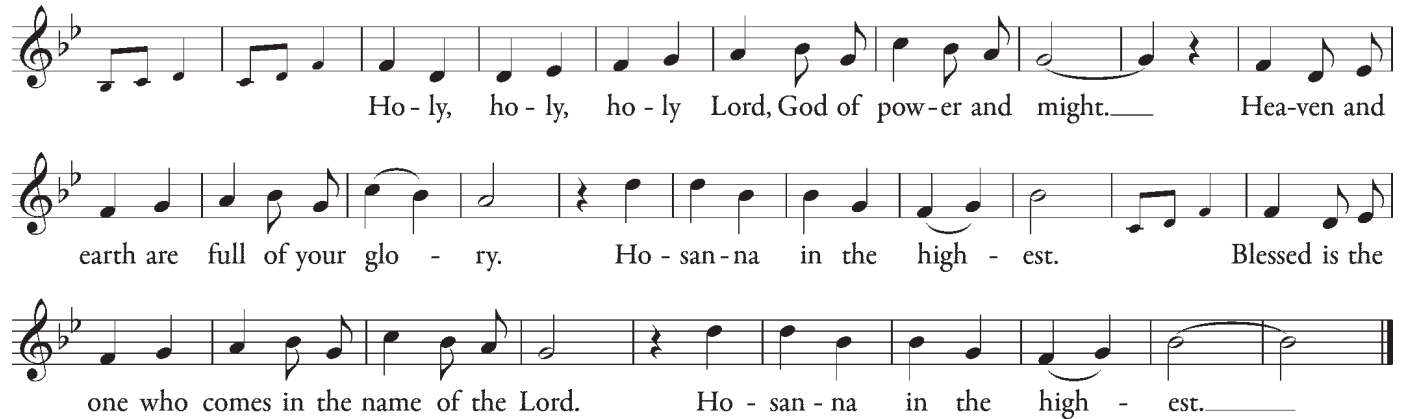
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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 pray in the language in which we first heard this prayer, as 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

*Vigilate*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

*Sung in Latin.* Be ye watchful, for ye know not when the Lord to his house shall come again, evening, or in the deep midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning. Be ye therefore watchful, lest, when suddenly he cometh, he findeth you all sleeping. And what I say unto you, say I to all men; Be ye watchful. (*Matthew 25: 13*)

*The people stand.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

O Holy God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

*Gospeller*

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN *Sung by all.*

*Signs of endings all around us*

*Ton-y-Botel*



1. Signs of end - ings all a - round us dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, The Rev. Robert Schenck, 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; wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in Thanksgiving; greens at Holy Spirit Chapel altar: in memory of Everett G. Fuller; wreath at Bethlehem Chapel altar: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark. *Those wishing to make flower gifts for Christmas are invited to submit their gifts before December 3 to the Altar Guild.*

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