



The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b.1957)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Toccata in F, BWV 540

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 • 72

Sung by all, standing.

Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Show us your mercy, O God,

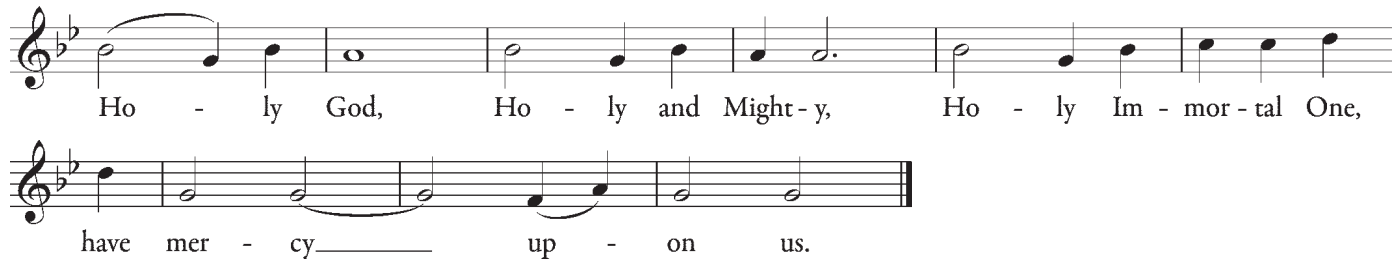
And grant us your salvation.

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set us 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

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

plainsong

Surely, it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
 and he will be my Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say,
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples;
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 75

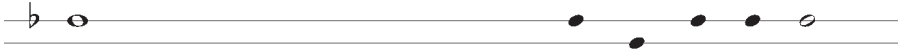
There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

THE HOLY GOSPEL

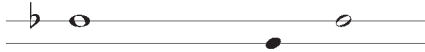
Luke 3: 7-18

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

People



Glory to you, Lord Christ.

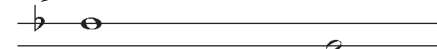
John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

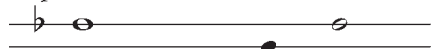
So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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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

Rev. Kenworthy

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

Merciful God: you hear us when, in the presence of your love and our neighbor's need, we know and name our sin. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, our apathy and indifference. We fail to live as your children. And yet, in great mercy, you keep us as your own. Grant us true repentance, and forgive us all our sin; through 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

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 • 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

THE HOLY COMMUNION

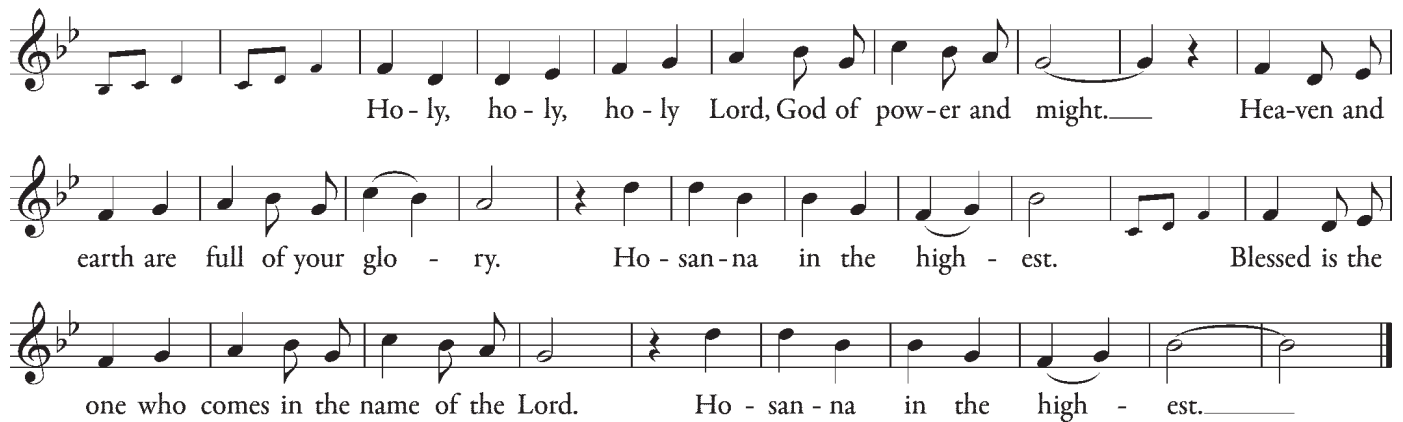
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 AND 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

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.

The people are seated.

INVITATION

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

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say: rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men; the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. (16th century)

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all

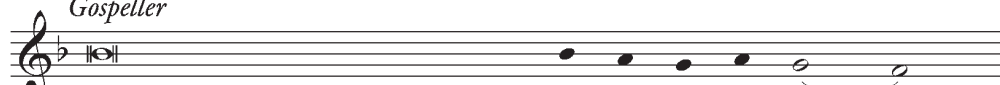
We give you thanks, O God, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face, who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.


DISMISSAL

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

People



Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • 73

Sung by all

The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, The Rev. Preston B. Hannibal, The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

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 in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Father Elmer Francis; wreath at Bethlehem Chapel altar: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark; greens at Bethlehem Chapel altar: in honor of the anniversary of Janie Leigh Wall Carter and the Reverend Wilson Rosser Carter.

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