



The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Paraphrase on 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

Albert Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren: Fugue über das Magnificat, BWV 733

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 • 74

Sung by all, standing.

Blest be the King whose coming

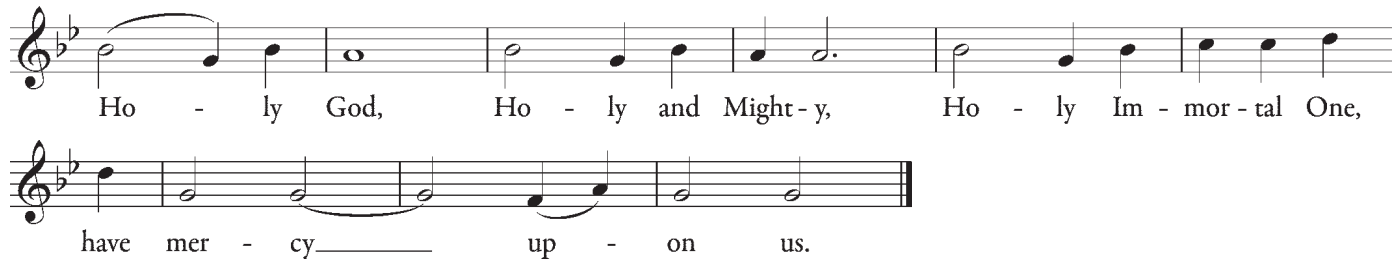
Valet will ich dir geben

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

Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY

plainsong

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Hebrews 10: 5-10

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 268

Julion

Luke 1: 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Dean Hall

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

The Lamb

John Tavener (b. 1940)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed. By the stream and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, he is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild; he became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! (*William Blake*)

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Gladly, Lord, we offer

Tysk



1. Glad-ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er, soul and life and each en - deav - or.
2. Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry, be thine earth-ly sanc-tu - ar - y.

Help us to sur - rend - er earth's de-keit-ful trea - sures, pride of life, and sin - ful plea - sures:
Come, in-dwell-ing Spi - rit, with trans-fi-guring splen - dor; love and hon-or will I ren - der.

thou a - lone shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
Where I go here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

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.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

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

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (1535-1572)

Sung in Latin. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed be the fruit of thy womb. Amen. (*Luke 1:28, 42*)

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all

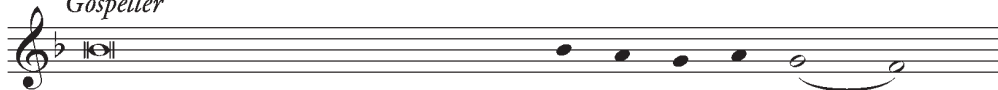
Heavenly God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised savior; fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

Gospeller



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

People



Thanks be to God.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel**Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 2. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
 3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
 4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni, Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

WORSHIP LEADERS The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, The Rev. Preston B. Hannibal, The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, Cathedral Singers

ADVENT GREENS GIFTS Greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. Greens at the high altar: in Hibbard G. James; advent wreath at the mid-nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; 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; 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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