

The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

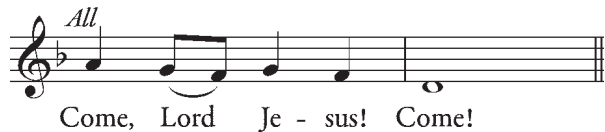
THE ADVENT LITANY IN PROCESSION

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!

Lord of compassion, forgive us all of our sins and wrongdoings, that we may be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, 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 OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

plainsong

I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
 Now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
 Jerusalem is built as a city
 that is at unity with itself;
 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord,
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the Lord.
 For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions’ sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning André Thomas (b. 1952)
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. (*Spiritual*)

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

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

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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. Bless'd 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 Father,
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 Peter and Paul, our patrons, 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 & 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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying **Amen**. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

The Lamb

John Tavener (1944-2013)

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!

The people stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN • 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Andrew K. Barnett, The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

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 on Holy Spirit Chapel altar: in memory of Everett G. Fuller; Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark. *Those wishing to make flower gifts for Christmas are invited to submit their gifts before December 1 to the Altar Guild.*

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