



The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sleepers, awake! from "A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year" Part 1

Roy Hamlin Johnson (b. 1929)

The people remain seated for the Introit.

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 stand and turn to 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

M. McCarthy

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

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

All glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - vealed. *All* 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 COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Plainsong

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 O Lord God of hosts,
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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 are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Drop down, ye heavens

Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour. Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers prais'd thee. We have sinn'd, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. (*The Advent Prose*)

The people stand.

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 in Christ, and in response the people 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-ed is he 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...,

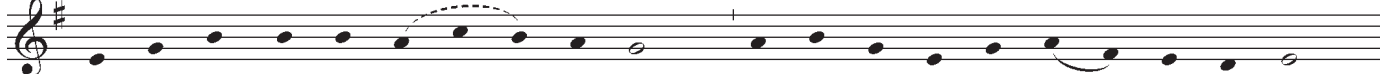
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY 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

Vigilate

William Byrd (1543-1623)

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.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN • 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

THE DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

CHRISTMAS 2017 SERVICES



DECEMBER 22

Go, Tell it on the Mountain: A Gospel Christmas
Friday | 6 pm

Passes NOT required

DECEMBER 24

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
Sunday | 6 pm

Passes required

DECEMBER 23

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
Saturday | 6 pm

Passes required

Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist
Sunday | 10 pm

Passes required

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Festival Holy Eucharist
Monday | 11:15 am

Passes NOT required.

This is the only service on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Organ Recital
Monday, December 25 | 1:30 pm

Please visit: cathedral.org/christmas for a listing of special Advent and Christmas offerings, including pass information.

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ADVENT GREENS The Advent 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.

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