



The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

"Prepare the way, O Zion" from Three Carillon Preludes for Advent

Geert D'hollander (b. 1965)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tocatta in F, BWV 540

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 sent your prophets to bring good news to the oppressed and bind up the brokenhearted. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 74

Blest be the King whose coming

Valet will ich dir geben

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE 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 TRISAGION

M. McCarthy

The cantor introduces; the people sing twice.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations,
 "The Lord has done great things for them."
 The Lord has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
 Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
 will come again with joy, shouldering
 their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 601

O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dana Colley Corsello

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession,

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond, 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

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.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

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 John the Baptizer, 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 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

This is the truth sent from above

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love, therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create; the next thing which to you I'll tell woman was made with man to dwell. Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose; and so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son. And at that season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear; he here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach. Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved; and if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say. (*English traditional*)

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 • 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue, Op. 12

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

CHRISTMAS 2017 SERVICES



DECEMBER 22

Go, Tell it on the Mountain: A Gospel Christmas
Friday | 7 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, December 25 | 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS The Reverend Dr. Harvey E. Bale, The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Reverend Dana Colley Corsello, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan, The Boys Cathedral Choir.

ADVENT GREENS AND WREATHS The Advent Greens throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. The Advent wreath in the Mid Nave: in loving memory of Sarah Stewart Scarborough; the Advent wreath in St. Mary's Chapel: in Thanksgiving; the greens at Holy Spirit Chapel Altar: in memory of Father Elmer Francis; the Advent wreath in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Joan Sager Vandemark; the 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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