

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE TWO
DECEMBER 14, 2008
AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Gwendolyn W. Tobias, presider The Reverend Canon Preston Hannibal, assistant The Reverend Canon Stephen Huber, gospelller The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III, preacher The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls

CARILLON PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion - In Tonal Style (2007) from Three Carillon Preludes for Advent

Geert D'hollander (b. 1965)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people remain seated.

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

Advent Prose

adapted from Palestrina

I look from afar: and Io, 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. I look from afar: and Io, 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?

Matins Responsory for Advent I

The people turn to 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 make our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 59 Sung by all.

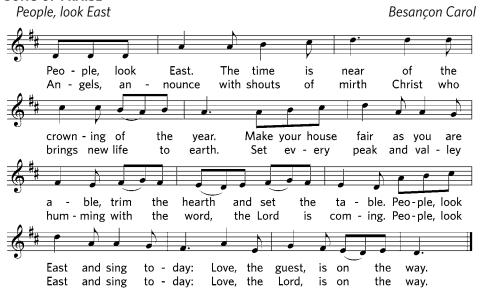
Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE



THE COLLECT FOR 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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated.

THE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126 chant: Stanford

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the verses.

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.

All sing the antiphon.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

THE GOSPEL John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

The Gospel is read.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON Dean Lloyd

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

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,

Come, holy Jesus.

Help us manifest your light in the world.

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

THE CONFESSION AND 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 the 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 then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

How lovely are the messengers

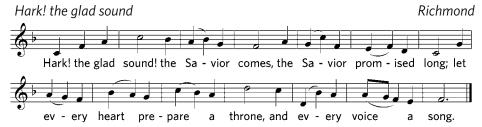
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 10:15, 18

The people stand to sing and remain standing through the Great Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

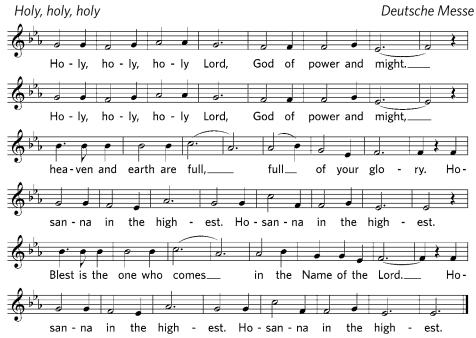
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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



The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

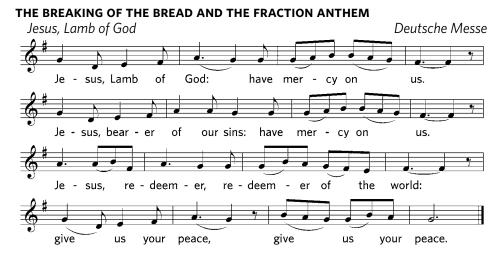
Therefore, according to his command, O God, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

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.

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's realm. The people affirm the Great Thanksgiving with **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Glutenfree 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 the high altar after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

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 COMMUNION - 300

Sung by all, standing.

Glory, love, and praise, and honor

Benifold

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Said by all, standing.

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

The presider blesses the people. The people respond **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 454

Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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