

Saint Thomas's Church
The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Evensong & Adoration at 5:00 pm



The angel appearing to Zacharias, William Blake, 1800
The MET 5th Avenue, New York City

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself.

Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector



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Officiant: Fr. Theo Ipema
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659,
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People stand at the sound of the bell.

PRECES

∇. O Lord, open thou our lips; R̄. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

∇. O God, make speed to save us; R̄. O Lord, make haste to help us.

∇. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

R̄. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.

∇. Praise ye — the Lord; — R̄. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The People sit when the Officiant sits.

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

I. 2.



- Cantor* 1 O SING unto the Lord a **new** song :
People for he hath done **mar-vel-löus** things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his ho-ly arm :
hath he gotten him-**self** the vic-to-ry.
- Cantor* 3 The Lord hath declar-ed his sal-**va**-tion :
his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight **of** the nä-tions.
- People* 4 He hath remember-ed his mercy and his faithfulness
toward the house of Is-**ra**-el :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salva-**tion** of oür Göd.
- Cantor* 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all **ye** lands :
sing, re-**joice**, and gïve thänks.
- People* 6 Praise the Lord upon **the** harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm **of** thanks-gïv-ing.
- Cantor* 7 With trumpets also and the sound of **the** horn :
O show yourselves joyful be-**fore** the Lörd, the Kïng.
- People* 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is **there**-in :
the round world, and **they** that dwell there-in.
- Cantor* 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together
before **the** Lord : for he is **come** to jüdge the eärth.
- People* 10 With righteousness shall he judge **the** world :
and the peo-**ples** with ë-qui-ty.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly Ghöst;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. Ä-mën.

PSALM 99

Dominus regnavit
IV. 4.



- Cantor* 1 THE LORD is King; let the **peo**-ples trem-ble :
People he sitteth upon the cherubim; let **the** earth be mov-ed.
 2 The Lord is **great** in Si-on : and high a-**bove** all the peo-ples.
Cantor 3 Let them give thanks un-**to** thy Name :
 which is great and wonderful; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 4 The King's power loveth judge-mēnt; thou dost es-**tab**-lish e-qui-ty :
 thou dost execute judgement and righ-**teous**-ness in Ja-cob.
Cantor 5 O magnify the **Lord** our God :
 and fall down before his footstool; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call
 up-**on** his Name : these call-ed upon the **Lord**, and he heard them.
Cantor 7 He spake unto them out of the **cloud**-y pil-lar :
 for they kept his testimonies, and the **law** that he gave them.
People 8 Thou heardest them, O **Lord** our God :
 thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst **pun**-ish their do-ings.
Cantor 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his **ho**-ly hill :
 for the Lord **our** God is ho-ly.
- People* Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : **and** to the Ho-ly Ghost;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :
People world **with**-out end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11.10 - 12-end

The First Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the tenth verse.

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious. In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant which is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the

four corners of the earth. The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall swoop down upon the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them. And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching wind, and smite it into seven channels that men may cross dryshod. And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant which is left of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to thee, O Lord, for though thou wast angry with me, thy anger turned away, and thou didst comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; /
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; /
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1.1-25

The Second Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God,

and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, “Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.”

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fauxbourdons, Thomas Tomkins

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

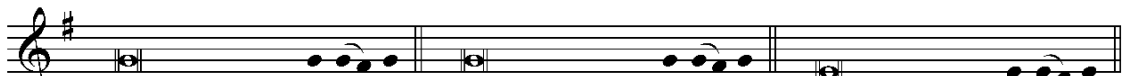
I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



V. The Lord be with you; R. And with thy spirit. V. Let us pray.

The People kneel.



V. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

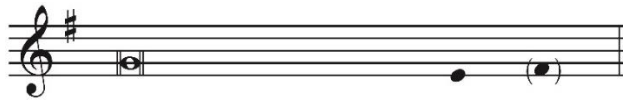
THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE RESPONSES



Ÿ. O Lord, show thy mercy up-**on** us;

Ŕ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save **the** King,

Ŕ. And mercifully hear us when we call up-**on** thee.

Ÿ. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**-ness.

Ŕ. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

Ŕ. And bless thine inhe-**ri**-tance.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;

Ŕ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;

Ŕ. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE


O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The People sit.


AN ADVENT PROSE

Rorate Coeli


Mode i

Antiphon  Cantor


Drop down, ye heav'ns from a - bove, *

All 

and let the skies pour down righ- teous - ness.

Verse 1 (lower) 

Be not wroth ve - ry sore, O Lord, neither remember



in - i - qui - ty for ev - er: thy ho - ly cities are a wilderness,



Zi-on is a wil - der-ness. Je - ru - sa-lem a de - so - la - tion:

our holy and our beau-ti-ful house, where our fa - thers prais-ed thee.

Antiphon
(all)

Drop down, ye heav'ns from a - bove, *

and let the skies pour down righ-teous - ness.

Verse 2 (upper)

We have sinnéd and are as an un - clean thing,

and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind,

have tak - en us a - way; thou hast hid thy face from us:

and hast consuméd us, be- cause of our in - i - qui - ties.

Antiphon
(all)

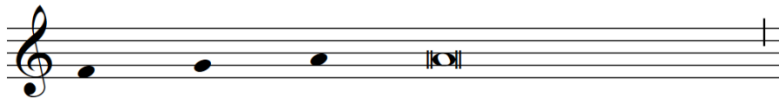


Drop down, ye heav'ns from a - bove, *



and let the skies pour down righ- teous - ness.

Verse 3 (lower)



Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,



and my servant, whom I have chos - en: that ye may



know me and be - lieve me; I, ev - en I, am the Lord,



and beside me there is no Sa - viour: and there is



none that can de - liv - er out of my hand.

Antiphon
(all)



Drop down, ye heav'ns from above, *



and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Verse 4 (upper)



Com - fort ye, com - fort ye, my peo - ple,



my sal - va - tion shall not tar - ry: I have blotted out



as a thick cloud thy trans - gres - sions:

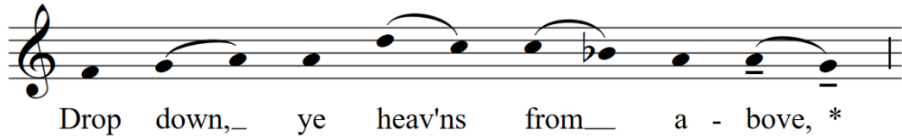


Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the



Lord thy God, the Holy One of Is - ra - el, thy Re - deem - er.

Antiphon
(all)



Drop down, ye heav'ns from a - bove, *



and let the skies pour down righ- teous - ness.

The People kneel.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

THE GRACE

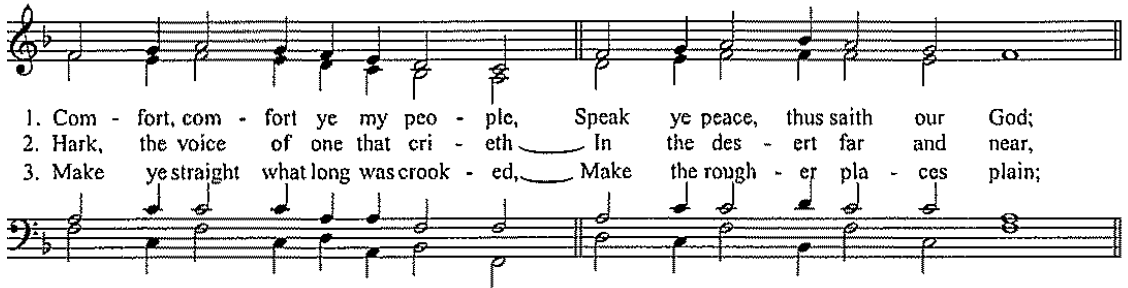
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

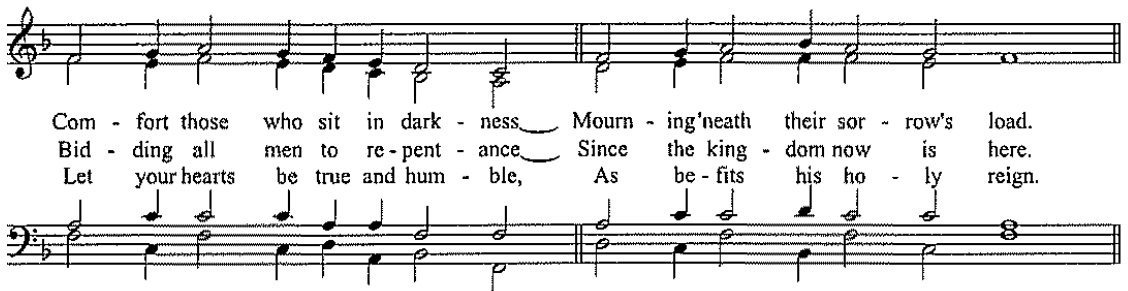
The People stand.

HYMN

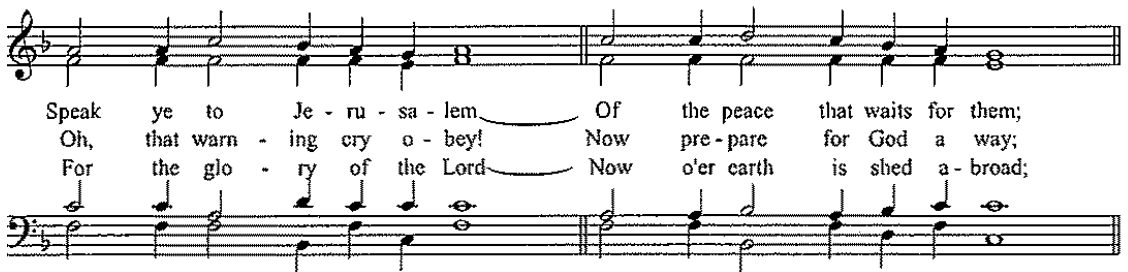
Comfort, comfort ye my people



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth In the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing'neath their sor - row's load.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell her that her sins I co - ver, And her war - fare now is ov - er.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

ISAIAH 40.1-5, PSALM 42

Para. Johannes Olearius
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

ADORATION

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

ÆTERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
 The gate of heaven to man below:
 Our foes press on from every side;
 Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
 For evermore, Blest One in Three;
 O grant us life that shall not end
 In our true native land with thee. Amen.

MOTET

‘Canite tuba,’ Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini, ecce, venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. See, He is coming to save us. Winding paths will be made straight and the rough places smooth. Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

(from Joel 2.1 & Isaiah 40.4)

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

PICARDY

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

The People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.

Thou gavest them Bread from hea-ven;
Containing in itself all sweet-ness.

COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion:
Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may
ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with
the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People



O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ēr. Praise the[^]Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thē Ho-ly[^]Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.

The People remain kneeling as the Sacrament is carried to the Lady Altar and reposed.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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