

# Saint Thomas's Church

## The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021

High Mass at 11 o'clock



*Saint John the Baptist*, Luca di Tommè, c. 1380  
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

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**Deacon:** Fr. Humphrey  
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**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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*Please note that congregational singing is now permitted on the condition that protocols related to mask wearing and distancing are strictly followed. Please sing along with the choir where indicated.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Missa XI: *Orbis factor*

**PRELUDE:** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599, *J.S. Bach*

*Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.*

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.*

**INTROIT:** Gaudete (*Sung by the choir*), *Mode i*

Rejoice ye in the Lord alway and again I say, rejoice ye. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, nor troubled, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. (*Phil 4.4-6*) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. (*Ps 85.1*)

*Please kneel.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Choir sings*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please stand for the Collects.*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## COLLECT OF ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of the prophet Zephaniah, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.  
R / **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated as the Choir alone sings the Canticle.*

### CANTICLE: Song of Thanksgiving (Ecce, Deus) Isaiah 12.1-7 *Tone IV,5*

- 1 Surely, it is God who saves me: I will trust in him and not be afraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence :  
and he will be my Saviour.
- 3 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing :  
from the springs of salvation.
- 4 And on that day you shall say :  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.
- 5 Make his deeds known among the peoples :  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things :  
and this is known in all the world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy :  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel

**THE EPISTLE:** Philippians 4.4-7

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians, beginning at the fourth verse.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**R/ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 66 – Creator of the starry height**

- 1 Creator of the starry height,  
Thy people's everlasting Light,  
Jesu, Redeemer of us all,  
Hear thou thy servants when they call.
- 2 Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry  
Of all creation doomed to die,  
Didst save our lost and guilty race  
By healing gifts of heavenly grace.
- 3 Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to eventide;  
Proceeding from a virgin-shrine,  
The spotless Victim all divine.
- 4 At thy great Name, exalted now,  
All knees in lowly homage bow;  
All things in heaven and earth adore,  
And own thee King for evermore.
- 5 To thee, O Holy One, we pray,  
Our Judge in that tremendous day,  
Ward off, while yet we dwell below,  
The weapons of our crafty foe.
- 6 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honour, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Alleluia.

*CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM  
Sarum Plainsong, 7th cent.*

*From the Latin (c 6th cent.)  
Tr J.M. Neale 1818-66*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3.7-18**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the seventh verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Please stand.

## THE NICENE CREED



*I be-lieve in one God:* The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma ker of hea-ven and earth,  
and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble:  
And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God,  
Be - got - ten of the Fa - ther be - fore all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of ve - ry God;  
Be - got - ten, not made; Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther;  
Through whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion  
came down from Heaven,  
*\*And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, And was made man.\**  
And was cru ci - fi ed al so for us un der Pon tius Pi late. He suf fer red and was bu ri-ed,  
And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures,

And as-cend-ed in - to heaven, And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther,

And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:

Whoseking domshall have no end. And I be lieve in the Ho ly Ghost,the Lord,the Giv er of life,

Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son,

Who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-geth-er is wor-ship-ped and glo - ri - fied,

Who spake by the Pro phets. And I be-lieve One, Ho-ly, Ca-tho-lic, and A-pos-to-lic Church.

I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re - mis - sion of sins.

And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.

A - men.

### OFFERTORY

As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

*Please remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 396 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.
- 2 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
From hill to vale the fountains  
Of righteousness o'erflow.
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever,  
His changeless Name of Love.

*CRÜGER  
Johann Crüger, 1640*

*James Montgomery, 1821*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**



*Please kneel.*

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Diocesan Prayer Cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May God's abiding presence be with us always, and may we be a blessing to all people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick \_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked \_\_\_\_\_, that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O God of exultation, who causest all things to rejoice, thou strengthenest what is weak, enrichest the poor, and givest hope to them who live in fear. Look upon our petitions this day, and make us glad for the good news of salvation until the coming of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*A silence is kept.*

Almighty God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Choir sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.


Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,



... O Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, world with - out end. A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant:

And now, as our Sa - viour Christ hath com - mand - ed and taught us:

we\_\_ are bold\_\_ to say:

John Merbecke

All:

Our\_\_ Fa - ther, who art in heav'n, Hal - low - ed be thy Name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

As we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us; And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

But de - li - ver us from ev - il. For thine is the king - dom,

the pow - er and the glo - ry. For ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*The consecrated Bread is broken. After a moment of silence, the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*The Celebrant greets the Deacon and Subdeacon, and People with bows, then kneels to begin the prayer of Humble Access.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

*Celebrant:* We do not presume

**to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

### AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.*

### MOTET

Rejoice in the Lord alway; *Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> century*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. (*Phil 4.4-7*)

*Please kneel or sit.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 63 – Hark! a herald voice is sounding

- 1 Hark! a herald voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us all, with tears of sorrow,  
Pray that we may be forgiven;

- 4 That when next he comes with glory,  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
With his mercy he may shield us;  
And with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the Everlasting Spirit,  
While eternal ages run.

MERTON  
W.H. Monk, 1850

*Tr. From the Latin of 6<sup>th</sup> cent. By Rev. E. Caswall*

*Please kneel.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### CONCLUDING HYMN 65 – Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

- 1 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long:  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.
- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

- 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To bless the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved Name.

BRISTOL  
*Ravencroft's Psalms, 1621*

*Rev. P. Doddridge, 1735*

*The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE:** Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601, *J.S. Bach*