

Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Saint John the Baptist, Russian, 16th cent.
The Walters Art Museum

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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 I: *Conditor Kyrie omnium*

PRELUDE, by Elizabeth Anderson: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, *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.

Please kneel when the choir and acolytes kneel.

INTROIT: Psalm 80.1-7

- 1 Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; /
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, /
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God; /
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, /
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, /
and hast given them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 Thou makest us a very strife unto our neighbours, /
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts; /
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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.

Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; /
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.

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.

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 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: Baruch 5:1-9

The First Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the book of Baruch, beginning at the first verse.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The word of the Lord
R / Thanks be to God

The people remain seated.

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH; Luke 1:68-79

Benedictus; Tone VIII,2

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; /
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, /
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, /
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, /
that he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies /
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, /
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: /
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people /
for the remission of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God; /
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, /
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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 EPISTLE: Philippians 1.3-11

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

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

The Choir alone sings:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3.1-6

V/ The Lord be with you

R/ **And with thy spirit**

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

R / *Glory be to thee O Lord*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of Christ

R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Kneel.*) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, (*Rise.*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

As we have the 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 67 – On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry

- 1 On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty Guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth’s own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, Eternal Son, to thee
Whose Advent doth thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

*WINCHESTER NEW
Musicalisch Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690*

Tr. (1837) from C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler

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

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God’s people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / 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

R / 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 all that we are thankful for, either 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

R / 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

R / 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

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Hear our humble petitions, O Lord our God, that we may serve thee in holiness and faith and bear witness to thy presence among all people until the day of the coming of thy Son, 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

V / The Lord be with you; R / **And with thy spirit.**

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

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; R / **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 Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated Bread is broken.

*V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;
R / And with thy spirit.*

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 baptised Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

This is the record of John, *Orlando Gibbons*

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. 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*)

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 73 – Thy kingdom come

- 1 'Thy kingdom come' – on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.
- 2 But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong,
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.
- 3 And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:
- 4 The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;
- 5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad –
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

IRISH
Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749

Rev. F.L. Hosmer, 1891

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
R / **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING HYMN 293 – There's a voice in the wilderness crying

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!
- 2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
Get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
The coming of their King:
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
The works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.
- 3 But the word of our God endureth,
The arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
And he will right the wrong:
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
And fold the lambs to his breast;
In the pastures of peace he'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.
- 4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!

ASCENSION
James Lewis Milligan, 1930

H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938

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

POSTLUDE: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*