

Saint Thomas's Church

The First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021

The Litany and High Mass at 11 o'clock



Joel's Prophecies Regarding the Darkening of the Sun and the Moon
Quatrefoil on the western exterior, Cathédrale d'Amiens



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Homilist: Fr. Humphrey
Reader: Larry Beckwith
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

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 V: *Kyrie magnae Deus potentiae*

PRELUDE: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659, *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.

THE LITANY

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth : have mercy upon us.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us.

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O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: have mercy upon us.

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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us.

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Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all uncleanness in thought, word, and deed; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by thy sending of the Holy Spirit; by thy heavenly Intercession; and by thy Coming again in glory,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in holiness of life, and in devotion to her people, thy servant *ELIZABETH*, our most gracious Queen and Governor, and all the Royal Family,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to Andrew our bishop and all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To send forth labourers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Spirit; to make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten thy kingdom,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless the people of our Country and the Commonwealth, and to endue those set in authority with grace, wisdom, and understanding,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and guide the Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep the Queen's forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may serve thee without fear,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve mankind by their labour and learning,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To preserve all that travel, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To defend, and provide for, all widows and orphans, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To strengthen such as do stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all men,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please remain kneeling for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 33.14-16

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

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated as the choir sings the psalm.

PSALM 25.1-10 – Ad te, Domine, levavi; Tone I, 4

- 1 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; / my God, I have put my trust in thee.
- 2 O let me not be confounded, / neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
- 3 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; /
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- 4 Show me thy ways, O Lord, / and teach me thy paths.
- 5 Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me: /
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all the day long.
- 6 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, /
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- 7 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; /
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- 8 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; / therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 9 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement; /
and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, /
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

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

For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.
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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21.25-36

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand. During the Creed, all kneel at "And was incarnate..." rising at "And was crucified."

THE NICENE CREED

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JOHN MERBECKE, 1549

Priest

Choir and Congregation

I be-lieve in one God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav'n 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 his 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; By 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 - fied al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; He suf - fer'd and was

bur - ied: 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;

Whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost,

The Lord, and Giv - er of Life, Who proceed-eth from the Fa - ther and the Son;

Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is worshipped and glo - ri - fied;

Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Cath - o - lic and Ap - os - tol - ic Church:

I acknowledge one Baptism 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 the opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

Please remain standing to sing the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 60 – Lo! he comes with clouds descending

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousands saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia!
See the day of God appear.

5 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

HELMSLEY
T. Olivers, 1765, and M. Madan, 1769

Rev. John Cennick and Rev. Charles Wesley, altd. Rev M. Madan, 1760

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.**

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.

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 fulness 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:




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



we are bold to say:

John Merbecke


All:



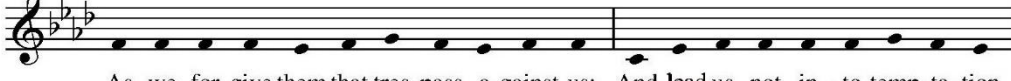
Our Fa - ther, who art in heav'n, Hal - low - ed be thy Name,




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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
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

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

(H.R. Bramley)

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 64 – The Lord will come and be not slow

- 1 The Lord will come and be not slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.
Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.
- 2 Surely to such as do him fear
Salvation is at hand!
And glory shall ere long appear
To dwell within our land.
Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shall by right
The nations all possess.
- 3 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy Name.
For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

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.

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN 548 – Come, thou long-expected Jesus

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

STUTTGART
Adapted from a melody in Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1744

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

POSTLUDE: Litanies, *Jehan Alain*