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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2011

HIGH MASS AT 10:30 AM

Organ—Prelude on *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

James McGregor (b.1930)

Introit—Populus Sion

Mode 7

Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae, in laetitia cordis vestri. *Ps.* Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Joseph. (*Isaiah 30, Psalm 80*)

People of Zion, behold the Lord comes to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your hearts the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. Ps. Hear, O shepherd of Israel: leading Joseph like a flock.

Kyrie eleison—Short Service

Adrian Batten (c.1591-c.1637)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading—Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 85: 7-13

Setting by James McGregor

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

All repeat the Refrain

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

All repeat the Refrain

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

All repeat the Refrain

Second Reading—II Peter 3: 8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

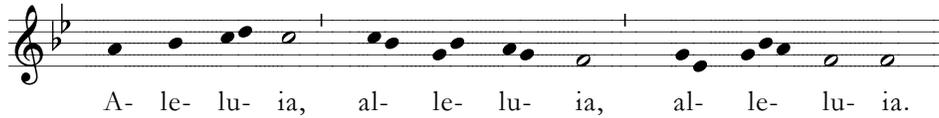
People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Sequence Hymn 67

Alleluia

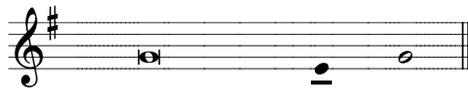
Mode 7



∇ Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. *All repeat the Alleluia*

Holy Gospel—Mark 1: 1-8

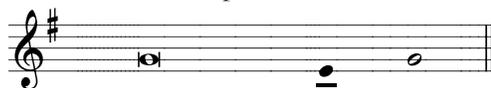
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father Bates

Nicene Creed—Hymnal, inside back cover

Prayers of the People—Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Here and after each petition is sung



∇ Lord, in your mer-cy, ℞ Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer all people are welcome to the High Altar. If for any reason one does not wish to receive Communion or is not baptized, he or she is most welcome to receive a blessing (indicated by crossing both arms over one's chest). The ministers will bring the Sacrament to those who tell an usher that they cannot easily climb the steps.

Offertory Antiphon—Deus, tu convertens

Mode 3

Deus, tu convertens vivificabis nos, et plebs tua laetabitur in te: ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. (*Psalm 85*)

O God, will you not turn and give life to us, that your people may rejoice in you: show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Anthem—Chorus from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

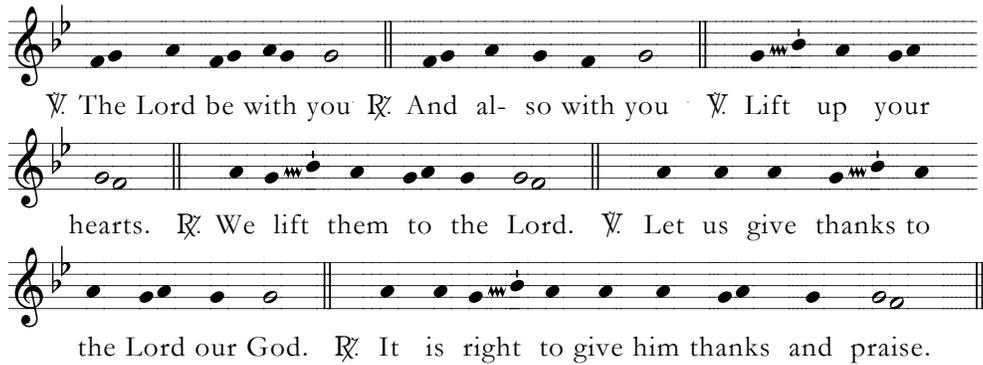
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (*Isaiah 40*)

Hymn 59

Eucharistic Prayer B

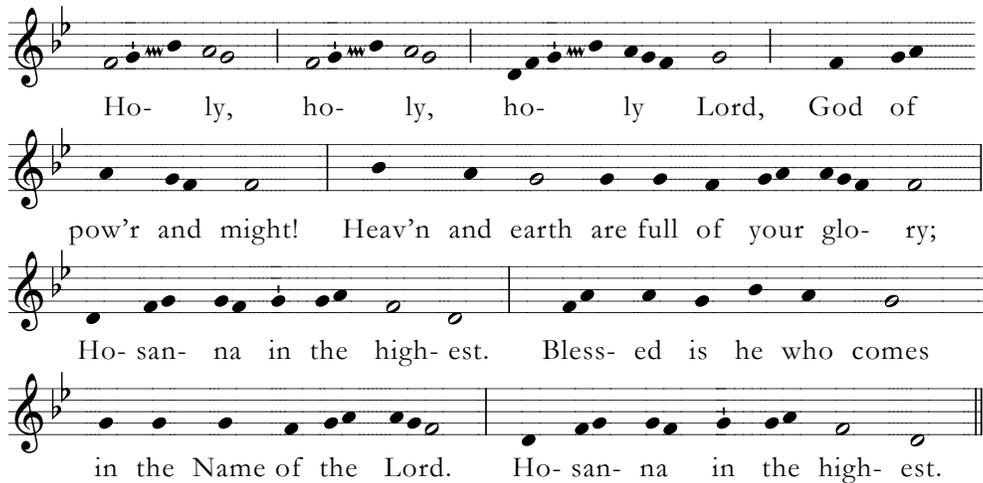
Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens



∇ The Lord be with you. ∴ And also with you. ∇ Lift up your hearts. ∴ We lift them to the Lord. ∇ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ∴ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry; Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bless- ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The people remain standing. The celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink

it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion,
We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins

And now as our Sa-visor Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All continue

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-
pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us
not in- to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the

king-dom and the pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Breaking of the Bread

℣. Christ our Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us;

℟. There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei—Short Service

Adrian Batten

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communicants may receive the bread directly onto the tongue or into folded hands, and then after consuming the bread, may drink the wine from the chalice. If the bread is retained in one's hands, a chalice bearer will dip it into the wine, and place it on the tongue.

Communion Antiphon—Jerusalem surge

Mode 2

Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso: et vide jucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo. (*Baruch 5*)

Arise, Jerusalem, and stand in the heights: and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God.

Anthem—Aria from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (*Isaiah 40*)

Postcommunion Prayer

Grant, O almighty and everlasting God: that we, who have received these holy mysteries as spiritual food, may have grace rightly to judge the worth of earthly things and evermore to hold fast to heavenly things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn 65

Organ—Jig Fugue, BWV 577

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

After the Postlude, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

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