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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2011

HIGH MASS AT 10:30 AM

Organ—Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Come now, Savior of the heathens)

Introit—Gaudete Mode 1

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. *Ps. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: averisti captivitatem Jacob. (Philippians 4, Psalm 85)*

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice: let your forbearance be known to all people: the Lord is near. Have no anxieties: but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make known your requests to God. Ps. You have blessed your land, O Lord: you have reversed the captivity of Jacob.

Kyrie eleison—Missa Verbum caro factum est James McGregor (b.1930)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading—Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 126

Setting by James McGregor

Refrain—*Cantor; then all repeat*



The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Then they said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

All repeat the Refrain.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Second Reading—I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is

good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

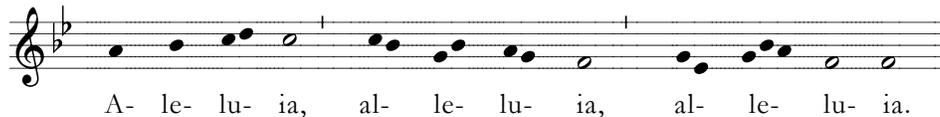
People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Sequence Hymn 72

Alleluia

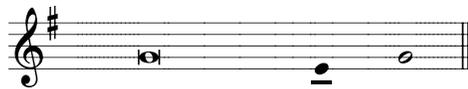
Mode 7



☩ Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come to save us. *All repeat the Alleluia*

Holy Gospel—John 1: 6-8, 19-28

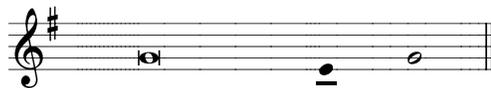
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 VII

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church throughout the world: that the Lord God would deign to keep it in unity, peace, and safety.

Here and after each petition is sung



∞ Lord, in your mer-cy, ⓧ Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Mark our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in Christ's holy Church: that in their various callings they may serve God faithfully and devoutly.

Let us pray for all who do not know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ: that the light of the Gospel may shine in their hearts.

Let us pray for all the nations and peoples of the world, and for those who bear authority among them: that in all their doings they may seek both peace and justice.

Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowful, the hungry and the homeless, the desolate and the oppressed: that the Father of mercies would strengthen, support, and relieve them.

Let us pray for the faithful departed: that the Lord our God would grant them refreshment, light, and peace.

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—Benedixisti

Mode 4

Benedixisti, Domine, terra tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae. (*Psalm 85*)

You have blessed your land, O Lord: you have reversed the captivity of Jacob: you have forgiven the iniquities of your people.

Motet

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: come and teach us the way of prudence.

Hymn 76

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens

V. The Lord be with you R. And al- so with you V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord. V. Let us give thanks to

the Lord our God. R. 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



Motets

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior: come and save us, O Lord our God.

Postcommunion Prayer

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and by the help of your grace bestowed upon us in these holy mysteries keep us free from sin: that with joyful hearts we may celebrate the birth of our redeemer, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessing & Dismissal**Hymn 54****Organ and Strings**—Epistle Sonata No. 15

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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

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