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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2011

HIGH MASS AT 10:30 AM

**Organ**—La Vierge et l'enfant Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)  
(*The Virgin and the child*)  
From *La Nativité du Seigneur*

**Introit**—Rorate Mode 1  
Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiatur terra, et germinet  
Salvatorem. *Ps. Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus annuntiat  
firmamentum. (Isaiab 45, Psalm 19)*

*Let showers fall from the heavens, and let the clouds rain down justice: let the earth open  
and bring forth the Savior. Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament  
shows his handiwork.*

**Kyrie eleison**—Missa super Dixit Maria Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son  
Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading—II Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him  
rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan,  
'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.'  
Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is  
with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go  
and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build  
me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up  
the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in  
a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people  
of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel,  
whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you  
not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my  
servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture,  
from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have  
been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from  
before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great  
ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will  
plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no

more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual—Magnificat**

Setting by Bruce Ford (b. 1947)

Refrain—*Cantor; then all repeat*



The Al - might - y has done great things for me,



and ho - ly is his Name.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. *All repeat the Refrain.*

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. *All repeat the Refrain.*

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. *All repeat the Refrain.*

**Second Reading—Romans 16: 25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

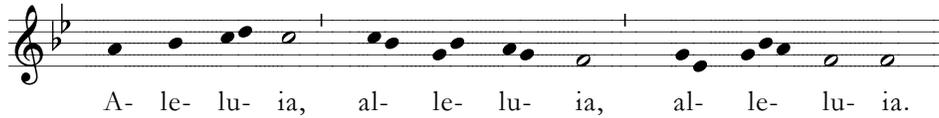
*People* Thanks be to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

**Sequence Hymn 66**

**Alleluia**

Mode 7



A- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

∇ Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word. (*Luke 1*) *All repeat the Alleluia*

**Holy Gospel—Luke 1: 26-38**

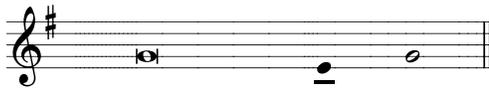
*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**

Mother Lindstrom

**Nicene Creed—Hymnal, inside back cover**

**Prayers of the People—Form III**

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church, that we all may be one.

*Here and after each petition is sung*



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

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you, that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and holy authority in the nations of the world, that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, that they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, and we pray that we may also come to share in your heavenly 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.*

### **Motet**

Pierre-Louis Dietsch (1808-1865)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventri: Jesus. Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blest are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb: Jesus. Holy Mary, pray for us.*

Based on a madrigal by Jacques Arcadelt (c.1507-1568)

**Motet**

Hans Leo Hassler

Dixit Maria ad angelum: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. (*Luke 1*)

*Mary said to the angel: Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word.*

**Hymn 56**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Sanctus* arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens

¶ The Lord be with you   ℟. And al- so 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-vior 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**

V Christ our Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us;  
R There- fore let us keep the feast.

**Agnus Dei**—Missa super Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler

**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**—Ecce virgo concipiet

Mode 1

Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel.

*(Isaiah 7)*

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bare a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.*

**Carol**

17<sup>th</sup> century Italian carol, arr. by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary! For so when he did meet thee, spake mighty Gabriel, and thus we greet thee. Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall never vary. Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!

Ave, ave Maria! To gladden priest and people, the angelus shall ring from ev'ry steeple, to sound his Virgin birth, alleluia! Ave, ave Maria!

Archangels chant Osanna, and Holy, Holy, Holy, before the infant born of thee, thou lowly, aye maiden child of Joachim and Anna; archangels chant Osanna.

Text by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Grant, we pray, almighty God: that as the coming festival of our redemption draws near, we, who have received this pledge of eternal salvation, may increase in faith, hope, and love: that we may worthily celebrate the mystery

of the birth of your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

### **Hymn 269**

**Organ**—Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter (b.1939)

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

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