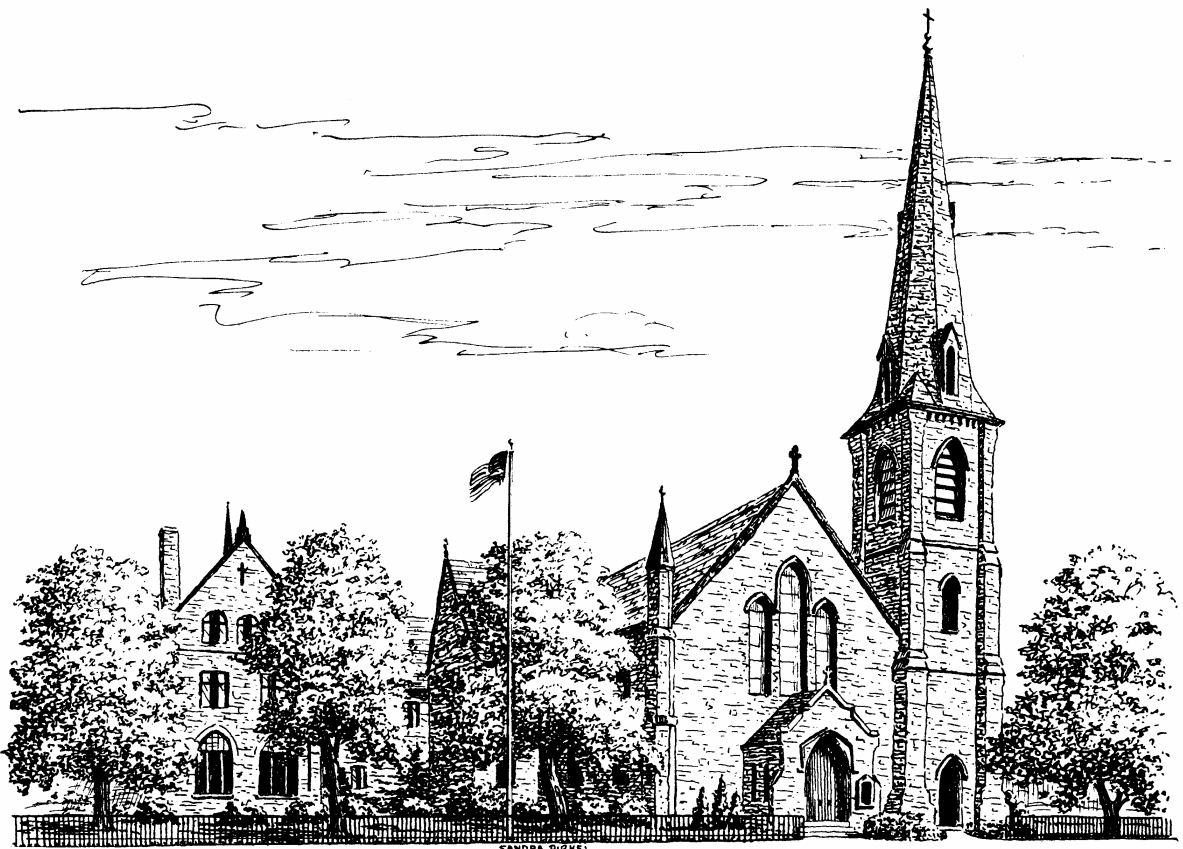


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2009

SOLEMN MASS AT 10:00 AM

Welcome to Grace Church! Please be sure to turn your cell phone off when you enter.

Silence will aid an atmosphere of prayer.

Organ—Prelude in D Major, BWV 532 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

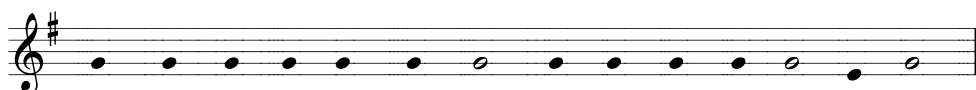
Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all; for the Lord is near at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in all things by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. *Ps.* You have been gracious to your land, O Lord: you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. (*Philippians 4 & Psalm 85*)

Opening Acclamation



∇ Bless-ed be God: Fa- ther, Son and Ho- ly Spir- it;

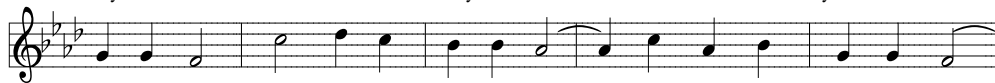


℞ And bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for- ev- er. A- men.

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



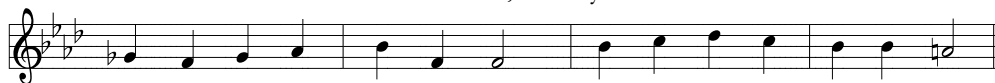
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Collect of the Day

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—Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—The First Song of Isaiah

Arranged by Bruce Ford (b. 1947)

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



Sing the prais - es of the Lord.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

All repeat the refrain

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

All repeat the refrain

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All repeat the refrain

Second Reading—Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 60

Alleluia

Cantor, then all repeat

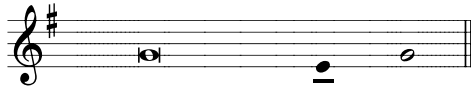


Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

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

Holy Gospel—Luke 3:7-18

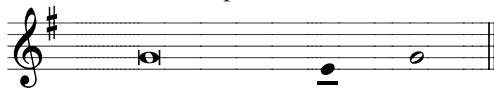
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Bishop Beckwith

The Renewal of The Baptismal Covenant

We, as the Church, are called to continue Christ's mission today. We are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People *We do.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The congregation is now invited to come forward and receive a sprinkling, a ritual for strength in ministry. Please use the center aisle to come forward and the side aisles to return to your seats.

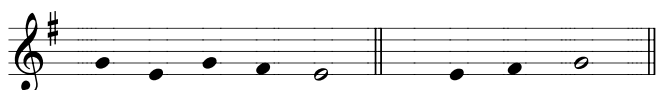
Antiphon—Vidi aquam

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia. It brought God's life and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise, alleluia, alleluia. (*Ezekiel 47*)

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

Motets

Marc-Antione Charpentier (1634-1704)

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

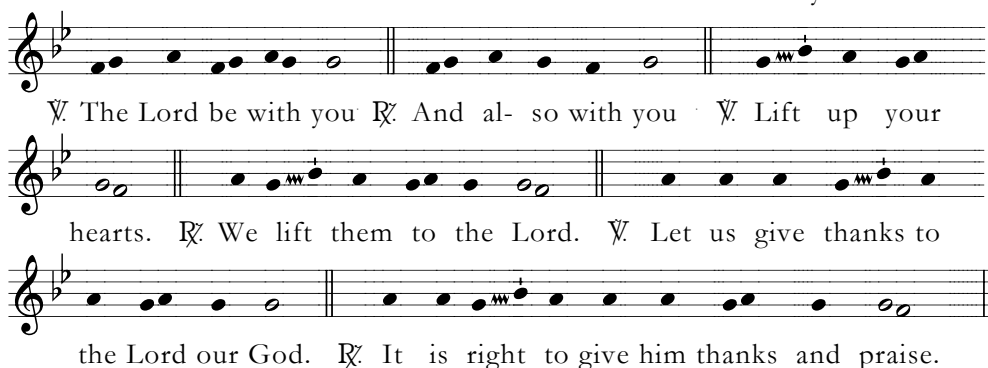
O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: come, and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Hymn 56

Eucharistic Prayer B

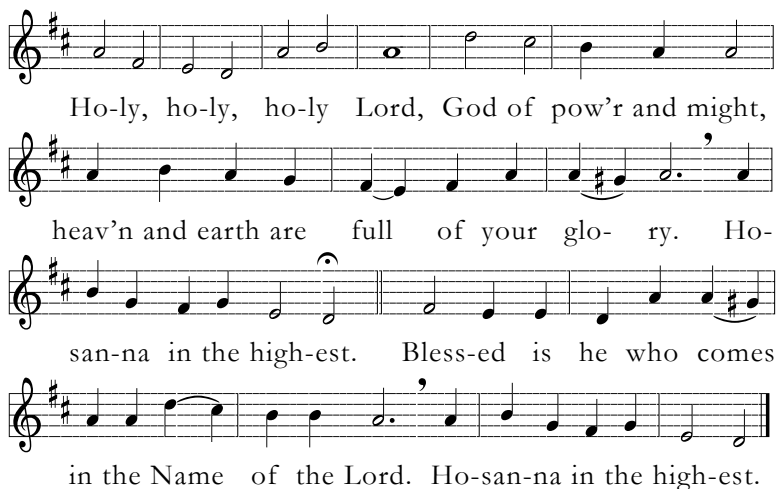
Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

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.*

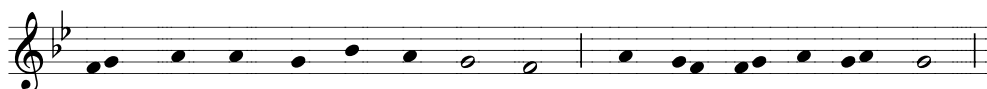
Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins



And now as our Sa- 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.

Agnus Dei—Missa Marialis

adapted by C. W. Douglas (1867-1944)

Holy Communion

This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.

Communion Antiphon

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong and fear not! Behold, the Lord our God will come, and he will save us.” *Ps.* The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. (*Isaiah 35*)

Post-Communion 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Episcopal Blessing and Dismissal

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

R. From this time forth, for ev- er- more.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. The maker of hea- ven and earth.

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 72

Organ—Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

*We welcome our guest instrumentalists today:
Joan Plana Nadal and Kathleen Daly, violin
Wayne Arndt, cello*

