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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2009

Organ—Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit

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

(Isaiah 45 & Psalm 19)

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 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— Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—The Song of Mary

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 Refrain.*

Second Reading— Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 54

Alleluia

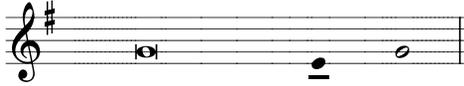


Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Holy Gospel— Luke 1:39-55

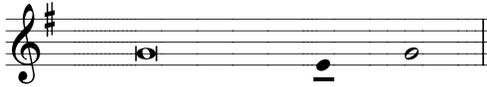
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Mr. Nathan Ritter, Seminarian

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

Motet Jacques Arcadelt (c.1507-1568)

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

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. Amen.

Motet Hans Leo Hassler

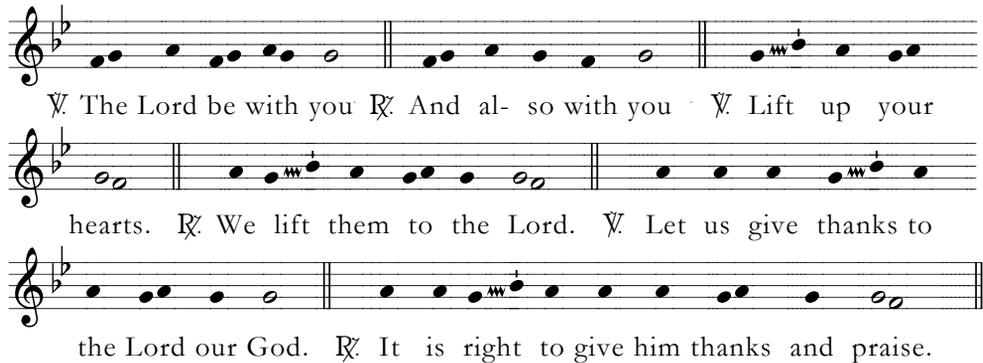
Dixit Maria ad angelum: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

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

Hymn 66

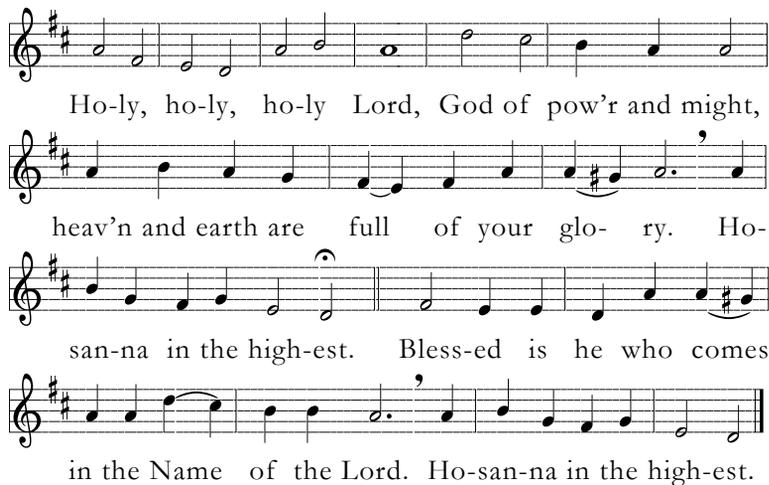
Eucharistic Prayer B

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. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread



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



℟. There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei—Missa super Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler

Communion Antiphon

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and the name by which he shall be called is Emmanuel. (*Isaiah 7*)

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal

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.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 269

Organ—Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel*

James McGregor (b. 1930)