



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
on the
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13 December 2020 at 10 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Magnificat Fugue - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Introit Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Text. Latin, 9th century, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music. Plainsong, mode 1 (15th Century)
Tune. Veni Emmanuel

The Our Father

Collect for Purity

All. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Celebrant. OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All. **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.
People. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant. Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (61:1-2a, 10-11)
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 broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God. 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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54)

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: **R.**

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. **R.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy. **R.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(1:6-8, 19-28)

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily

The Creed

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

At the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy;

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession & Absolution

Minister. Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Offertory

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant. Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All. **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

Thanksgiving & Consecration

Celebrant. The Lord be with you;

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant. Lift up your hearts;

People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People. **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues with the Preface.

All say together the Sanctus & Benedictus.

All. **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues with The Consecration.

At the end of the Consecration, all respond **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with thy spirit.

People.

The Prayer of Humble Access *(together)*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION

At the time of Communion, the celebrant will stand at the bottom of the chancel steps. Starting at the front, occupants of each pew will proceed to the front to receive Communion. The next pew does not come forward until the previous one has received and is seated again. Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind only – the host.

The following prayer is offered for those who cannot sacramentally receive the Lord in Holy Communion:

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text. Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music. Melody, *Psalmodia Sacra*, Gotha (1715)
Tune. Stuttgart

Organ Postlude

Saviour of The Nations Come - Johann E. Kinderman (1616-1655)