



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*on the*  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

20 December 2020 at 10 a.m.

**Organ Prelude**

Gabriel's Oboe - *Ennio Morricone*

**Introit Hymn**

The advent of our God  
with eager prayers we greet,  
and singing haste upon the road  
His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son  
scorns not the Virgin's womb;  
That we from bondage may be won  
He bears a bondsman's doom.

Let evil flee away,  
ere that great hour shall dawn,  
Let this old Adam day by day  
the new man all put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son,  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father and with Spirit One,  
to all eternity.

*Text.* Charles Coffin (1676-1749), tr. H. Putman (1861-1935)

*Music.* A. Williams (1770)

*Tune.* St. Thomas

**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.

RAISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel* (7:1-5, 8b-12, 14-16)  
When King David 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 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. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

*Responsorial Psalm (89:1-4, 19-20)*



*Bless-ed be the Lord for ev - er- more! A - men, I say, A - men!*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
'I will establish your line for ever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R.**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.  
I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R.**

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

(16:25-27)

Brothers and sisters: 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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

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

*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.*

*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 Luke.  
(1:26-38)

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

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.

*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

Ave Maria – *Michal Lorenc*

### 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;

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

### 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

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
hallelujah, hallelujah,  
God appears on earth to reign.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

*Text.* John Cennick (1718-1755), Charles Wesley (1701-1788)

*Music.* attrib. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

*Tune.* Helmsley

**Organ Postlude**

Postlude on 'Helmsley' – *Robert Lind*

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