

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2009

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II - Eight o'clock in the morning

Organ Improvisations on the Hymns of the Day

(* An asterisk indicates when the congregation is invited to stand.)

THE WORD OF GOD

*The Opening Sentences and Lighting of the Advent Candles

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 thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
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*A Collect for Purity p. 355

*Kyrie Eleison p. 356

*The Collect of the Day Lectionary Insert

The First Reading: The Letter to the Philippians 4: 4-7 Lectionary Insert

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12: 2-6) Lectionary Insert

The following is said after the Psalm:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*The Gospel according to Luke 3: 7-18 Lectionary Insert

Before the reading - Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading - Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily – The Reverend Jay L. Kanzler

*The Nicene Creed p. 358

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(The Peace is exchanged at the communion rail.)

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and *The Presentation
All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C p. 369

*Sanctus and Benedictus p. 371

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The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Christ Our Passover p. 364

The Administration of the Sacrament

(All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion.)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Benediction p. 365

*The Dismissal p. 366

AN ADVENT LITURGY OF SCRIPTURE AND CAROLS

Half past ten o'clock in the morning

*Advent is a season of joyful expectation and quiet preparation, as the people of God wait for the coming of the Christ,
both in his incarnation as the child in the manger, and in his triumphant return to judge and redeem the world.*

Prelude "Sleepers, Wake, A Voice Is Calling" J. S. Bach 1685-1750

Advent Introit (*Stanzas 3-4 of Hymn 60*) G. P. da Palestrina 1525-1594

*Hymn 72 "Hark! The Glad Sound!" Richmond

*The Opening Sentences and the Lighting of the Advent Candles

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*A Bidding Prayer

Dear people of God,

In this season of Advent, as we wait expectantly and watch alertly for the comings of God, let us renew in ourselves the vision of salvation, of holiness and wholeness, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purpose for us. And let us pray that we may respond in faith to the glory of God's kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope. In prayer, praise, and song this day, we give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures that God's kingdom is at hand; and, as we prepare for that day to dawn upon us, so we commend ourselves and the whole human family to God's keeping. In sorrow and penitence, we confess our shortcomings, and seek pardon for those failures which hinder the advent of God's reign of love. May God guide us in the way of peace; give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; and kindle in us the fire of love that we may care for those among whom the Christ was born; those he comes to seek and to save; those who are sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; and those who face the future with fear. Finally, as we rejoice in expectation with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with signs of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer our prayers in words he taught us,

*The Lord's Prayer

The First Lesson: *Darkness and light*

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector: For God alone my soul in silence waits.

All: **From God comes my salvation.**

Lector: For God alone my soul in silence waits.

All: **Truly, our hope is in God.**

The Sixth Lesson: *An unexpected Advent*

Mark 13: 24-37

Jesus said: “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Lector: I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother’s breast.

All: **My soul is quieted within me.**

Lector: O Israel, wait upon the Lord,

All: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Carol

“Im Advent”

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Lasset uns frohlocken. Es nahet der Heiland den Gott uns verheissen.

Der Name des Herrn sei gelobet in Ewigkeit. Hallelujah!

Let us rejoice. The Savior draws near, whom God has promised us.

The Name of the Lord be praised forever. Hallelujah!

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

“Ave Maria”

Franz Biebl 1906-2001

Chant and Trio: Tony Huenneke, Dan Pickett, Mark Schellenberg

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

Ave maria gratia plena, dominus tecum benedicta tu in mulieribus

Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Sancta maria, mater dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

The angel of the Lord announced to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*A Prayer for Mission

Almighty God, as you sent your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, to reveal your glory to the nations; help us daily so to work and live that your light may shine through us into all the world until his coming again, through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, from before time and forever. Amen.

*The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sin, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*A Seasonal Blessing

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us, scatter the darkness from before our paths, and make us ready to meet him when he comes in glory. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 59

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

Merton

*The Dismissal

“Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice”

J. S. Bach

Postlude