

The Third Sunday in Advent



17 December 2023
Solemn Mass 11.00

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Organ—Master Tallis' Testament

Herbert Howells

The Asperges

Please stand when the bell rings at the entrance of the Ministers.

Ant. Aspérget me, Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor; lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *Ps. 50, 1.* Miserére mei Deus, secúndum magnam misericórdiam tuam. *¶* Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sácula sæculórum. Amen. Aspérget me.

Ant. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps. 51, 1.* Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. *¶* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge.

¶ O Lord show thy mercy upon us. *℟.* And grant us thy salvation.

¶ O Lord, hear my prayer; *℟.* And let my cry come unto thee.

¶ The Lord be with you. *℟.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. *℟.* Amen.

Introit—Philippians 4, 4–6

GAUDETE in Dómino semper: íterum dico, gaudéte. Modéstia vestra nota sit ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestræ innotéscant apud Deum. *Ps. 85, 1.* Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Jacob. *¶* Glória Patri. Gaudéte.

Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men: for the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all things by prayer let your requests be made known unto God. *Ps. 86, 1* Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *¶* Glory be. Rejoice.

Kyrie Eleison—Missa Concertata a quattro voci

Teodoro Casati

Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.* Christe, eléison. *ijj.*
Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.*

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

¶ The Lord be with you. *℟.* And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Collects.

Let us pray.

LORD, we beseech thee, give ear to our prayers: and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our heart: Who livest and reignest with God the Father. *℟.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who wast pleased that thy Word should take flesh of the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel: grant to us thy humble servants; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession be holpen in thy sight.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy Church: that all adversities and errors being done away, she may serve thee in freedom and quietness. Through. *℞* Amen.

The Epistle

Please be seated.

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians. Phil. 4, 4–7

BRETHREN: Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesu our Lord. *℞* Thanks be to God.

Graduale. Ps. 80, 2, 3 & 2. Qui sedes, Dómine, super Chérubim, éxcita poténtiam tuam et veni. *℥* Qui regis Israëġ, inténde: qui dedúcis velut ovem Joseph.

Allelúja, allelúja. *℥* Excita, Dómine, potén-tiam tuam et veni, ut salvos fácias nos. Allelúja.

Gradual. Ps. 80, 2, 3 & 2. Thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come. *℥* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep.

Alleluia, alleluia. *℥* Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel.

℥ The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

John 1, 19–28

℥ ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John. *℞* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: The Jews sent priests and levites from Jerusalem to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not: but confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith: I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered: No. Then said they unto him: Who art thou: that we may give an answer to them that sent us: What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him: Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that Prophet? John answered them saying: I baptize with water but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not. He it is who coming after me is preferred before me: whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. *℞* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

1940 Hymnal N^o 10—On Jordan's bank

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin,
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent doth thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Homily—Fr Davison

Please be seated.

Nicene Creed

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem
Omnipoténtem, factórem cæli et terræ,
visibílium ómnium et invisibílium. Et in unum
Dóminum Jesum Christum, Fílium Dei
unigénitum. Et ex Patre natum ante ómnia
sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lúmine, Deum
verum de Deo vero. Génitum, non factum,
consubstantiálem Patri: per quem ómnia facta
sunt. Qui propter nos hómines et propter
nostram salútem descéndit de cælis. *Genusflect.*
Et incarnátus est de Spírítu Sancto ex María
VírGINE: Et homo factus est. *Arise.* Crucifixus
étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto passus, et
sepúltus est. Et resurréxit tértia die, secúndum
Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad
déteram Patris. Et íterum ventúrus est cum
glória judicáre vivos et mórtuos: cujus regni non
erit finis. Et in Spírítum Sanctum, Dóminum et
vivificántem: qui ex Patre Filióque procedit.

Please stand for the Creed.

IBELIEVE 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 his
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: by whom all things
were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation
came down from heaven. *Genusflect.* And was
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary:
And was made man. *Arise.* 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, and
giver of life: who proceedeth from the Father and

Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum, ☩ et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

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 Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit. ∴ Let us pray.

Offertorium. Ps. 84, 1-2. Benedixisti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuæ.

Offertory. Ps. 85, 1-2. Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Hymn—Hark, what a sound

Highwood



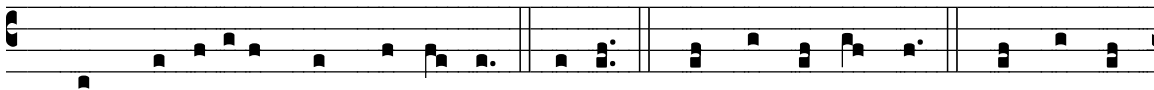
Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

2. Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

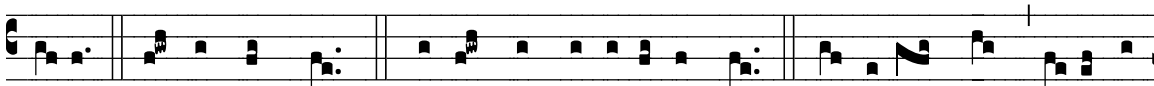
3. This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

4. Yea through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Solemn Preface of Advent



Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen. *℣* The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy



spirit. *℣* Lift up your hearts. *℞* We lift them up unto the Lord. *℣* Let us give thanks unto our



Lord God. *℞* It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty: that we should, at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: through Christ our Lord. Who in thy mercy and faithfulness didst promise a Saviour to the fallen human race, that his truth might instruct the ignorant; his holiness justify the wicked, and his power give aid to the helpless. Now the time draweth nigh for the coming of him whom thou wilt send, and the day of our liberation is dawning, so with faith in thy promises we rejoice with holy exultation. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

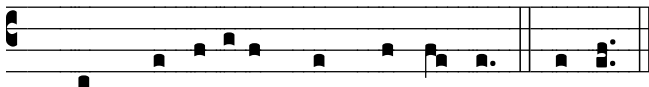
Sanctus & Benedictus

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus
Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória
tua. Hosánna in excélsis. ✠ Benedíctus qui
venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven
and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in
the highest. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the
Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

Please kneel for the Canon.

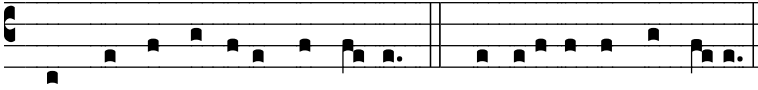


Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen.

Our Father

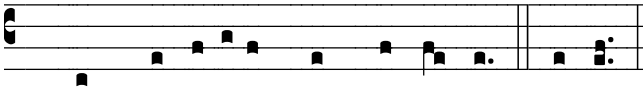
Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:

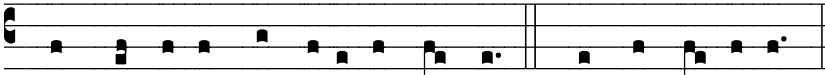


And lead us not into temptation. ℞ But deliver us from e-vil.

The Pax



Throughout all ages, world without end. ℞ Amen.



The peace of the Lord be alway with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: grant us thy peace.

Communion of the Faithful

℣ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. ℞ Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. *[Repeated thrice]*

Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please make your way via the center aisle to the rails, the Ushers will direct and assist you.

Communio. Is. 35, 4. Dicité: Pusillánimes
confortámini, et nolíte timére: ecce Deus
noster véniet, et salvábit nos.

Communion. Is. 35, 4. Say to them that are of a
fearful heart: be strong, fear not: behold, our
God will come and save us.

Motet—O thou, the central orb

Charles Wood

O THOU the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most high, Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, Hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, Transforming day to souls while ere unclean, now pure within. Amen.

1940 Hymnal N° 541—O North, with all thy vales

Conquest

O North, with all thy vales of green!
O South, with all thy palms!
From peopled towns and vales between,
Uplift the voice of psalms;
Raise, ancient East, the anthem high,
And let the youthful West reply.

2. Lo, in the clouds of heaven appears
God's well beloved Son;
He brings a train of brighter years;
His kingdom is begun.
He comes, a guilty world to bless
With mercy, truth, and righteousness.

3. O Father, haste the promised hour,
When at his feet shall lie
All rule, authority, and power
Beneath the ample sky;
When he shall reign from pole to pole,
The Lord of every human soul:

4. When all shall heed the words he said,
Amid their daily cares,
And by the loving life he led
Shall seek to pattern theirs;
And he who conquered death shall win
The mightier conquest over sin.

∞ The Lord be with you. ∞ And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Postcommunions.

Let us pray.

HAVE mercy upon us, O Lord, we beseech thee: and grant that these means of heavenly grace may so cleanse us from our iniquities, that we may be made ready to keep thy coming festival. Through. ∞ Amen.

Let us pray.

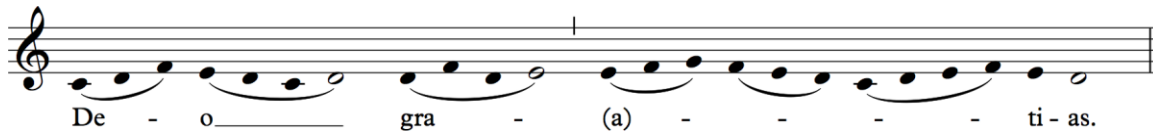
WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of Christ thy Son by the message of an Angel; so through his passion and cross we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we, whom thou makest to rejoice in the partaking of heavenly things, may by thee be defended against all earthly perils. Through. *R.* Amen.

Dismissal

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.



Blessing

Please kneel for the Blessing.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, *✠* and the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

The Last Gospel

Please stand for the Last Gospel.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

John 1, 1-14

✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *Genuflect:* And the Word was made flesh, *Arise:* and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *R.* Thanks be to God.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary. *R.* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. *R.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. *R.* Be it unto me according to thy word.

V. Hail Mary. *R.* Holy Mary.

V. And the word was made flesh. *R.* And dwelt among us.

V. Hail Mary. *R.* Holy Mary.

∿ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ∸ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. ∸ Amen.

1940 Hymnal N° 2—O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

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.

4. O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily,
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Organ—Fugue in G Major, 'Jig', BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach

Parish Notes

We welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. Please join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for a light reception.

Vespers will be chanted in Latin at 3.00 this afternoon, please join us.

There is a Sign-up Sheet posted on the Notice Board in the Narthex for assistance with coffee hour on Sundays. Please sign up to bring in food for coffee hour or to clean up afterward. Please see Barbara Alton or Elizabeth Nardone with questions.

Offering Envelopes for Christmas Greens are available on the Ushers' Table.

Christmas at Saint Clement's

Sunday, 24 December

Vigil of the Nativity

- 8.00 a.m. Low Mass of the Vigil
- 9.30 a.m. Little Hours
- 10.15 a.m. Rosary
- 11.00 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Vigil
- 3.00 p.m. Solemn First Vespers of the Nativity
- 9.00 p.m. Matins
- 11.00 p.m. First Mass In the Night & Procession

Monday, 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

Lauds immediately following the First Mass

- 8.00 a.m. Second Mass at Dawn
- 9.30 a.m. Little Hours
- 10.15 a.m. Rosary
- 11.00 a.m. Third Mass of Christmas Day
- 1.00 p.m. Vespers

Kalendar

- 18 December Expectation B.V.M.; *Feria*
- 19 December *Feria*
- 20 December Ember Day; *Vigil*
- 21 December S. THOMAS, AP.; *Feria*
- 22 December S. Frances Cabrini, V.; *Ember Day*
- 23 December Ember Day
- 24 December *Vigil; Advent IV*

Anniversaries

- 18 December Ellis Hornor Yarnall, Benefactor, RIP (1907)
19 December Joseph W. McGuire, Birth
Sister Beatrice Anne, CSM, RIP (1984)
20 December Madeline Kennedy Bean, Benefactress, RIP (1976)
21 December Helen Haedrich Fritz, Benefactress, RIP (1950)
22 December Benjamin Stewart Bert, Priest, RIP (1942)
23 December Elizabeth Livingston Kelley, Benefactress, RIP (1928)
Edward Fredrick Lindley Wood, Viscount Halifax, RIP (1959)
Anne Ashburn, Benefactress, RIP (1967)
William Hampton Brady, Bishop, RIP (1996)

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Sunday	Monday–Friday
Low Mass 8.00	Low Mass 12.10
Centering Prayer 9.30	Vespers & Novena 5.30
Rosary 10.00	Saturday
Terce 10.30	Low Mass 10.00
Solemn Mass 11.00	Rosary 10.30 (1 st Saturdays)
Vespers & Benediction 3.00	Vespers & Novena 3.00

The Rev'd Richard C. Alton, *Rector*
The Rev'd Barbara D. Henry, *Associate Priest & Archivist*
The Rev'd Justin Lanier, *Associate Priest*
Mr. John A. Carter, *Eucharistic Visitor*
Mr. Andrew W. Nardone, *Parish Administrator & Sacristan*
Mr. Peter Richard Conte, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Mr. Bernard Kunkel, *Associate Organist*
Ms. Isabella Isza Wu, *Organ Scholar*