

The Vigil of the Nativity



24 December 2023
Solemn Mass 11.00

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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Organ—Nocturne

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

The Asperges

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

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

V̄ O Lord show thy mercy upon us. R̄ And grant us thy salvation.

V̄ O Lord, hear my prayer; R̄ And let my cry come unto thee.

V̄ The Lord be with you. R̄ 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. R̄ Amen.

Introit—Exodus 16, 6–7

Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.

HODIE sciétis, quia véniet Dóminus et salvábit nos: et mane vidébitis glóriam ejus. *Ps. 23, 1.* Dómini est terra, et plenitúdo ejus: orbis terrárum, et univérsi, qui hábitant in eo. V̄ Glória Patri. Hódie.

TODAY shall ye know that the Lord will come and deliver us: and in the morning shall ye behold his glory. *Ps. 24, 1.* The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. V̄ Glory be. Today.

Kyrie Eleison—Missa Dies sanctifictus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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.*

V̄ The Lord be with you. R̄ And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Collects.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of our redemption: vouchsafe; that as we joyfully receive thine Only-begotten Son for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth. R̄ Amen.

Let us pray.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins we are sore let and hindered, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us: Who livest. *R.* Amen.

The Epistle

Please be seated.

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans. Romans 1, 1–6

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh: and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name, among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Graduale. Exod. 16, 6–7. Hódie sciétis, quia véniet Dóminus et salvábit nos: et mane vidébitis glóriam ejus. *Ps. 79 2–3.* Qui regis Israël, inténde: qui dedúcis, velut ovem, Joseph: qui sedes super Chérubim, appáre coram Ephraim, Bénjamin, et Manásse.

Allelúja, allelúja. *Ps.* Crástina die delébitur iníquitas terræ: et regnábit super nos Salvátor mundi. Allelúja.

Gradual. Exod. 16, 6–7. To-day shall ye know that the Lord will come and deliver us: and in the morning shall ye behold his glory. *Ps. 80, 2–3.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep: thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, shew thyself before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses.

Alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* On the morrow the iniquity of the world shall be blotted out: and the Saviour of the world shall reign over us. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel.

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

Matthew 1, 18–21

Ps. ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN Mary the Mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying: Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. *R.* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Hymn—Like the dawning

Köln



Like the dawning of the morning
 On the mountain's golden heights,
 Like the breaking of the moonbeams
 On the gloom of cloudy nights,
 Like a secret told by angels
 Getting known upon the earth,
 Is the mother's expectation
 Of Messiah's speedy birth.

2. Thou wert happy, blessed Mother,
 With the very bliss of Heav'n,
 Since the angel's salutation
 In thy raptured ear was giv'n,
 Since the Ave of that midnight
 When thou wert anointed Queen,
 Like a river overflowing
 Hath the grace within thee been.

3. Thou hast waited, child of David,
 And thy waiting now is o'er.
 Thou hast seen him, blessed Mother,
 And wilt see him evermore.
 Oh, his human face and features,
 They were passing sweet to see!
 Thou beholdest him this moment,
 Mother, show them now to me.

Homily—Fr Lanier

Please be seated.

Nicene Creed

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem
 Omnipotentem, factorem 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 lumine, 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. *Genuflect.*
 Et incarnátus est de Spíritu Sancto ex María
 Vírgine: Et homo factus est. *Arise.* Crucifíxus

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. *Genuflect.* 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

étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto passus, et sepúltus est. Et resurréxit tértia die, secúndum Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et íterum ventúrus est cum glória judicáre vivos et mórtuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spíritum Sanctum, Dóminum et vivificántem: qui ex Patre Filióque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Fílio simul adorátur, et conglorificátur: qui locútus est per Prophétas. Et unam, sanctam, cathólicam et apostólicam Ecclésiám. Confíteor unum baptísma in remissionem peccatórum. Et exspécto resurrectionem mortuórum, ✠ et vitam ventúri sáculi. Amen.

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 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. 23, 7. Tóllite portas, principes, vestras: et elevámini, portæ æternáles, et introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Offertory. Ps. 24, 7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates: and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Hymn—There's a voice

Ascension



There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
 A cry from the ways untrod:
 Prepare in the desert a highway,
 A highway for our God!
 The valleys shall be exalted,
 The lofty hills brought low:
 Make straight all the crooked places,
 Where the Lord our God may go.

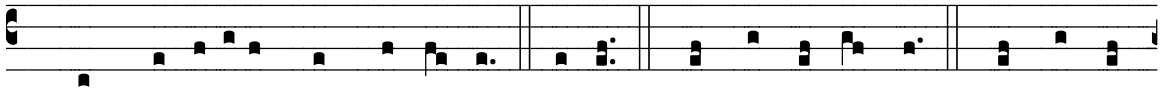
2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
 Get thee up to the heights and sing!
 Proclaim to a desolate people
 The coming of their King:
 Like the flowers of the field they perish,
 The works of men decay,
 The power and pomp of nations
 Shall pass like a dream away.



3. But the word of our God endureth,
The arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
And he will right the wrong:
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
And fold the lambs to his breast;
In pastures of peace he'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A cry from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low:
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go.

Solemn Preface of Advent



Throughout all ages, world without end. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ Amen. $\text{\textcircled{V}}$ The Lord be with you. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ And with thy



spirit. $\text{\textcircled{V}}$ Lift up your hearts. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ We lift them up unto the Lord. $\text{\textcircled{V}}$ Let us give thanks unto our



Lord God. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ 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:

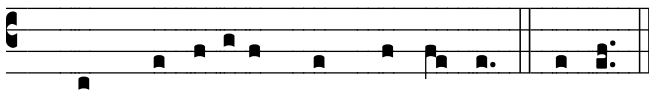
Sanctus & Benedictus

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.

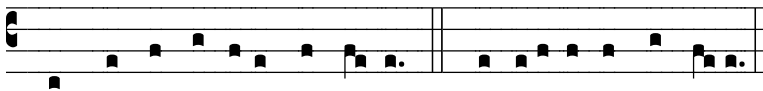


Throughout all ages, world without end. *℟*. Amen.

Our Father

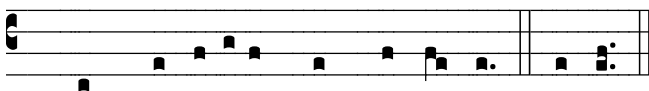
Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

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:

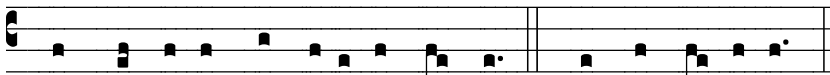


And lead us not into temptation. *℟*. But deliver us from e-vil.

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. 40, 5. Revelábitur glória
Dómini: et vidébit omnis caro salutáre Dei
nostri.*

*Communion. Is. 40, 5. The glory of the Lord
shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the
salvation of our God.*

New English Hymnal N° 4—Gabriel's Message

Gabriel's Message

Gabriel's message does away
Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
Out of darkness brings our Day:
So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

2. He that comes despised shall reign;
He that cannot die, be slain;
Death by death its death shall gain:
So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

5. Art by art shall be assailed;
To the cross shall Life be nailed:
From the grave shall hope be hailed:
So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

3. Weakness shall the strong confound;
By the hands in graveclothes wound,
Adam's chains shall be unbound:
So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

4. By the sword that was his own,
By that sword, and that alone,
Shall Goliath be o'erthrown:
So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

∿ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Postcommunions.

Let us pray.

GRANT to us, we beseech thee, O Lord: that like as thine only-begotten Son in this heavenly mystery doth give himself to be our meat and drink; so we may be renewed by the remembrance of his birth. Through the same. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD, who hast made us to be partakers of thy bounty: we beseech thee; that we, continually drawing near to this holy mystery, may thereby grow in grace to the attainment of everlasting salvation. Through. *R.* Amen.

Dismissal

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



Blessing

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

Please kneel for the Blessing.

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.

Please stand for the Last Gospel.

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.

∿ And the word was made flesh. ∿ And dwelt among us.

∿ Hail Mary. ∿ 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.

New English Hymnal N° 7—Hills of the North

Little Cornard

Hills of the North, rejoice,

Echoing songs arise,

Hail with united voice

Him who made earth and skies:

He comes in righteousness and love,

He brings salvation from above.

2. Isles of the southern seas,

Sing to the listening earth,

Carry on every breeze

Hope of a world's new birth:

In Christ shall all be made anew,

His word is sure, his promise true.

3. Lands of the East, arise,

He is your brightest morn,

Greet him with joyous eyes,

Praise shall his path adorn:

The God whom you have longed to know

In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

4. Shores of the utmost West,

Lands of the setting sun,

Welcome the heavenly guest,

In whom the dawn has come:

He brings a never-ending light

Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout, as you journey on,

Songs be in every mouth

Lo, from the North they come,

From East and West and South:

In Jesus all shall find their rest,

In him the sons of earth be blest.

Organ—Pastorale

J. S. Bach, trans. Charles-Marie Widor

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.

The Vestments used at Mass today are an especial treasure left us by the S. Clement's Altar Guild. They were made in 1916 with pure silk damask from Watts & Company in London, which cost £4 per meter, or the equivalent of more than \$400 today. The embroidery is especially fine and the set remains in original condition, and is too fragile to use except on rare occasions, such as today.

Anniversaries

- 24 December Daniel Ingalls Odell, Priest, RIP (1925)
25 December Josephine Gertrude Barron, Benefactress, RIP (1984)
26 December Samuel Charles Borden, Benefactor, RIP (1916)
Henry Clay Borden, Benefactor, RIP (1951)
27 December Ed Smith, Birth
Anna Irene Ramage, Benefactress, RIP (1959)
Elizabeth Jackson Baker, Benefactress, RIP (1966)
Faye Gage, RIP (2019)
28 December Fr. Thomas E. Beran, Ordination
Frederick Spies Penfold, Priest & Curate, RIP (1926)
Thomas Barclay Prichett, Benefactor, RIP (1936)
Gilbert Ramsey Underhill, Priest & Curate, RIP (1937)
29 December William Hawks Longridge, SSJE, Priest & Curate, RIP (1930)
Sister Bernadine, SHN, RIP (1969)
William Elwell, Priest & Rector, RIP (1977)
William Stanley Mussleman, Priest, RIP (2016)

Kalendar

- 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
26 December S. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR; *Of the Octave*
27 December S. JOHN, AP.EV.; *Of the Octave*
28 December SS. INNOCENTS, MM.; *Of the Octave*
29 December S. Thomas, B.M.; *Of the Octave*
30 December Of the Octave
31 December Within the Octave; *S. Silvester I, P.C.; Of the Octave*

Christmas at Saint Clement's

Sunday, 24 December

Vigil 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

10.30 a.m. Rosary

11.00 a.m. Third Mass of Christmas Day

1.00 p.m. Vespers

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Sunday

Low Mass 8.00

Centering Prayer 9.30

Rosary 10.00

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Solemn Mass 11.00

Vespers & Benediction 3.00

Monday–Friday

Low Mass 12.10

Vespers & Novena 5.30

Saturday

Low Mass 10.00

Rosary 10.30 (1st Saturdays)

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*