

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5 DECEMBER 2021

¶ The Peoples responses are in bold

The Word of God

VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

setting: Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RITE

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

A Reading from Colossians.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

3:15-17 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

¶ The Candle is lighted

Lord, grant us your light that we may come to the true light which is Christ.

¶ *The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral*

HYMN AT THE ENTRANCE 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

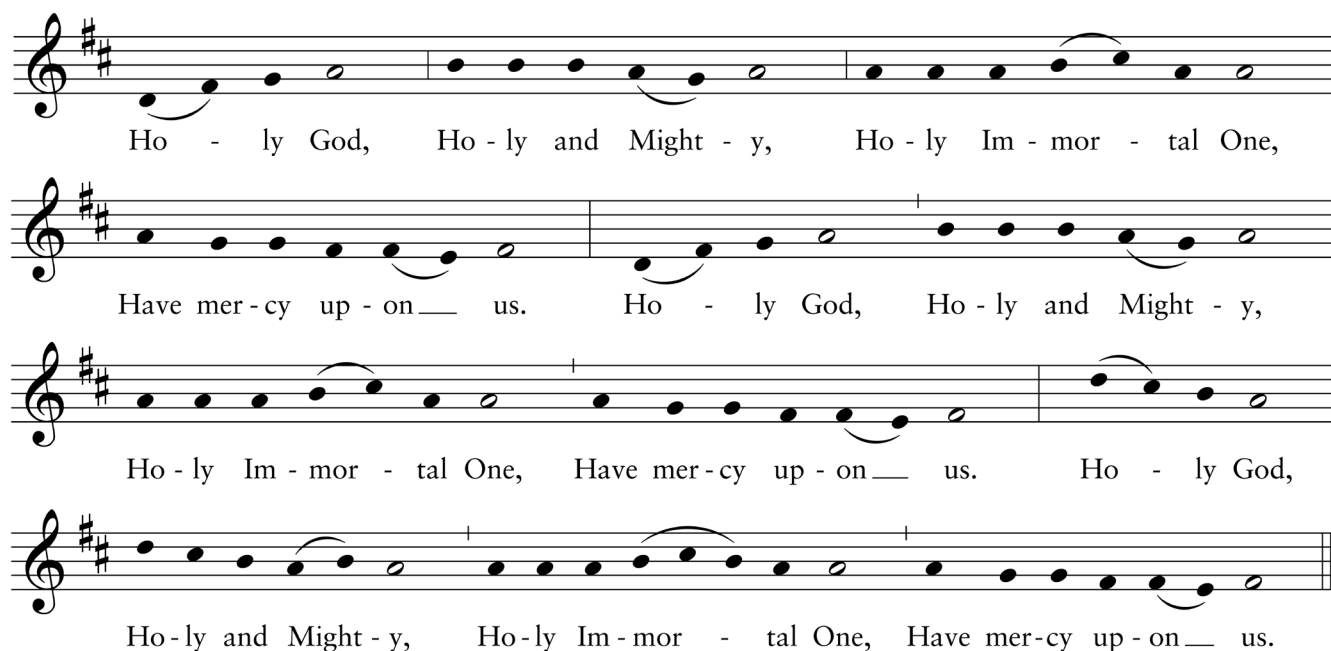
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Blessed ✕ are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Trisagion



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,
Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Today's service music is from David Hurd's *New Plainsong Mass*. David Hurd is a concert organist, church musician, teacher, composer, and choral conductor. For nearly four decades he directed chapel music and taught at the General Theological Seminary. He has also taught at Duke University, Yale University, the Manhattan School of Music, and Westminster Choir College. His hymns, choral anthems, and organ works are widely performed. Dr. Hurd is currently Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Manhattan, New York City).



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 sins, 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.**

¶ The People sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Baruch 5:1-9 (NRSV)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

¶ The Choir sings the refrain, then all repeat

In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our
God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Refrain

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Refrain

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Refrain

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Refrain

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

¶ The People stand

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

THE GOSPEL

3:1-6 (NRSV)

The Holy ✠ Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

¶ The People sit

THE HOMILY

The Very Reverend Owen Thompson

¶ The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ The Intercessor bids the prayers, saying

Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Jesus. Therefore, with confidence and trust we pray for the Church.

We pray for all bishops ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the communities surrounding us ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
That we act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love others as he loves us.

We pray for those in need ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
To proclaim and provide the power of your healing love.

We remember those who have ✠ died ... Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.
May their example stir and encourage us.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

¶ The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive ✠ you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

¶ The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

¶ The Celebrant may say an Offertory sentence.

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Fuit homo missus a Deo
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
Text: John 1:6-7, alt.

*Fuit homo missus a Deo,
cui nomen erat Joannes.
Hic venit in testimonium,
ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine,
et pareret Domino plebem perfectam.*

There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.
He came as a witness
to testify to the light,
and to prepare for the Lord a perfect people.

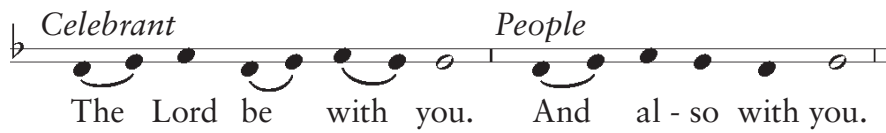
¶ The People stand

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 60 (STANZAS 1, 5, 6)

Creator of the stars of night

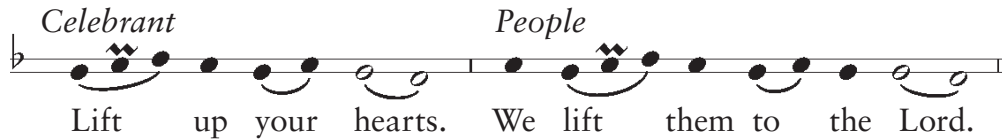
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*



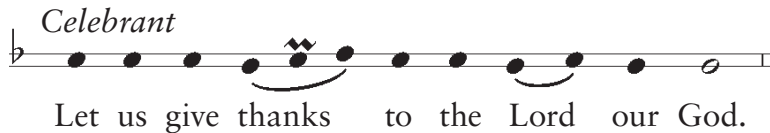
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



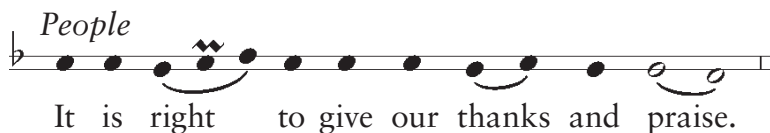
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

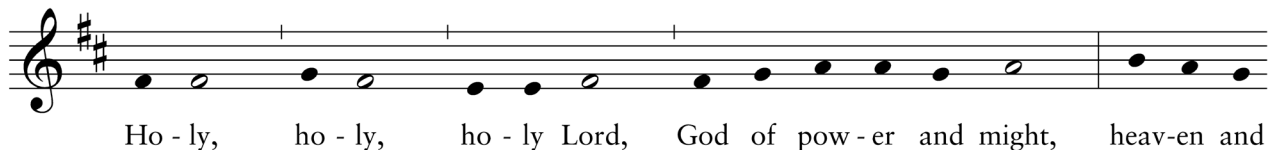
People



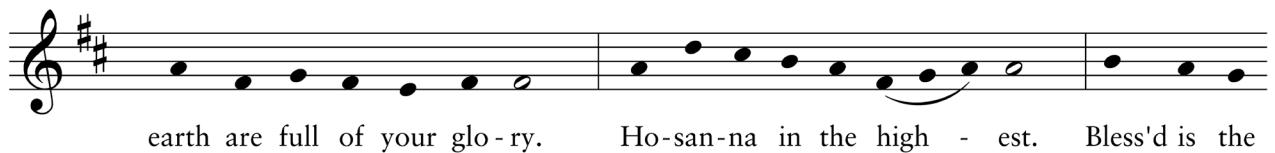
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless'd is the



one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

¶ The People stand or kneel

¶ The Officiant continues, recalling God's incarnation, the last supper, Jesus binding his presence to that of the bread and wine, and the invocation of the Holy Spirit over all of Creation.

... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

A - MEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our
Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep — the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

¶ *Facing the People, the Celebrant may say an Invitation to Communion.*

¶ *At the Communion, per updated guidelines from the Bishop's office medical task force, only the consecrated wafer will be served.*

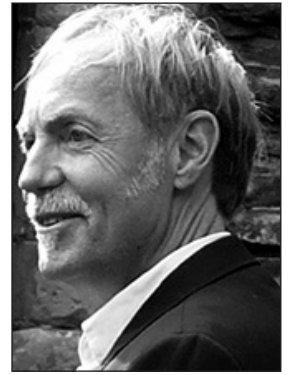
MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Thou Shalt Know Him
Mark Sirett (b. 1952)
Text: Anon

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

Canadian composer Mark Sirett (b. 1952) is the founding Artistic Director of the award-winning Cantabile Choirs of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and former Organist and Music Director of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston. Dr. Sirett has taught at the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario, and Queen's University. He is frequently in demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator both in Canada and abroad.



HYMN 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

¶ Following Communion, the People stand

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY
Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Canon Paul Williams, *Celebrant*

The Very Reverend Owen Thompson, *Preacher*

The Reverend Stacey Sands, *Deacon*

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