



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 2022

Solemn Mass at Eleven O'Clock

Missa "Ædis Christi" — Sir Thomas Armstrong (1898–1994)

Celebrant: Fr Hanson

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*
Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Hymn 68 *Rejoice, rejoice, believers*

Llangloffan

Asperges me

op 35, n° 1, Josef Leo Gruber (1855–1933)

*Ant. Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,
Lavabis me, et super nivem de albor. Psalm.
Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam. Gloria Patri. Ant.*

*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. Psalm. Have mercy upon me,
O God: after thy great goodness. Gloria Patri. Ant.*

☩. O Lord, show thy mercy upòn ús.
℞. **And grant us thy salvatiòn.**
☩. O Lord, hear mỳ práyer.
℞. **And let my cry come untò thée.**
☩. The Lord be with you.
℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Collect for Purity

Introit *Gaudete in Domino*

Mode VII

Ant. Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Psalm: Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Gloria Patri. Ant.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collects

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 35:1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gradual *Qui sedes, Domine*

Mode V

Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come. V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Alleluia *Excita, Domine*

Mode VI

℣. Alleluia. ℞. **Alleluia.** ℣. Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. ℞. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2–11

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

℟. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Fr James

Nicene Creed

Credo I / Mode IV Hymnal, back cover

General Intercession

Confession of Sin

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, 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 honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution, and bids the people to prayer. The people are seated.*

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with thy spirit.**

℣. Let us pray.

Offertory Verse *Benedixisti, Domine*

Mode II

O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offense of thy people.

Offertory Anthem *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Anonymous (16th century)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. (*Philippians 4:4-7*)

Offertory Hymn 272 *The great forerunner of the morn*

The Truth from Above

Sursum corda

Hymnal, S 112

- ℣. 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.**

¶ *When the bell tolls, please kneel.*

Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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.

Canon of the Mass

Prayer Book, page 334

Our Father

Hymnal, S 119

Prayer for Peace

- ℣. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. ii
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. *ii.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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.

Invitation to Communion

- Ÿ. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All persons baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are invited to the Altar to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, come to the Altar and cross your arms over your chest. For those who prefer to receive by intinction, the chalice bearer will take your wafer, dip it in the chalice, and place it on your tongue.

Communion Verse *Dicite: Pusillanimes*

Mode I

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you.

Communion Motet *Canite tuba in Sion*

Sebastián de Vivanco (c 1551–1622)

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini: ecce venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is at hand: behold, he cometh to save us.

The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: come, O Lord, and do not tarry.

(Advent IV, Psalm antiphons at Lauds. cf Joel 2:1; Isaiah 40:4)

Postcommunion Collect

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

- Ÿ. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
Ÿ. Depart in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

¶ *The people stand.*

The Last Gospel

- ☩. The Lord be with you.
☩. **And with thy spirit.**
☩. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St John.
☩. **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 the Light, but was 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, (rise)*

and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

☩. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 640 *Watchman, tell us of the night*

Aberystwyth

The Angelus

(see pew card)

Postlude *Epilogue on 'Winchester New'*

Eric Harding Thiman (1900–1975)

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Monday–Tuesday, Thursday–Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:00am; Low Mass at 12:15pm; Evening Prayer, 5:30pm.

Wednesday — Morning Prayer at 8:00am; Evening Prayer, 5:30pm; Low Mass and Healing Service, 6pm.

Saturday (and legal holidays) — Morning Prayer at 8:30am; Low Mass at 9:00am.

Parish Notices

IF YOU ARE VISITING with us today, welcome!

- **PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR CARD** and put it in the collection plate at the Offertory, or hand it to an usher or a member of the clergy. You can find visitor cards on the backs of the pews.
- If you desire to receive **HOLY COMMUNION** on this occasion and are baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we invite you to do so. Please feel free to consult on this matter with a member of the Clergy.
- To sign up for our **OUR WEEKLY EMAIL**, please send a blank email (with "EMAIL" in the subject line) to office@theadventboston.org.

FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and, at the High Altar, in thanksgiving for music at The Advent, and in the crossing in loving memory of Bill Grimes. The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norman MacGregor Post, priest, and Jane Irene Post.

PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE is provided in Moseley Hall during the 9am and 11am Masses. Parents at the 11am Mass are kindly requested to keep their children with them in church after Communion so that the nursery area can be cleared before Coffee Hour begins. In Christian charity, we do ask that you not bring children to the nursery if they have a cold or are sick.

COFFEE HOURS. This Sunday, Matt McNeff & David Russo host the 9am coffee hour. The 11am is hosted by David Fisher, Marie Rateau, and Rahul Singh . Next week, the 9am will be hosted by Cassie Gurnon and Mary Roberts and the 11am will be hosted by Fred Mazyck and Michelle Wright.

We are in need of additional hosts for all Masses in the next quarter. Please sign up in Moseley Hall,

by emailing kharrington@theadventboston.org, or using the **new electronic scheduler**. To sign up for the new electronic scheduler for coffee hour please scan this QR code or contact Karen Harrington. Using this online system, you will be able to check your schedule from anywhere (there is a smartphone app), set up automatic email reminders, specify exactly what times do and do not work well for you to serve, and easily find a substitute when you can't make one of your scheduled dates.

Please be patient, ask questions, and let Karen know if you have any difficulty.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. Glad tidings! The Christmas Pageant is returning this year! Meg Nelson will be directing and all children are welcome to participate. There will be one **rehearsal this Saturday, December 17th at 9:30am** and the pageant will take place during the **9am Mass on December 18th** (there is no Church School between the Masses that Sunday). If your children would like to participate, please email Imojarrab@theadventboston.org. Also, please indicate whether you (the parent) can assist with prop set up on Saturday, wardrobe, or monitoring our younger shepherds and angels. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. The greens and flowers that adorn the Church at Christmas are funded entirely by donations from members and friends of the Parish. Memorials and thanksgivings will be listed in the service leaflets during the twelve days of Christmas. Orders must be received no later than **December 21** and may be submitted by email (office@theadventboston.org), online at

<https://theadventboston.org/serve/#stewardship>
(Click GIVE ONLINE NOW and select "Christmas Flowers" in the dropdown menu), or by completing the form found on the insert in this bulletin or in the back of the church and leaving it in the church office. Make checks payable to The Church of the Advent, and please help us by noting "Christmas Flowers" in the subject line.

CHILDCARE NEEDS. Due to work and school conflicts, we will soon be losing our regular Sunday childcare providers. We would like to develop a small team of providers who can serve on a rotating basis for approximately 3½ hours on Sunday mornings (and/or a few evenings throughout the year). But we also have an urgent need for one serve on Sunday, **December 18** and for the **early Mass on Christmas Eve**. Anyone who may be interested in earning supplemental income as a childcare provider is encouraged to contact the parish office.

THE BOOKSTORE has unique Advent calendars, Christmas cards, and calendars for 2022 available.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY was 196 (20+78+98).

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH! You may contribute funds to purchase **gifts** for those who attend our Tuesday evening Community Dinner. Please mark your check "community supper holiday donation." Our guests appreciate all that the parish does for them.

NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE

Father James and Betsy invite you to an Open House on New Year's Day. Please join us on January 1st from 2:00-4:00 in the Library as we toast the New Year!

Christmastide & Epiphanytide

December 24 – Christmas Eve (Saturday)

- 4:30pm Procession & Sung Mass*
- 10:00pm Procession & Solemn Mass (9:15pm Choral Prelude). *Victoria: Missa "O magnum mysterium" and motets by Victoria and Howells*

December 25 – Christmas Day (Sunday)

- 10:00am Low Mass & Hymns (*one mass*)

December 31 – New Year's Eve (Saturday)

- 5:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. *Carols by Aston, Bednall, Biebl, Darke, Ešenovalds, Howells, Paulus and Willcocks*

January 1, 2023 – Holy Name (Sunday)

- 10:00am Low Mass & Hymns (*one mass*)

January 6 – The Epiphany (Friday)

- 6:30pm* Solemn Mass & Procession*
Hafslar: Missa "Dixit Maria" & carols by Ešenovalds and Jackson

January 8 – The Baptism of our Lord (Sunday)

- 8:00am Low Mass
- 9:00am Sung Mass*
- 11:00am Solemn Mass*. *Lassus: Missa octavi toni "Missa Venatorum" & motets of Hallock & Vásquez*

*childcare available.