



## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Solemn Mass at Eleven O'Clock**

*Missa "Dixit Maria" — Hans Leo Haßler (1564–1612)*

*Celebrant: Fr James*

**Prelude**    *Fantasia on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

**Hymn 54**    *Savior of the nations, come!*

*Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*

### **Asperges me**

*Mode VIII*

*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.*

Ÿ. O Lord, show thy mercy upòn ús.

Ř. **And grant us thy salvatiòn.**

Ÿ. O Lord, hear mỳ práyer.

Ř. **And let my cry come untò thée.**

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

Ř. **And with thy spirit.**

### **Collect for Purity**

**Introit**    *Rorate cæli*

*Mode VII*

*Ant. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open,  
and bring forth a Savior. Psalm: The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his  
handiwork. 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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 7:10–17

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman’u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that E’phraim departed from Judah—the King of Assyria.”

## Gradual    *Prope est Dominus*

*Mode V*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. *℣*. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

## Alleluia    *Veni, Domine*

*Mode VI*

*℣*. Alleluia. *℞*. **Alleluia.** *℣*. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. *℞*. **Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel    Matthew 1:18–25

*℞*.    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord

had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman’u-el” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

℞. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn 270**     *Gabriel’s message does away*

*Angelus Emittitur*

**Sermon**

Fr Macdonald-Radcliff

**Nicene Creed**

*Credo I / Mode IV*

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**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**     *Ave Maria*

*Mode II*

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

**Offertory Anthem**     *Angelus Domini*

Franz Biebl (1906–2001)

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ, et concepit de Spiritu sancto. Ave Maria gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus Christus. Maria dixit: “Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.” Ave Maria... Et Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis. Ave Maria... Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.*

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus Christ. Mary said: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word.” Hail Mary... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary... Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our

death. Amen. (*Luke 1:28, 42; Mediæval prayer, aka "The Angelus"*)

## 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 cæli 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

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## 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

- ☩. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
℞. **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 *Ecce virgo concipiet*

*Mode I*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

### Communion Motet *Dixit Maria ad angelum*

Hans Leo Haßler

*Dixit Maria ad angelum: Ecce ancilla Domini; fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*

Mary said to the angel: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. (*Luke 1:38a*)

### 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

- ☩. The Lord be with you.  
℞. **And with thy spirit.**  
☩. Depart in peace.  
℞. **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 56**    *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**The Angelus**

*(see pew card)*

**Postlude**    *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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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](mailto:office@theadventboston.org).

**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.

**The Advent Wreath** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norman MacGregor Post, priest, and Jane Irene Post.

**COFFEE HOURS.** Today's hosts are Cassie Gurnon and Mary Roberts at 9am, and Fred Maczyk, Meg Mill, and Emily Gjini at 11am. There is no coffee hour on Christmas or New Year's Day. We need hosts for the next quarter; please sign up in Moseley Hall, online, or contact Karen Harrington.

**HELP THE FLOWER GUILD TODAY.** During the 11am coffee hour today, we need help carrying all the Christmas material out of storage and up into the church. Making one or two trips before you leave would be a big help. Please see Tom Sopko after the 11am Mass if you can help. Many hands make light work!

**GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!** This year, we are asking for gifts of warm socks, hats, mitts, gloves and scarves to be laid at the manger during the Procession to the Crèche at the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. These items will be donated and distributed through St Francis House. You may also contribute funds to purchase Dunkin gift cards for those who attend our Tuesday evening community dinner. Please mark your check "gift cards."

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

**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 by this Wednesday, December 21** and may be submitted by email ([office@theadventboston.org](mailto: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.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE**

Father James and Betsy invite you to an Open House on New Year's Day. Please join us January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm in the Library as we toast the New Year!

**ANGLICANS FOR LIFE** presents "Reflections on the Gift of Children through Salvation History." Come join us on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after the Healing Mass for supper and discussion. Isabel Gendron, a friend of the Advent and mother of three, will give a talk on God's gift of children from the Old Testament and some notable elements of the Hebrew culture of child rearing. RSVP to Lauren Mojarrab at [lmojarrab@theadventboston.org](mailto:lmojarrab@theadventboston.org) so we have a head count for food. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CHILDCARE NEEDS.** If you know of anyone who may be interested in earning supplementary income as a childcare provider, please encourage them to contact the parish office.

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY** was 181 (10+62+109).

**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, Ešenvalds, 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\*  
*Hafšler: Missa "Dixit Maria" & carols by Ešenvalds 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