



The Church of the Advent

Eve of the Nativity
December 24th, 2022

Solemn Mass & Procession at Ten O'Clock

Missa "*O magnum mysterium*" — Tomás Luis de Victoria (c 1548–1611)

Celebrant: Fr James

Prelude (c 9:15 pm)

Silent night, holy night

arr Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

The Choir

In dulci jubilo

arr Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Hilary Anne Walker, Mezzo; Katherine Meifert, Mezzo; Henry Clapp, Baritone

Ave Maria

Josquin Desprez (c1450–1521)

Meg Lynch, Soprano; Francesco Logozzo, Alto; Andrew Brown, Tenor; Glenn Billingsley, Baritone

The Sussex Carol

arr David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Make we joye nowe in this fest

Peter Aston (1938–2013)

The Choir

Carol of the Rose

M^sNeil Robinson (1943–2015)

Lynn Eustis, Soprano

Every valley shall be exalted (Messiah, HWV 56)

George Frederick Handel (1685–1759)

Andrew Bearden Brown, Tenor

Mariä Wiegenlied, op 76, n° 52

Max Reger (1873–1916)

Lynn Eustis, Soprano

Noe, noe!

David Bednall (born 1979)

The Choir

¶ *Please silence all electronic devices.*

The Solemn Procession

- ℣. Let us go forth in peace.
℞. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

¶ *The hymn is sung in procession. When the sacred ministers arrive at the Crèche, a station is made.*

Station at the Crèche & Collect

- ℣. The Word was made flesh, Alleluia!
℞. **And dwelt among us, Alleluia!**

Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

1. *Adeste fideles,
læti triumphantes,
venite, venite,
in Bethlehem.
Natum videte,
regem angelorum;*

*Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
Dominum.*

2. God of God
Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not
the Virgin's womb;
Very God, be-
-gotten, not created;

*Refrain
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens
of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
in the highest; *Refrain*

4. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks,
draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

5. Child, for us sinners,
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee,
with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

Station at the Foot of the Altar & Collect

- ℣. Unto us a child is born, Alleluia!
℞. **Unto us a son is given, Alleluia!**

Ant. The Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. *Psalm.* Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing? *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.

Gloria

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te,
benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias
agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine
Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine
Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus
Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu: ✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth
peace, good will towards men, we praise thee, we
bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we
give thanks to thee, for thy great glory, O Lord
God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O
Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive
our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only
art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O
Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most high in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

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

Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so we may also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2–4, 6–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning. *V̇*. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Alleluia *Dominus dixit ad me*

Mode VI / Falsobordone by Ciro Grassi (1868–1952)

V̇. Alleluia, *Ṙ*. **Alleluia.** *V̇*. The Lord said unto me: thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Ṙ. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1–20

V̇. The Lord be with you.

Ṙ. **And with thy spirit.**

V̇. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Ṙ. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Ṙ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Fr Hanson

Nicene Creed

Credo III / Mode V, with Et Incarnatus by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

¶ *See card in pew for music.*

I BELIEVE 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, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: 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 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.**

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 Lord be with you.
✠. **And with thy spirit.**
✠. Let us pray.

Offertory Verse *Lætentur cæli*

Mode II

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: before the Lord, for he is come.

Offertory Anthem *Sing lullaby*

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, while snow doth gently fall. Sing lullaby to Jesus born in an oxen's stall. Sing lullaby to Jesus born now in Bethlehem, the naked blackthorn's growing to weave his diadem. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, while thickly snow doth fall. Sing lullaby to Jesus, the Savior of all. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby.

[Frederick William Harvey (1888–1957) in his volume, Farewell, 1921]

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting Light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary;
 and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 proclaim the holy birth!
 and praises sing to God the King,
 and peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently,
 the wondrous Gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 the blessings of his heaven.

- No ear may hear his coming,
 but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him, still
 the dear Christ enters in.
4. Where children pure and happy
 pray to the blessed Child,
 where misery cries out to thee,
 Son of the mother mild;
 where charity stand watching
 and faith holds wide the door,
 the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
 and Christmas comes once more.
 5. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and enter in,
 be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 our Lord Emmanuel!

Sursum corda

- ℣. 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 three times, 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

Prayer for Peace

Ÿ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 R. And with thy spirit.

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.

Agnus Dei

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis.
 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.
 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.

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 shouldest 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 *In splendoribus**Mode I*

The dew of thy birth: is of the womb of the morning.



Communion Motet *O magnum mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in
præsepio.*

*O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluja.*

O great the mystery and wondrous the sign:
that beasts should see the Lord, new-born, lying
in a manger.

O blest the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to
bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia. (*Main part of a
Responsory for Christmas Matins*)

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymn *Silent night! Holy night!*

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht

¶ *Verse one is sung by the Choir alone. Verses two & three are sung by all.*

1. *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,*

Alles schläft; einsam wacht

Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

2. Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light,

radiant beams from thy holy face

with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

Blessing & Dismissal

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

℣. Depart in peace.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

The Last Gospel

¶ *The people stand.*

℣. 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 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

1. **Hark!** the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the 'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

Postlude *Postlude on 'Adeste fideles'*

Eric Harding Thiman (1900–1975)

¶ *The clergy & staff of the Advent wish you and yours a very happy Christmas,
& God's richest blessings for the New Year.*

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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.

Our celebration of the Incarnation continues:

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

Haßler: 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

The parish office is closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

Christmas Flowers

The flowers at the High Altar, the Lady Chapel, All Saints Chapel, All Souls' Chapel and throughout the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

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