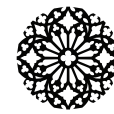


**The Third Sunday of Advent**

15 December 2024

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
**the Divine**

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez, *Celebrant*

The Right Reverend Sean Semple, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Advent: First Religious Suite for Organ*    Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

I. Prelude: "Rorate cæli"

III. Offertory: "Veni Domine" (Hymn for Peace)

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**INTROIT**

*Sung by the Choir.*

Gregorian chant

**G**AUDETE in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete:  
Dominus prope est.  
Nihil solliciti sitis,  
sed in omni oratione petitiones  
vestræ innotescant apud Deum.

V. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam:  
avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.  
Do not be anxious over anything;  
but in all manner of prayer,  
let your requests be made known unto God.*

*V. Lord, you have blessed your land;  
you have put an end to the captivity of Jacob.*

Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85:1

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

1 On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry an-noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;  
 2 Then cleansed be ev-'ry breast from sin; make straight the way for God with-in,  
 3 For thou art our sal-va-tion, Lord, our ref-uge, and our great re-ward;  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall-en sin-ner stand;  
 5 All praise, e-ter-nal Son, to thee, whose ad-vent doth thy peo-ple free;

a - wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 shine forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler (1806–1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.

## WELCOME

*The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service,  
 and calls them to prayer.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant*

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all  
 desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
 of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and  
 worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

**TRISAGION***Sung by All, standing as able.*

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: Trisagion (Early Church)

Music: Aleksandr Amdreevich Arkhangel'skii

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* And with thy spirit.*Celebrant* Let us pray.*The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen."**The People are seated.***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH**

(3:14-20)

*After the reading is said:*

Here endeth the Reading.

**CANTICLE 9***Sung by the Choir.*

The First Song of Isaiah

*Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
 and he will be my Savior.  
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
 from the springs of salvation.  
 And on that day you shall say,  
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
 Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
 and this is known in all the world.  
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the  
 Holy One of Israel.  
 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. (12:2-6)

Chant: Peter Aston (1938-2013)

**SEQUENCE HYMN***Sung by All, standing as able.*

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF LUKE**

(3:7-18)

*Preacher* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

The Right Reverend Sean Sempé

*Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf,  
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East*

*A time of silence is observed after the sermon, then the Celebrant leads the assembly in the Creed, standing as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Sung by All.*

*All:*

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y,  
 the mak-er of heav-en and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen.  
 We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-  
 got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther. Through him all things were made.

*The Choir sings*

For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 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.

*All sing*

*All:*

We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, the Lord, the giv - er of life,  
 who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther. With the Fa - ther and the Son he is  
 wor - shiped and glor-i - fied. He has spo - ken through the Proph - ets.  
 We be-lieve in one ho - ly ca-tho-lic and ap-os-tol-ic Church. We ac-knowl-edge one  
 bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the res - ur -  
 rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Music: Daniel Ficarri  
 (b. 1996)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION***The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**M**OST merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against thee  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in thy will,  
 and walk in thy ways,  
 to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

**THE COMFORTABLE WORDS***The Celebrant says*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto  
 all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and  
 I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
 to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but  
 have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.



*A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Sung by the Choir.**Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Anon. 16th Century

**R**EJOICE in the Lord alway,  
 and again I say rejoice.  
 Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
 The Lord is at hand.  
 Be careful for nothing;  
 but in every thing by prayer and supplication  
 with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God,  
 which passeth all understanding,  
 shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 4:4-7



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,  
we are bold to say,

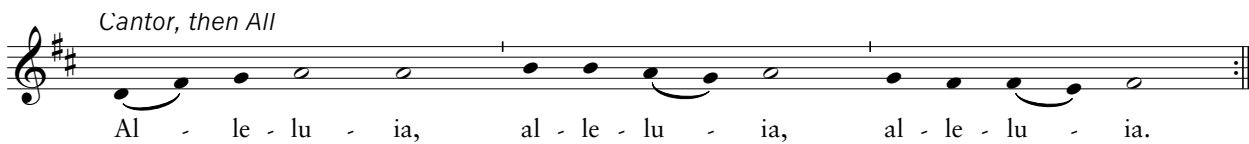
*Celebrant and People*

**O**UR 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 evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

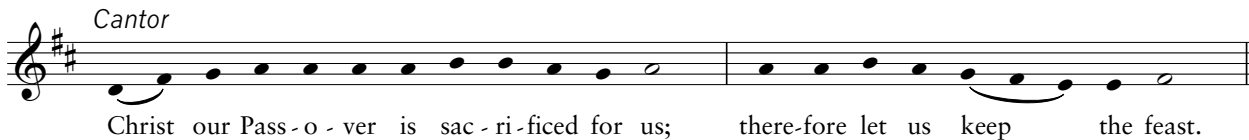
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung*

*Cantor, then All*



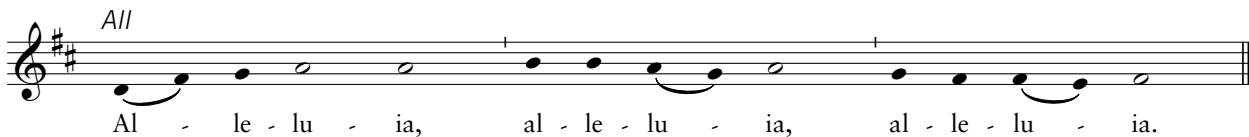
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

*All*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Music: New Plainsong,  
David Hurd (b. 1950)*

*The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*All say together.*

**W**E 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 we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us.

Amen.

## THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Drop down, ye heavens*

Anna Semple (b. 1997)

**D**ROP down, ye heavens, and let the skies pour down  
righteousness. Let all the earth be fruitful, and bring  
forth a saviour.

Isaiah 45:8

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When  
2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and pro - phet long fore - told, Will  
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though

hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee — a - way. —  
break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold. —  
clothed in hu - man weak - ness We shall your God - head see. —

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the

night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. — O

come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When

hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee — a - way. —

Words: M. l'abbé Pellegrin; Translator: Sister Mary of St. Philip (1877)  
 Music: Venez, *Divin Messie*, French Noël, 16th c

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All say together.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**THE BLESSING**

*The Celebrant says*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you  
always.

*People* Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Sortie on *Venez, divin Messie* César Franck (1822-1893)

**UPCOMING EVENTS****SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER**

4 PM

**Choral Evensong**

The Cathedral Choir sings music of Alexander Campkin,  
Charles Villiers Stanford, and Anna Semples.

