

The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Holy Communion

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit. At the † you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

We Come to God

Prelude

Welcome

The Acolyte lights the Advent Wreath candle while remaining seated we sing,

Advent Wreath

“Light One Candle”



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.



He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-ra-el God ful-fills the pro-mise.

Please stand.

Processional hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

You may remain standing as you are able.

Kyrie (sung)

Healy Willan

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have mer-cy up - on us.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant prays the collect.

People **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Please be seated.

First lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

The lector reads the lesson.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15

The lector reads the lesson.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Psalm 85

¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;*
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people*
and blotted out all their sins.

³You have withdrawn all your fury*
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior;*
let your anger depart from us.

⁵Will you be displeased with us forever?*

Will you prolong your anger from age to age?

⁶Will you not give us life again,*
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your mercy, O Lord,*
and grant us your salvation.

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;*
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

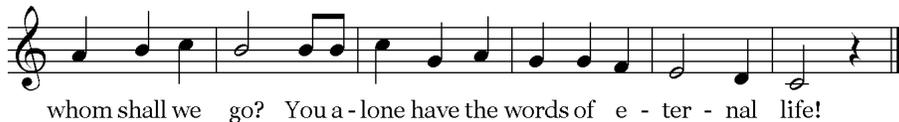
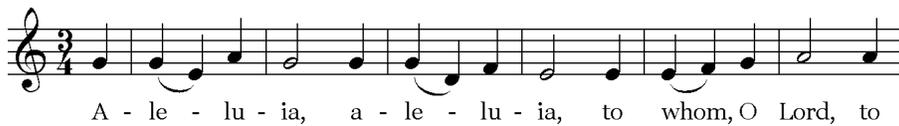
¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,*
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Together Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel verse (sung)

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Gospel announcement (spoken)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel ...
People Glory to you, O Lord

The Celebrant reads the Gospel.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
 People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“God Is Not Slow”

Fr. Tom Reeves

Please stand.

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;
 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

You may kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha!

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come to your world as King of the nations.
Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha!

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter.
Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.
Maranatha!

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha!

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us to meet you that with Saint Peter and Saint Paul and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha!

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

You may kneel or stand.

Celebrant When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

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

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

We Share the Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And also with you.

The ministers and congregation stand to greet one another in the Lord's name.

We Share the Meal of Holy Communion

Offertory

Please be seated. Please pause here as you offer your financial contributions in spirit to the Lord as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. An offering plate is stationed in the narthex. Otherwise, please send all monetary offerings to the church via mail or by hand delivery during the office hours of 9am-noon Wed-Friday at the church office (Please call ahead). We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our Lord in how he provides for us and for the generosity and commitment of his people to His church.

Praise song

"Alleluia"

Alleluia (repeat) Praise the Lord.

He is coming (repeat) Praise the Lord.

What a promise! (repeat) What a promise, glorious promise!

What a promise! Praise the Lord!

Maranatha (repeat) Praise the Lord!

At the Presentation

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There will not be a presentation of the Gifts as they are already located on the altar

**Praise to the Father; praise the Son;
praise to the Spirit, three in one.
Now give we thanks for word and sign.
Be known to us in bread and wine. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

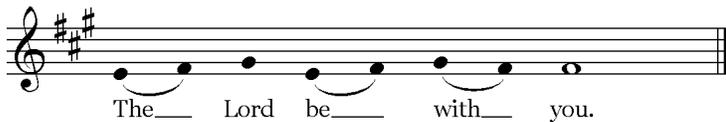
The celebrant gives thanks for and blesses the offering.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

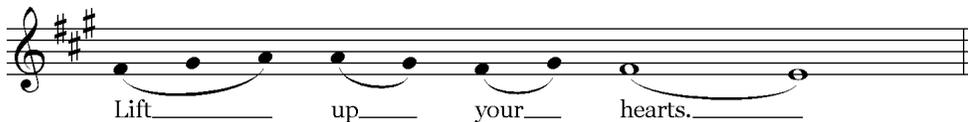
Sursum Corda (sung)

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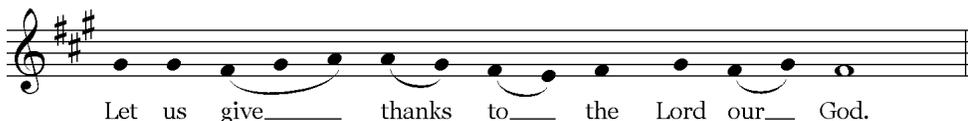
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.



Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Healy Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly - ho - ly,
 Lord God of hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.
 † Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may kneel, sit or remain standing.

Celebrant Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of

coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in His name.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. † Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

Doxology and Great Amen (sung)

Argentine melody



Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, all



hon - or and glo - ry are yours, might - y God now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,

**Together Our 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 bread for distribution.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei (sung)

Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

*As a baptized Christian, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized or for any reason do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. To receive Communion (or a blessing), follow the directions of the ushers. Each individual or family receives standing at the altar. Please hesitate at the mark in front of the altar area until the celebrant welcomes you to come to the altar. After you receive, you are free to directly leave the sanctuary. **“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!”***