

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I ~ DECEMBER 20, 2020

THE PRELUDE Antiphon III, Opus 18, No. 3; Antiphon V, Opus 18, No. V Marcel Duprè (1886-1971)
THE INTROIT Mary's Magnificat Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
THE OPENING HYMN 118 Praise We the Lord This Day *St. George*

Praise we the Lord this day, this day so long foretold,
Whose promise shone with cheering ray on waiting saints of old.

The prophet gave the sign for faithful men to read;
A virgin born of David's line shall bear the promised seed.

Ask not how this should be, but worship and adore,
Like her whom heaven's Majesty came down to shadow o'er.

Meekly she bowed her head to hear the gracious word,
Mary, the pure and lowly maid, the favored of the Lord.

Blessèd shall be her name in all the Church on earth,
Through whom that wondrous mercy came, the incarnate Saviour's birth.

THE ACCLAMATION (*Standing*)

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us. *People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.** *Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 16:25-27

THE GRADUAL HYMN The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessèd Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

THE GOSPEL (*Standing*)

Luke 1:26-38

Priest begins The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke. *People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Priest concludes The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Mary Said Yes

The Rev. Marc R. Boutan

THE NICENE CREED (*Standing*)

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 worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *that they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; *let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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 PEACE (*Standing*) Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you. People *And with thy spirit.*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERING

Magnificat

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

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. *Continuing with ...*

Celebrant 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.*

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Healey Willan

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.

THE 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Those worshiping from home may participate in the Eucharist by speaking the following words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion .

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 117

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Pleading Saviour

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, virgin mother undefiled, sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.

Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth. Toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.

Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side. Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son; glory be to God the Spirit; glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends, and the Church the strain re-echoes unto earth's remotest ends.

COMMUNION HYMN 418

Blest Are the Pure In Heart

Franconia

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with us, their pattern and their King;
He to the lowly soul doth still himself impart and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.
Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

Great Things

Matt Maher (b. 1974)

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord, rejoicing in my Savior. Your mercy belongs to those who fear Your Son;
His blessing You have given them for ever. And holy is His name. Holy is His name.

Refrain: You alone have done great things, I can't boast of anything; Mighty One and King of kings, Jesus!
You alone have done great things, by Your living Word in me; Mighty One and King of kings, Jesus!

Ending: My soul proclaims Your greatness, Lord, rejoicing in my savior.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

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.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

March

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for*

Colonel and Mrs. Myron Harrington and their daughter, Ann Hunley