Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier

December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Choral Preludes on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland", BWV 559, 560 Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude on "Stuttgart" Mark Sedio

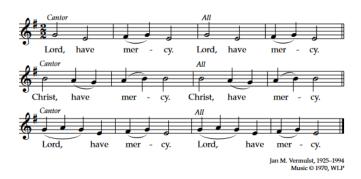
Entrance Hymn:



Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

Penitential Rite:



First Reading: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm:

Antiphon: Robert J. Batistini, Verses: Michael Kaminski

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,

from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,

look down from heaven, and see:

take care of this vine,

and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;

give us new life, and we will call upon your name. R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: antiphon: Chant, verse: Gregorian Tone VI

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:
 "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
 It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
 Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
 What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Homily:

Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Prayer of the Faithful:

Offertory Hymn: "Creator of the Stars of Night" Tune: CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

- 1. Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe. You came, O Savior, to set free, your own in glorious liberty.
- 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright. Not as a monarch but a child of Mary, blameless mother mild.
- 4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 - 5. Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

6. To God, Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit Three in One, Praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.

At 9:30:

Hark! The Glad Sound Thomas Haweis

- 1. Hark! the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long; let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.
- 2. He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 3. He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure; and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the human poor.
- 4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

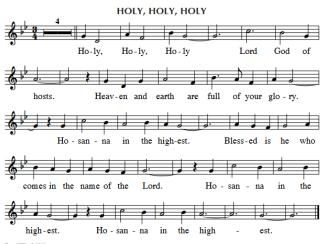
And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah) Georg Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Holy, Holy, Holy:

(from "Mass of Creation")

Marty Haugen



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Memorial Acclamation:

(from "Mass of Creation")

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Great Amen:

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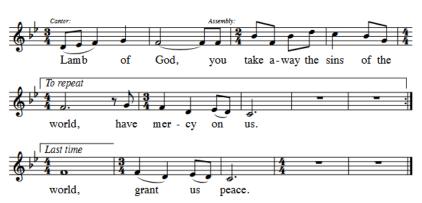
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Our Father:

Lamb of God:

(from "Mass of Creation")

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least Spiritually in my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already

there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Reception of Holy Communion is open to Catholics in a state of grace (not conscious of any mortal sin), who have fasted for at least one hour prior to reception. (Water and medicine do not break the fast. The elderly and those who are sick as well as those who care for them, are not obliged to fast.) **Non-**

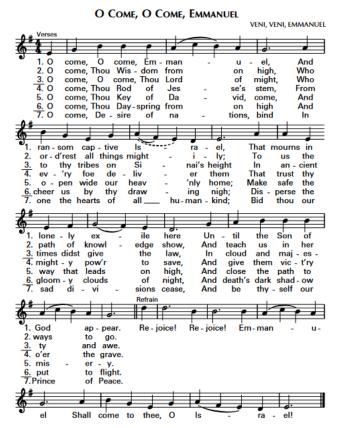
Christians, and those Christians who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church, are welcome to worship with us, but should not participate in the Communion procession unless they are assisting someone in need. We invite you to pray for Christian unity. If you are interested in understanding why Catholics do not have open Communion, please make an appointment to speak with Ms. Parra, our parish director of Faith Formation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ms. Natalia Parra
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Communion Hymn:



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Processionale, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

At 9:30:

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 62a

Bach

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland.

Savior of the nations, come.

Der Jung frauen Kind erkannt.

Virgin's Son, make here your home.

Des sich wundert alle welt

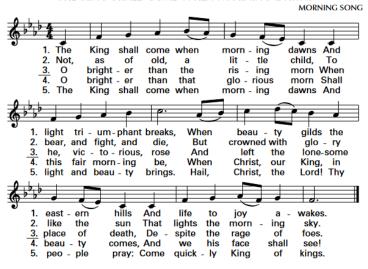
Dance in wonder, all on earth.

Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

That God has chosen such a birth.

Recessional Hymn:

THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS



Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt. Music: Sixteen Tune Settings, Philadelphia, 1812; Kentucky Harmony, 1816.

Postlude:

Fantasy on Num komm der "Heiden Heiland", BWV 561

Bach

The chorale **Nun komm der Heiden Heiland** is an adaptation by Martin Luther of the hymn, *Veni* Redemptor gentium (c. 397) by Ambrose von Milan. It is sung by many Christian faiths during the season of Advent, and translates loosely as *Come Saviour of the Nations*. The prelude and postlude are from the collection entitled *The Leipzig Chorales*, or *The Great Eighteen*, as these were composed by Bach late in his life during his tenure at Leipzig. Bach wrote *Cantata No. 62* in 1724, his second year as *Cantor* at the *Thamaskirche* in Leipzig. It was first performed on Sunday, December 3 of that year and follows Bach's pattern of beginning his cantatas with an instrumental sinfonia followed by a movement based on elaborate polyphony. Bach's nekrolog (obituary) mentions cantatas for 5 cycles of readings. This would consist of over 300 cantatas, roughly two thirds of which have been found. Interestingly, the cantatas were the only works of Bach that the Leipzig Town Council was interested in keeping after his death.

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