



THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In the City and Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, New York

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 13, 2020

Welcome back to the Cathedral! With Saint Peter, who witnessed the glory of Christ at His transfiguration on Mount Tabor, we can say with joy, “Lord it is good that we are here!”

We appreciate your patience navigating new logistical procedures together. Please always be prudent regarding your attendance at Mass: if you feel sick, please stay home—the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. The wearing of a mask is required in the Cathedral as a safety precaution for you and your neighbors. Restrooms are closed, except for emergency use. If you should have need to use a restroom, please be prepared to follow sanitization instructions provided for the restrooms. Congregational singing is permitted; singing gently, as though whispering, may prove to be more comfortable at this time.

If you are disposed to receive Holy Communion and feel safe to do so, please refer to page page 8 for guidelines. Specially trained ushers are on hand to escort you throughout the Cathedral, as well as to answer any questions you may have.

PRELUDE

Villancico, Op. 18

Alberto Ginastera
(1916-1983)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Re - joice ye in the Lord al- ways; a - gain I say, re - joice!

The Lord of life is draw-ing near; a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: adapted from Philippians 4:4-5

Music: NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR, LM; attributed to Johann Cruger, 1598-1662, alt.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND THE GREETING

℣. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. **Amen.**

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT *Form A*

℣. Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

℟. **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

[All strike their breast]

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

℣. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON



Ky-ri - e _____ e - lé - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.



Chri-ste _____ e - lé - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.



Ky-ri-e _____ e - lé - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.



Ky-ri-e _____ e - lé - i - son.

Text: *Missale Romanum*

Music: Mass VIII "de Angelis," *Gregorian Missal*, Mode V

COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect.

℟. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Please be seated.]

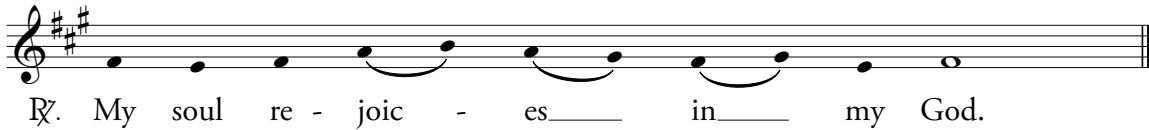
FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11

I rejoice heartily in the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54



1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked upon His lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: R.
2. the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation. R.
3. He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered His promise of mercy. R.

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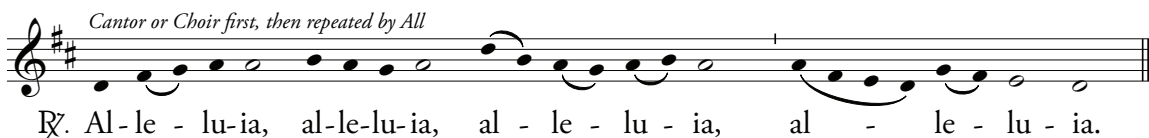
SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA [Please stand.]

Isaiah 61:1



Gospel verse. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R.

Text: The Roman Missal, © 2010 ICEL
Music: based on the *Kyrie eleison* of *Missa de Angelis*, adapted by Brian F. Gurley, b. 1983

[Before the reading.]

∞. The Lord be with you.

℞. **And with your spirit.**

∞. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℞. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

[After the reading.]

∞. The Gospel of the Lord.

℞. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *[Please be seated.]*

Note: Preaching schedule subject to change.

The Very Reverend David R. LeFort, S.T.L., V.G.

Rector of the Cathedral

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene 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,

[All bow.]

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(Intention) Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

[Please be seated.]

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY 11 A.M.

A tender shoot has started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted
From Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us,
From Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Text: William Bartholomew, 1793–1867
Music: Otto Goldschmidt, 1829–1907

“TROUBADOUR” TRAINING CHOIR ANTHEM 11 A.M.

Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of God.

Text: Taizé Community, 1980
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

INVITATION TO PRAYER *[Please stand.]*

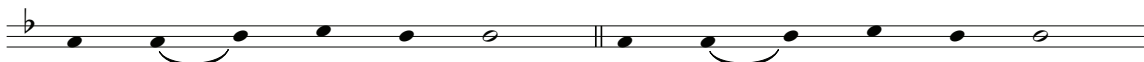
℣. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.
℟. **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The celebrant prays the prayer over the gifts.

℟. **Amen.**

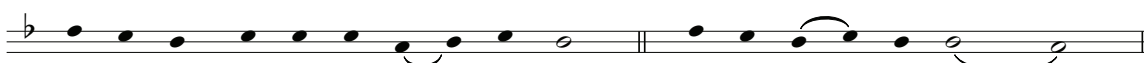
PREFACE DIALOGUE



℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. **And with your spi - rit.**



℣. Lift up your hearts. ℟. **We lift them up to the Lord.**



℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟. **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

[Choir or Cantor sings the lightface text. **All sing the boldface text.**]

San - - - ctus, **San- ctus,** **San** - - - ctus
Holy Holy Holy

Dó - mi - nus De-us Sá - - - - - ba - oth.
Lord God of hosts.

Ple - ni__ sunt cæ - li et__ ter - ra__
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

gló-ri - a__ tu - a. **Ho-sán - na** in ex - cél - sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit__ in nó-mi-ne Dó - mi-ni.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.


Ho-sán - na in ex - cél - - - sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Text: Gregorian Missal
Music: *Missa de Angelis*, plainsong, mode VI

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Please kneel.]

MYSTERY OF FAITH

The mystery of faith.



V. Mys - te - ri - um fi - de - i.

We proclaim Your death, O Lord,

SIGN OF PEACE

- ☩. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
✠. **And with your spirit.**

AGNUS DEI

- ☩. *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

✠. **mi - se - ré - re no - bis.**
have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

✠. **mi - se - ré - re no - bis.**
have mercy on us.

- ☩. *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

✠. **do - na no - bis pa - cem.**
grant us peace.

Text: *Missale Romanum*
Music: Mass VIII "de Angelis," *Gregorian Missal*, Mode VI

During the Communion procession, please follow the direction of the usher, who will invite you by pew to proceed to the Minister of Holy Communion. Spatial distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between households. Reception of Holy Communion in the hand should take place with your mask still covering your nose and mouth. Simply slide your mask below your chin to keep both hands free. Upon consumption of the host, immediately reposition your mask to cover your nose and mouth. In order to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, simply slide your mask below your chin. Upon reception of Holy Communion, immediately reposition your mask to cover your nose and mouth. The ministers of Holy Communion may pause the procession periodically in order to sanitize their hands.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☩. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
✠. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong, fear not! Behold, our God comes, and He will save us.

Verse. ¹The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the Arabah will rejoice and bloom; ²The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; ³They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ⁴Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak.

Dicite: Pusillánimes confortámini, et nolíte timére: ecce Deus noster véniet, et salvábit nos.

Verse. ¹*Laténtur desérta et ínvia, et exúltet solitúdo et flóreat quasi lílium.* ²*Glória Libani data est ei, decor Carméli et Saron.* ³*Ipsi vidébunt glóriam Dómini, majestátem Dei nostri.* ⁴*Confortáte manus dissolútas et génua debília roboráte.*

Text: Antiphon, Isaiah 35:4; verses, 1, 2cd, 2ef, 3
Music: *Gregorian Missal*, Mode VII

HYMN OF PRAISE

5. O come, Thou Key of Da - - vid, come,
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from _____ on high,

5. And o - pen wide our Hea - - venly home;
6. And cheer us by Thy draw - - ing night;

5. Make safe the way that leads _____ on high,
6. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night,

5. And close the path to mis - - er - y.
6. And death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.

All. Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Text: Latin, 12th Century
Music: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; *Processionale*, 15th Century; adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1854

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION [Please stand.]

The celebrant prays the prayer after communion.

Rx. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

☩. The Lord be with you.

☩. **And with your spirit.**

☩. Bow down for the blessing.

☩. ✠ May almighty God bless you...

☩. **Amen.**

☩. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

☩. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;

be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Following the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel, please follow the direction of the Ushers to exit the Cathedral safely. Service leaflets should be deposited in baskets as you exit, for recycling after Mass; they may not be reused. Collection baskets are located near the doors of the Cathedral; as always, thank you for your generous support.

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POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)



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