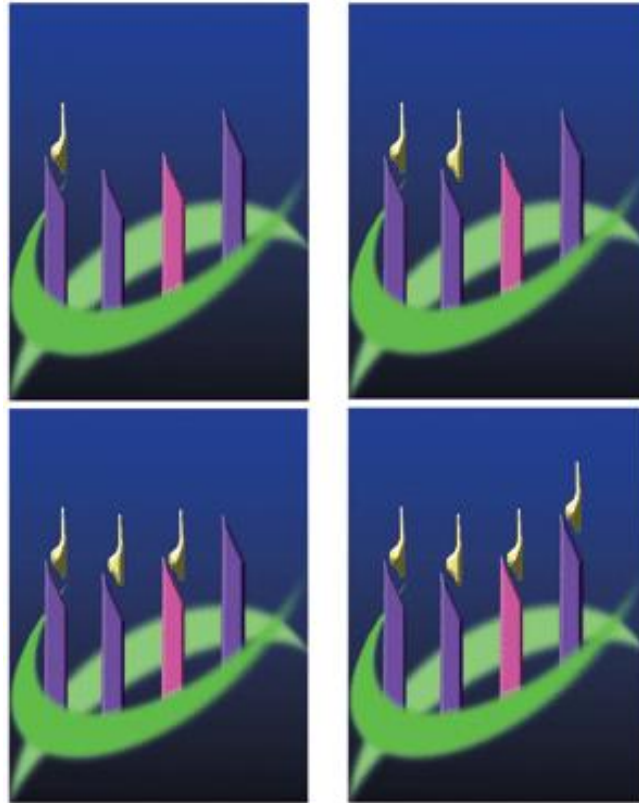


Saint Thomas' Parish Washington



December 14, 2008
The Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU.

The Holy Eucharist

PLEASE OBSERVE PRAYERFUL SILENCE BEFORE WORSHIP

Prelude

A Short Preudio of Four Parts

Orlando Gibbons

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The ministers process in silence.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

McNeil Robinson

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a 'Cantor' direction and contains the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by an 'All' section with 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' and another 'Cantor' section with 'Chri - ste e -'. The second staff continues with 'le - i - son.' under the 'All' direction, followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' and 'Ky - ri - e e -'. The third staff concludes with 'le - i - son.' and 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' under the 'All' direction.

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Gradual Psalm 126

In convertendo

Plainsong, Tone 5

✠ *sung by all*



- 1
When God restored the fortunes of / Zion, *
then were we like / those who **dream**.
- 2
Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, *
and our tongue with / shouts of **joy**.
- 3
Then they said among the / nations, *
"God has / done great things for them."
- 4
God has done great things for / us, *
and / we are glad indeed.
- 5
Restore our fortunes, O / God, *
like the watercourses / of the Negev.
- 6
Those who sowed with / tears *
will / reap with songs of joy.
- 7
Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, *
will come again with joy, / shouldering their sheaves.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

✠ *All stand. Verse 1 of the Sequence Hymn will be sung during the Gospel Procession. Verse 2 will be sung after the Gospel is read.*

Sequence Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal 600

The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

The Rev. John F. Dwyer

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for Advent

In the enclosure of your heart O God, guide us this Advent season.

In the enclosure of your heart O God, enfold us;

Lord hear our prayer.

In the enclosure of your heart O God, give us courage;

Lord hear our prayer.

In the enclosure of your heart O God, provoke us to action;

Lord hear our prayer.

That peace will rise like bread;

We can always hope.

That justice will flow like wine;

Our hearts can help to shape.

That this table will make strangers kin;

Our hands to extend the welcome.

That our hope will rise eternal;

We can always pray.

Let us pray for the needs of others, our bishops and other ministers, our nation and the world;
Please follow your petition with the refrain, Lord, hear our prayer.

✠ *The priest concludes with a Collect.*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

The Holy Communion

*St. Thomas' invites all to share in the gifts of bread and wine from God's Holy Table.
If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine but would like a blessing, please come forward
and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.*

Offertory Anthem

This is the record of John

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, who art thou? And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly. I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias: And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the ways of the Lord.

Scott Wilkens, Countertenor

✦ *All stand*

Presentation Hymn

Hark! The glad sound!

Hymnal 72

Eucharist Prayer A

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Sanctus

Plainsong, harmonized Maurice Duruflé

Ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, _____ ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

✦ *The Celebrant continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

✦ *Celebrant and People*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Plainsong adapt. Mason Martens

Lamb of___ God, you take a - way the sins of the world have___ mer - cy on - us. Lamb of___ God,
you take a - way the sins of the world have___ mer - cy on - us.
Lamb of___ God, you take a - way the sins of the world grant___ us___ peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

Verily, verily, I say unto you

Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have not life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Magnificat ✕ *may be sung as a 4 part round beginning as indicated*

Taizé Chant

① Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ② ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
③ Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ④ ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

Post Communion Prayer

✕ *All stand. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Final Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

Dismissal

✦ *Please be seated for the Postlude which concludes our service.*

Postlude

A Fancy in C fa ut

Orlando Gibbons

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gene and Betty Costello by Dan Costello.



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A place to find and be found by God.

The People of St. Thomas'

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