



The Third Sunday of Advent  
13 December 2020

11 AM The Liturgy of the Word



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
the **Divine**

**125**  
YEARS

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Officiant*  
 The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis, *Preacher*  
 The Cathedral Choir  
 David Briggs, *Artist in Residence*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

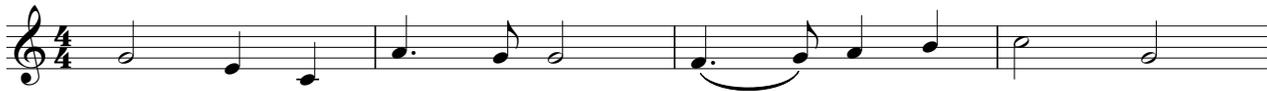
*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach  
 (1685–1750)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

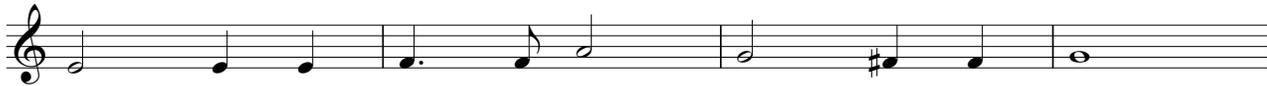
*Officiant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## OPENING HYMN

*Sung by All.*



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,  
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
 3 Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:  
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!  
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
 Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
 Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Words: Stanzas 1-2, Thomas Moore (1779–1853); Stanza 3, Thomas Hasting (1784–1872)  
 Music: Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**S**TIR 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.

*People* Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK  
OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

**T**HE spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations

For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations. (61:1–4, 8–11)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CANTICLE 15***Said responsively.*

The Song of Mary

*Magnificat*

*Lector* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

*People* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*Lector* From this day all generations will call me blessed:

*People* the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

*Lector* He has mercy on those who fear him

*People* in every generation.

*Lector* He has shown the strength of his arm,

*People* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

*Lector* He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

*People* and has lifted up the lowly.

*Lector* He has filled the hungry with good things,

*People* and the rich he has sent away empty.

*Lector* He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

*People* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*Lector* The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Lector* Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

*People* as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Officiant* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**T**HERE was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. (1:6-8, 19-28)

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis

*Deacon*

## ANTHEM

*Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Anonymous (16th c.)

**R**EJOICE in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Philippians 4:4–7

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by All.*

**W**E 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.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.*

*After each petition, the People say*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Officiant concludes with a collect, and the People respond*

Amen.

*The weekly list of Cathedral intercessions may be found on page 8 of this leaflet.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say

*Officiant and People*

 UR 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.

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## THE BLESSING

*The Officiant pronounces a blessing,  
and the People respond*

Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward;  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;

a - wake and hear - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 shine forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler (1806–1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.  
 Verse 5 descant: Raymond Nagem (b. 1986)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 550 Johann Sebastian Bach

*Thanks to Jie Yi, Christopher Cloudus, and Goura Rivera for producing the hymn videos.*

ONLINE SERVICES**MONDAY–SATURDAY**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Evening Prayer

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 PM Compline

**SUNDAY**

11 AM Liturgy of the Word

INTERCESSIONS

*The Cathedral Community intends to pray the following intercessions at all services in the course of the week. Congregants are always invited to name their intercessions aloud during the Prayers of the People.*

**I**N the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Falkland Islands. In the New York Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, we pray for All Saint's Church, Valley Cottage.

For all those who are sick or in distress or any trouble:

DJ	Carla
Frannie	Harlan
Eilers	Ana & William Cress
Donna	

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead:

Margaret Leocal  
Paolo

UPCOMING EVENT**SUNDAY, 13 DECEMBER****3 PM**

**Cathedral Carol Concert.** The Cathedral of St. John the Divine presents the Cathedral Choir in concert as a gift to the people of New York City on Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM. Amplified from the steps of the Cathedral, the choir (masked and distanced, but in festive spirit), led by Director of Music Kent Tritle, will sing Tomas Luis de Victoria's beloved motet, "O magnum mysterium", Jan Peterszoon Sweelinck's "Hodie Christus Natus Est," and a Christmas Spiritual Medley arranged by Joseph Jennings. Other carols of the season will fill out this 45 minute celebration of the season.

**CLERGY**

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Bishop of New York

The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin  
Bishop Suffragan of New York

The Right Reverend Mary D Glasspool  
Bishop Assistant of New York

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, D.D.  
Dean of the Cathedral

The Reverend Canon Patrick Malloy, Ph.D.  
Sub-Dean and Canon for Liturgy and the Arts

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, M.Div.  
Canon Pastor and Vicar, Congregation of Saint Saviour

The Reverend Pamela Cooper-White, Ph.D., Assisting Priest

The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis, M.S.W., Deacon

The Reverend Paul Anthony Daniels II, M.Div., Assisting Priest

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES****THE CATHEDRAL REGATHERS**

Whether in person or on our website, there are many ways to join the Cathedral community and stay in touch. The Cathedral is now open 9:30 AM – 3 PM Mondays – Fridays and 9:30 AM – 5 PM Saturdays – Sundays. Admission for sightseeing is \$5. All those seeking individual prayer, reflection, meditation, or Columbarium visits will be welcomed without charge. Our online community resources and programs, including streaming worship services, messages from the Dean, virtual tours, music recitals, and children's activities, and contact information for Cathedral clergy, are just a few clicks away at [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)  
SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at [tperry@stjohndivine.org](mailto:tperry@stjohndivine.org). Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR**

Chartered in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is a 400-member strong community of believers who support the Cathedral with our time, talent, and money. We serve as lay ministers, ushers, vergers, readers, acolytes, choir members, and outreach volunteers. Although the Cathedral remains closed to large gatherings, we have created a vibrant online community with opportunities for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. To learn more about 'the heart of the Cathedral,' visit [www.saintsaviour.org](http://www.saintsaviour.org), or reach out to our Canon Pastor, Steven Lee, at [slee@stjohndivine.org](mailto:slee@stjohndivine.org).

**IMMIGRATION AND SANCTUARY RESOURCES**

The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**SERMONS ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE**

Visit the Cathedral's website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit [stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/](http://stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/) to listen and download.

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