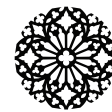


The First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2023

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist



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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

OPENING VOLUNTARY

from *O Antiphon Preludes*

Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

IV. "O Clavis David"

VII. "O Emmanuel"

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir.

Drop down, ye heavens

Anna Semple (b. 1997)

DROP down, ye heavens, and let the skies pour down
righteousness. Let all the earth be fruitful, and bring
forth a saviour.

Isaiah 45:8

ENTRANCE HYMN*Sung by All, standing as able.**The Choir sings a verse in Latin.*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel captivum solve Israel,
 qui gemit in exsilio, privatus Dei Filio.
 Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel nascetur pro te Israel!

Then All join in singing the hymn.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice, re - joice,
 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - nu - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);
 acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

WELCOME*The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service, and calls them to prayer.***THE ACCLAMATION**

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

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

TRISAGION

Sung by All, standing as able.

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: Trisagion (Early Church)

Music: Aleksandr Amdreevich Arkhangel'skii

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Let us pray.*The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

(64:1-9)

*After the reading is said:**Lector* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

*Sung by the Choir.**Qui regis Israel*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 O Lord God of hosts,
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
 And so will we never turn away from you;
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Chant: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us, the shout of ram - part -
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels

guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.

Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 Forth he comes, her Bride - groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to

clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - to - rious: her is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight. Al - le -
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word, Al - le -
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al - le -

lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494–1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF MARK

(13:24-37)

Preacher The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ*The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**THE SERMON**

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez

*Canon for Community Engagement**A time of silence is observed after the sermon, then the Celebrant leads the assembly in the Creed, standing as able.***THE NICENE CREED***Said by all.*

WE 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.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



*A collection is taken. The People may place their
offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the
QR code.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Vigilate

William Byrd (1543–1623)

VIGILATE, nescitis enim
quando dominus domus veniat,
sero, an media nocte,
an gallicantu, an mane.
Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente,
inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico:
Vigilate.

*Keep awake—for you do not know
when the master of the house will come,
in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn.
Keep awake then, lest he find you asleep
when he comes suddenly.
And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.*

Mark 13:35–37

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung

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.

Music: Plainsong;
adapt. Mason Martens
(1933-1991)

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION MUSIC

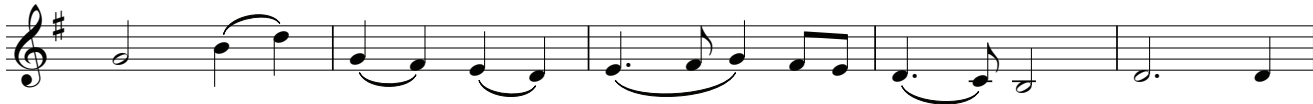
Swing low, sweet chariot African American Spiritual,
arr. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Please join the Choir in singing the refrain:

SWING low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home...

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.

POST COMMUNION HYMN



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tokens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 - ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 601 (1685-1750)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER

4 PM

Choral Evensong. Bach Cantata No.61, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come) will be presented at Evensong on Sunday, December 3rd at 4 pm. Due to the annual Crafts Fair, Evensong that day will take place in Synod Hall, at the corner of 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Please join us! The intimate environment of Synod Hall is the perfect place to experience this Advent cantata of J.S. Bach. Candlelight, plainsong responses and Bach's beloved "Air from the Suite in D" make for a deeply prayerful and transportive service.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

For so many people, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is a beloved part of their Christmas celebrations. Whether decades-long traditions such as the Christmas concert or new traditions such as Blue Christmas (a gathering for people without family during the holiday season), the Cathedral is a source of joy, comfort, and wonder.

We hope that you will once again join us in making magic this season when we rejoice in the Nativity of Jesus. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral's Christmas Flower Fund. Gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one and will be acknowledged in our Christmas Eve service bulletin if received by December 15, 2023. Please scan the QR code to make a gift or go to the Cathedral's website <https://www.stjohndivine.org/support/donate> and choose Christmas Flower Fund from the drop down menu.



