

The Third Sunday of Advent

17 December 2023

4:00 PM Evensong



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

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**CHORAL EVENSONG &  
INSTALLATION OF THE 11TH DEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL**

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, *Officiant*

*XVI Bishop of New York*

The Reverend Canon F. M. “Buddy” Stallings, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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**VOLUNTARY**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,*  
BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

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*All stand, as able.*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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**OPENING PRECES & RESPONSES** *Sung by the Precentor & Choir.*

Daniel Ficarra (b. 1996)

O Lord, open thou our lips:

*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us:

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost:

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

*The Lord's name be praised.*

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## HYMN

*Sung by All.*

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness  
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: St. Clement, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

*The People are seated.*

**PSALM 122**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Lætatus sum*

I was glad when they said to me,  
 “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
 Now our feet are standing  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
 Jerusalem is built as a city  
 that is at unity with itself;  
 To which the tribes go up,  
 the tribes of the Lord,  
 the assembly of Israel,  
 to praise the Name of the Lord.  
 For there are the thrones of judgment,  
 the thrones of the house of David.  
 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
 “May they prosper who love you.  
 Peace be within your walls  
 and quietness within your towers.  
 For my brethren and companions’ sake,  
 I pray for your prosperity.  
 Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
 I will seek to do you good.”  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Ghost:  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
 world without end. Amen.

Chant: Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

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**A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE**

*(21:1-7)*

*After the reading is said:*

*Lector* Here endeth the reading.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand, as able.*

**MAGNIFICAT**

*Sung by the Choir.*

Magnificat in D

Daniel Ficarri

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55, Gloria Patri

*The People are seated.*

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

*(13:1-9, 12-13)*

*After the reading is said:*

*Lector* Here endeth the reading.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand, as able.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Sung by the Choir.*

Nunc Dimittis in D

Daniel Ficarri

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:28-32, Gloria Patri

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Canon F. M. "Buddy" Stallings

*Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of New York*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED***Said by All, standing as able.*

**B**BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRESENTATION***The Bishop and the People sit.**The President of the Cathedral Trustees presents the Dean to the Bishop.**The Dean introduces different departments of the Cathedral to the Bishop.***THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS***The Bishop makes remarks on the life of the Cathedral in the Diocese.***THE INSTITUTION***The Bishop reads the letter of Institution. Then, the Dean kneels and prays.*

## THE COMMISSION

*The Dean addresses the Staff*

**F**RIENDS, God has given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. As the members of the Staff, we have all been called to the ministry of supporting the mission of this great Cathedral: to be a house of prayer for all people, an instrument of church unity, and a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to joining me in this trust and responsibility?

*Staff*        We do.

*Bishop*      Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold the Dean and the Staff in this ministry?

*People*      We will.


*The People stand.*

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Bishop*      Let us pray.

*Bishop 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 COLLECT FOR THE DAY AND  
THE COLLECT FOR THE CATHEDRAL**

*After each collect, the People say, "Amen."*

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**THE WELCOME**

*The People are seated.*

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**ANTHEM**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*I got a robe*                      Spiritual, arr. Roderick Williams (b. 1965)

**I** GOT a robe, you got a robe, All of God's children got a robe. When I get to heaven gonna put on my robe, I'm gonna shout all over God's heaven, Everybody talking 'bout heav'n ain't goin' there, Gonna shout all over God's heaven.



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

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*All stand, as able.*

**BENEDICAMUS & GRACE**

*Bishop*    Let us bless the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

*The Bishop says*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*People*    Amen.

## HYMN

*Sung by All.*

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 adore 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.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Three Variations on Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

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