

Saint Monica & Saint James
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON DC



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Sung Mass

December 24th, 2023

11:00 a.m.

A very warm welcome to Saint Monica and Saint James

Our Celebrant and Preacher today is The Rev. John A. Weatherly

We sing from two Hymnals: *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice & Sing II*, and our Mass is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, abbreviated here as *H82*, *LEV*, *BCP*.

Our Usher is here to help with any questions you may have.

Restrooms are found through the doors at the rear of the church on the far side of the Parish Hall.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the 11am service.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli - Drop down, ye heavens* Jeanne Demessieux

THE GATHERING

Please stand when a handbell rings. The choir greets the assembled with these words

Choir The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Choir Almighty God, grant that we may enter your house with reverence and love, there to offer a service acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

INTROIT HYMN *H82 56*, stanzas 7-8 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Sanctuary Party pauses to light three candles on the Advent wreath. The Celebrant prays

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on the earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful

hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Procession continues to the chancel as all sing

H82 258

Virgin-born, We Bow Before You

After the Altar has been censed, the Mass continues BCP, p. 355

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

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Celebrant now says

Dear friends in Christ, we celebrate at this time the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us.

And so as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

KYRIE

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

Musical score for Kyrie, consisting of three staves of music in 3/2 time. The first staff is labeled "(Organ)" and begins with the word "Lord,". The second staff continues with "have mer - cy. Christ, have". The third staff concludes with "mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.".

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Read by Yvonne Farrell

Reader A reading from Second Samuel

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am

living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

All repeat the Antiphon below after the Choir.



Your love, O LORD, for ev - er will I sing.

The Choir sings the verses below.

All repeat the Antiphon above as marked.

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. *Antiphon*
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'" *Antiphon*
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him. *Antiphon*
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name. *Antiphon*
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'" *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE – Romans 16:25-27

Reader A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of

of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sing



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE SERMON

The Rev. John A. Weatherly

THE NICENE CREED

If you are able, please stand.

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: *(You are invited to bow your head)*
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man. (*We raise our heads again*)

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

Please kneel or sit. The Intercessor leads the prayers, after each prayer the following is said

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy;
All hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the Intercessions

Intercessor Merciful Father;
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause for a moment.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✝ forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE *If you are able, please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Please remain standing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.

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Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant. The Element Bearers stand at the Altar rail while the gifts are offered and placed on the altar.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN H82 265

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Celebrant Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father

All **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 Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues, ending

Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman



(Organ)

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.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, ending with

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

A time of silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

(Organ)

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.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant says this invitation

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.

Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host.

The Host and the Chalice are given with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

ANTHEM Drop Down, Ye Heavens, from Above – The Advent Prose

Antiphon

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Antiphon

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have
blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Antiphon

Text and music from *Rorate Caeli*, Latin, medieval.

COMMUNION HYMN H82 66

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please kneel or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL *If you are able, please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

The Celebrant blesses the Congregation, to which All respond
All Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the Congregation, to which All respond
All Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN H82 438 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!

VOLUNTARY Savior of the Nations, Come! Johann Sebastian Bach

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