



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Gertrude Church

December 4, 6 p.m.

PROCESSION

On Jordan's Bank

St. Michael Hymnal 699

KYRIE

Cantor, then all:

Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor, then all:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Steven Janco

READING I

Isaiah 11:1–10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17



℟. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

*O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. ℞.*

*Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace,
till the moon be no more.*

*May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. ℞.*

*For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. ℞.*

*May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. ℞.*

Music: Owen Alstott

READING II

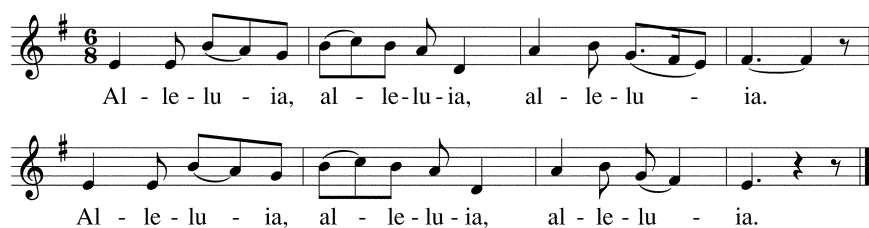
Romans 13:11–14

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 85:8



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. R.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37–44


John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."


PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY



1. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Come, Lord Je - sus!
2. Wise and fool - ish, still we wait. Come Lord Je - sus!
3. Come to us, O liv - ing Lord, Come, Lord Je - sus!



1. Cour - age fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Je - sus, come!
2. Is our Bride-groom at the gate? Lord Je - sus, come!
3. Come with jus - tice like a sword. Lord Je - sus, come!



1. Clear the shad - ows from our sight; set our trou - bled —
2. At his voice, our hearts have stirred, list - 'ning for his —
3. Come in word and wine and bread; come a - gain that we



1. world a - right. Fill our eyes with ra - dian - t light. Lord Je - sus, come!
2. heal - ing word, Con - fi - dent our cries are heard. Lord Je - sus, come!
3. poor be fed. Raise your ser - vants from the dead. Lord Je - sus, come!

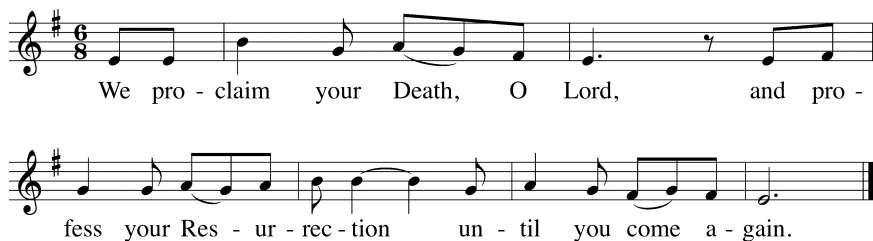
Music: M.D. Ridge

SANCTUS



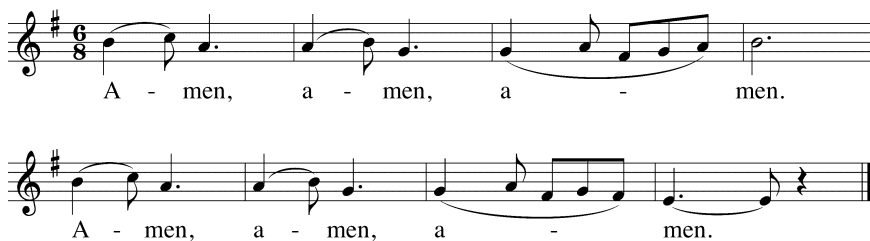
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

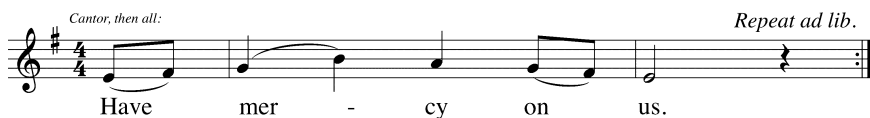


We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
 fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

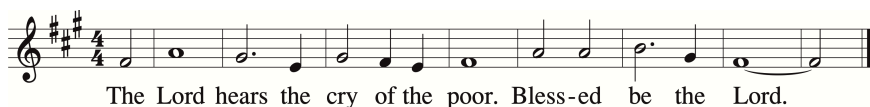


AGNUS DEI



Music: Steven Janco

COMMUNION



I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.

*Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.*

*Every spirit crushed, God will save; will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.*

*We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth;
every face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.*

Words: based on Psalm 34:2–3, 18–19a, 19b–20

Music: John Foley, S.J.

MEDITATION

You are higher than all of our questions,
you are deeper than all of our needs,
wider than all that we can imagine;
you are greater than anything.

You are stronger than all of our burdens,
you are sweeter than all of our dreams,
closer than all the air that surrounds us;
you are greater than anything.

You are holy, Holy God Almighty, God with us.

You bring joy into all of our sadness,
you bring peace into all of our pain,
shining light into all of our darkness;
you are greater than anything.

Ever before us and ever beside us,
ever above us and ever behind us,
ever around us and ever within us,
and always God with us.

Words and music: Sarah Hart and Jayme Thompson

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke
him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

RECESSION

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

St. Michael Hymnal 485

