SAINT JOSEPH HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

PRELUDE [9:00]

Ecce virgo concipiet

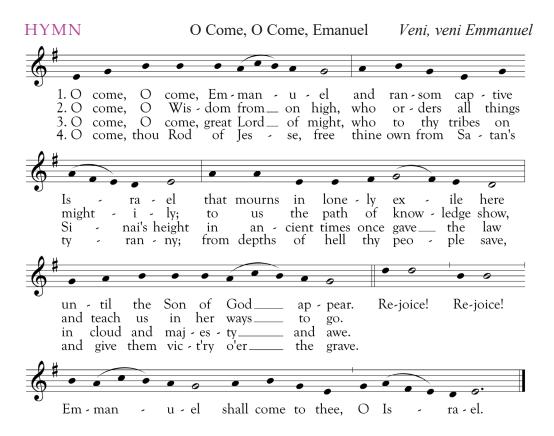
Gerald Near (born 1942)

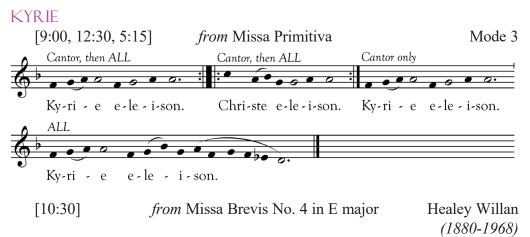
[10:30, 12:30, 5:15]	Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen	Johannes Brahms
	from 11 Chorale Preludes	(1833-1897)

INTROIT

Rorate caeli Isaiah 45: 8; Psalm 18 Mode 1

Rorate	Skies, let the Just One come forthlike
caeli desuper,	the dew, let him descend from the
et nubes pluant justum:	clouds like the rain.
aperiatur terra,	The earth will open
et germinet Salvatorem.	up and give birth to our Savior.
Vs. Caeli enarrant	Vs. The heavens declare
gloriam Dei:	the glory of God,
et opera manuum ejus	and the firmament proclaims the work
annuntiat firmamentum.	of his hands.
gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus	the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work





COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

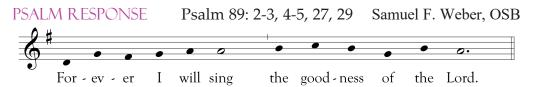
FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord.

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."



 The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

- "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."
- "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

SECOND READING

Romans 16: 25-27

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.





May it be done to me according to your word.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[all bow during the following 2 lines]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

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[This set	ting omitted at 10:30]		
Ave, Maria benedicta tu Mode 8			
	Luke	1: 28	
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Η	Ail, Mar- y, full of g	grace, the Lord is	with you.
[10:30]	Ave, 1	Maria	Giuseppe Verdi
	Luke	1: 28	(1813-1901)
Ave Maria: gratia plena: Hail Mary, full of grace: Dominus tecum. the Lord is with thee.			
Benedicta tu in mulieribus, Blessed art thou among women,			

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,	Blessed art thou among women,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui.	and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,	Holy Mary, Mother of God,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus	pray for us sinners
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.	now and in the hour of our death.

from Quattro Pezzi Sacri

- *Priest* Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
 - *All* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

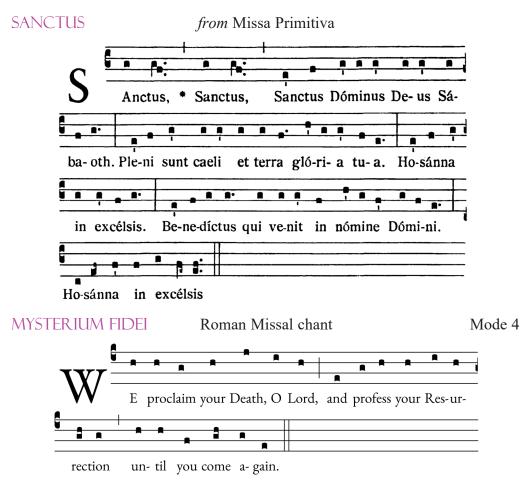
PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with your spirit. Priest Lift up your hearts.

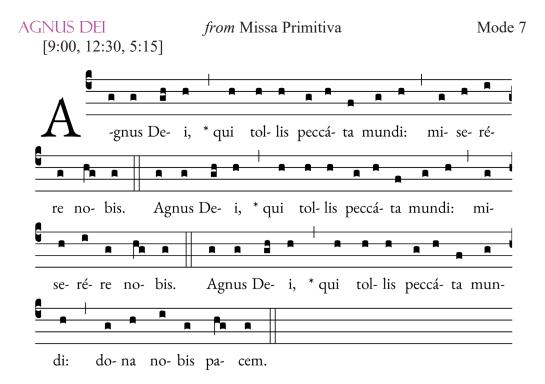
All We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.



THE LORD'S PRAYER



AGNUS DEI [10:30]

from Missa Brevis No. 4 in E Major

COMMUNION RITE

Priest	Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.	
All	Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.	
COMMUN	NON ANTIPHON	

Mode 7

Mode 7

[10:30]

Ecce virgo Isaiah 7: 14

1. Be-hold, the Lord our God is with us!

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Ecce virgo concipiet,
et pariet filium:Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
and bear a son;et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel.
Vs. Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei,
et opera manuum
ejus annuntiat firmamentum.Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
and bear a son;Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
and bear a son;and bear a son;Structureand his name will be called Emmanuel.
Vs. The heavens declare the glory of
God, and the firmament proclaims
the work of his hands.

- ✤ For Catholics who are receiving Holy Communion, please bow your head before receiving communion as a sign of reverence for the real presence of Christ.
- ★ We welcome non-Catholics to this celebration of the Eucharist but because we believe that the Eucharist is a sign of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of other churches with whom we are not fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. We ask for you to remain seated during the communion rite and join us in prayer for Christian unity and peace for the human family.

THANKSGIVING [10:30]

Magnificat

Arvo Pärt (born 1935)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,	My soul magnifies the Lord,
et exultavit spiritus meus	and my spirit rejoices
in Deo salutari meo.	in God my Savior,
Quia respexit	for He has regarded the lowliness
humilitatem ancillae suae:	of His handmaiden:
ecce, enim ex hoc	behold, from henceforth,
beatam me dicent	I will be called
omnes generationes.	blessed by all generations.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen ejus; et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

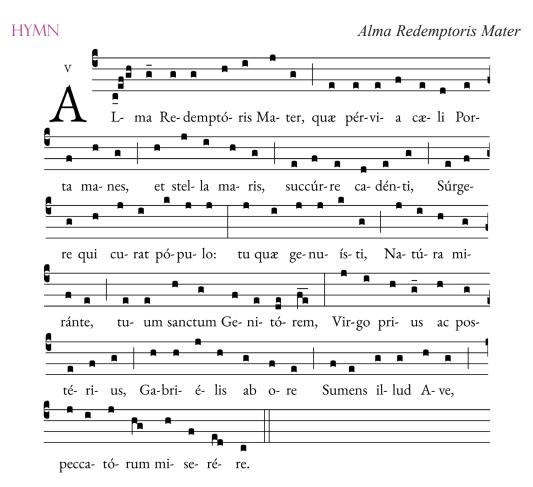
Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles; esurientes implevit bonis, et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel, puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae, sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, according to the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to His descendants forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please respect our custom of remaining in place and singing the recessional hymn.



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