



PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 17, 2023

The setting of the Mass Ordinary at the 12 NOON Mass is
Mass No. 3 in B Flat Major, D. 324 by Franz Schubert (1797-1828).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! A Harold Voice Is Calling

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (OFFICIUM) *Philippians 4:4, 5, 7*

Chant, mode i

Gaudete in Domino semper:
iterum dico gaudete:
modestia vestra nota sit
omnibus hominibus:
Dominus enim prope est:
nihil solliciti sitis:
sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae
innotescant apud Deum.

V. Ex pax Dei,
quae exsuperat omnem sensum,
custodiat corda vestra et intelligentias vestras.

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again, I say, rejoice.
Let your modesty be known
to all men,
for the Lord is near.
Over nothing be anxious,
but in every prayer let your petitions
be made known to God.*

V. *And may the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds.*



SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE

KYRIE

Missa XVIII: Deus Genitor alme

Chant, mode iv

Cantor then All:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

GRADUAL (RESPONSORIUM) *Psalm 79 (80):2, 3, 2*

Chant, mode vii

Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim,
exita potentiam tuam, et veni.

*You, O Lord, who sit upon the cherubim,
stir up your might, and come.*

V. Qui regis Israel, intende:
qui deducis velut ovem Joseph.

*V. You who rule over Israel, be attentive,
you who lead Joseph like a sheep.*

SECOND READING *I Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

ALLELUIA *Psalm 79 (80):3*

Chant, mode iv

The Cantor sings the Alleluia; then all repeat it.

The Cantor continues through the jubilus (tail) of the Alleluia and sings the Verse, after which the Alleluia is repeated by all.



V. Excita Domine potentiam tuam,
et veni, ut salvos facias nos.

V. *Stir up, O Lord, your might,
and come, that you may save us.*

GOSPEL *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’” as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.


HOMILY

CREDO (sung at 12 NOON)


Chant, mode iv

Celebrant: I be-lieve in one God, * the Fa-ther al-might-y, mak-er of heav-en
All: and earth, of all things vis - i - ble and in - vis - i - ble.


I be-lieve in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the On-ly Be-got-ten Son of God,
born of the Fa-ther be-fore all a-ges. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, con - sub - stan - tial
with the Fa-ther; through him all things were made. For us men and for
All bow: our sal - va - tion he came down from heav-en, and by the Ho - ly Spir - it
was in - car - nate of the Vir - gin Mar - y, and be - came man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he suf - fered death
and was bur - ied, and rose a - gain on the third day in ac - cor - dance



with the Scrip-tures. He as-cend-ed in - to heav-en and is seat-ed at




the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo - ry to judge




the liv-ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end.



I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, the Lord, the giv - er of life,




who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther




and the Son is a-dored and glo - ri - fied, who has spok - en




through the proph - ets.



I be-lieve in one, ho - ly, ca - tho - lic and a - pos - tol - ic Church.



I con-fess one Bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins and I look for-ward



to the res-ur-rec-tion of the dead and the life of the world to come.



A - - - men.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER AND ADVENT NOVENA PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God who sheltered your Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary and safeguarded him during the wanderings of his family, watch over, we pray, each infant in the womb, and walk with every child who leaves it; led by your Spirit, may they find a safe path to your eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Psalm 84 (85):2, 3*

Chant, mode iv

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam:
avertisti captivitatem Jacob:
remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

*You have blessed your land, O Lord;
you have turned away the captivity of Jacob;
you have forgiven the iniquity of your people.*

OFFERTORY MOTET *Jeremiah 23:5-6 (at 12 NOON)*
Prima pars

Caspar Vincent
(1580-1624)

Ecce dies veniunt, dicit Dominus,
et suscitabo David germen justum:
et regnabit rex,
et sapiens erit,
et faciet iudicium et justitiam in terra.
Et hoc est nomen quod vocabunt eum:
Dominus justus noster.

*Behold the day will come, says the Lord,
and I will raise up to David a just branch:
and the king shall reign,
and shall be wise:
and shall execute judgment and justice on the earth.
And this is the name they shall call him:
our righteous Lord.*

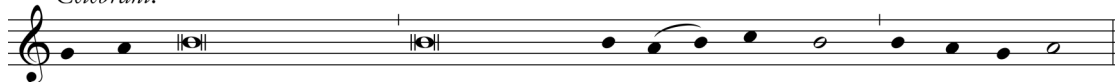
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMUNION RITE

PATER NOSTER

Celebrant:



At the Savior's command and formed by di - vine teach - ing, we dare to say:

All:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come,



thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,



and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Celebrant:



De - liv - er us, Lord... our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

People:



For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

To receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please use the Communion line at the altar rail.

To receive Holy Communion in the hand, please use the Communion line in the center aisle of the Nave.

AGNUS DEI

Missa XVIII: Deus Genitor alme



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Isaiah 35:4*

Chant, mode vii

Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini,
et nolite timere:
ecce Deus noster veniet,
et salvabit nos.

*Say: You fainthearted, take courage
and fear not;
behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.*

COMMUNION MOTET *Jeremiah 23:5-6 (at 12 NOON)*

Caspar Vincent

Secunda pars

In diebus illis salvabitur Juda,
et Israel habitabit confidenter.
Et hoc est nomen quod vocabunt eum:
Dominus justus noster.

*In those days shall Judah be saved,
and Israel shall dwell confidently.
And this is the name they shall call him:
our righteous Lord.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People hold out their Statues brought from home to be blessed.

After Mass, the Statues may be brought up to the Altar Rail to be touched to the Relic of the Manger.

BLESSING OF THE STATUE OF THE CHILD JESUS OF A MANGER

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, ✠ bless this statue of the child Jesus, may it remind us of his humble birth, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Chant, mode v

Cantor: *All:*

Al - - - ma * Re - dem - pto - ris Ma - ter, quae per - vi - a
cae - li por - ta ma - nes, et stel - la ma - ris, suc - cu - re ca - den - ti
sur - ge - re qui cu - rant po - pu - lo. Tu quae ge - nu - i - sti,
na - tu - ra mi - ran - te, tu - um sanc - tum Ge - ni - to - rem:
Vir - go pri - us ac po - ste - ri - us, Ga - bri - e - lis ab - o - re
su - mens il - lud A - ve, pec - ca - to - rum mi - se - re - re.

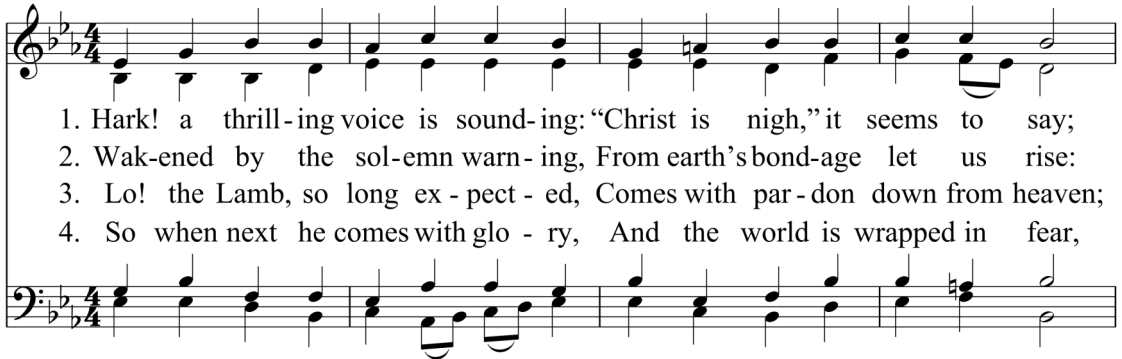
Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible gate of heaven and star of the sea, give aid to a falling people that strives to rise. You who begot, with nature marveling, your holy Creator. Virgin before and after, from the mouth of Gabriel receiving that Ave, have mercy on sinners.

VOLUNTARY

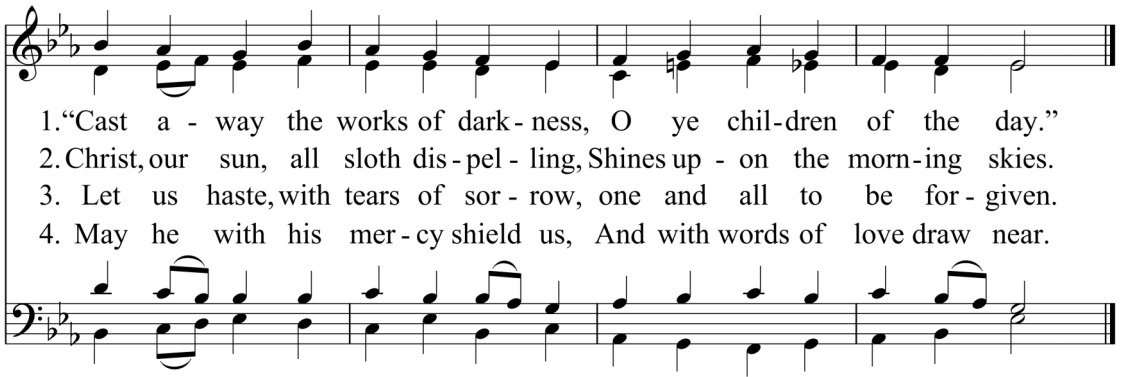
Variations on 'Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele' (Comfort, comfort, ye my people)

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing, "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2. Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, From earth's bond-age let us rise:
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, Comes with par-don down from heaven;
4. So when next he comes with glo-ry, And the world is wrapped in fear,



1. "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."
2. Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, Shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3. Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given.
4. May he with his mer-cy shield us, And with words of love draw near.

Text: Latin, 10th century; trans. The Reverend Edward Caswall, C.O. (1814-1878), and others
Tune: MERTON; William H. Monk (1823-1889)

MUSIC NOTES

Choral music at next Sunday's Solemn Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:
Messe en quatre parties, Op. 138 by Florent Schmitt; *Ave Maria* by Sergei Rachmaninoff;
Rorate caeli by Leo Nestor.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is the half-way point in the season and is known as Gaudete Sunday. This Latin title is taken from the incipit (first phrase) of the Introit of the Mass, *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always) quoting Philippians 4:4. As a reprieve from the penitential violet, the traditional liturgical color for the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. The analogous Sunday in Lent is the Fourth Sunday, called "Laetare."