



First Sunday of Advent • December 3, 2023

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Conditor Alme Siderum

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ADVENT ENTRANCE RITE

Paul French



Cantor, then all: I lift my soul to you, O Lord; I trust in you my God.



All: 1. Your church a - waits your com - ing, Lord, With
2. One can - dle flame shall guide us now, Its



watch - ful, ea - ger eyes up - raised; Spread
light seems frail, but we be - lieve It



jus - tice, joy, through ev - 'ry land. Shed
her - alds Christ our light, the one Our



light up - on our year of grace.
hearts pre - pare now to re - ceive.

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Cantor: O Christ, Light of the World, **All:** come in glo-ry bright;

Cantor: O Christ, true Light from Light, **All:** heal our blind-ed sight;

Cantor: Dawn from on High, **All:** break up-on our Ad-vent night. —

Cantor: Sun — of Jus - tice, **All:** flood our lives with Ad-vent light.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

All: A - men. **All:** And with your spir - it.

Penitential Act

Cantor, then all: Lord, have — mer - cy. Christ, have — mer - cy.

Lord, — have — mer - cy. A - men.

COLLECT

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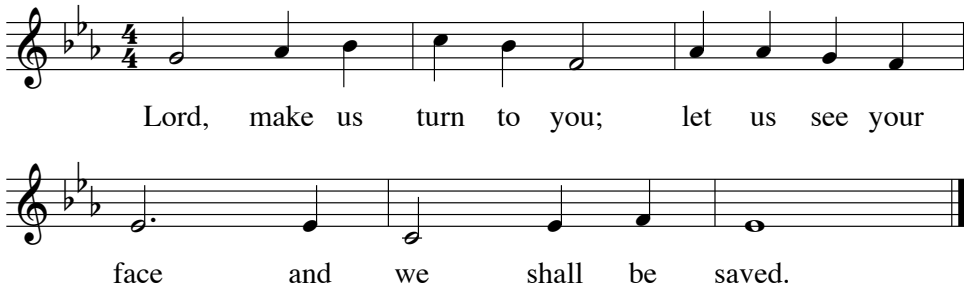
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!

You, Lord, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O Lord, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.



O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine
forth.

Rouse up your might and come to
save us. *R.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted,

the son of man you have claimed
for yourself. *R.*

May your hand be on the man at your
right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed
as your own.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon
your name. *R.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account

for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,

that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge,

as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift

as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end,

irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful,

and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation. - Psalm 85:8

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,

each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

HOMILY

Fr. Jim Deiters

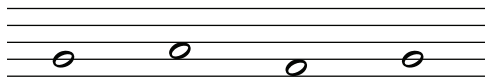
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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God 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,
making a profound bow
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



Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUGHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 85:1-3

Adam Bartlett

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

5:00 - ANTHEM

Dance and Sing

Traditional Hebrew Melody
Hal Hopson, arr.

Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.

Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.

Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah.

Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.

Soon a son will come from Jesse. His delight shall be the Lord.

He shall reign with truth and justice. Come, O Savior, come.

Wolf and lamb shall rest together; calf and lion shall join as friends.

Peace shall come to all the nations. Come, O Savior, come.

- Isaiah 11:1-7

10:30 - MOTET

To Thee, O Lord

Sergei Rachmaninoff
(1873-1943)

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

My God, I trust in thee.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, 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, ho-san-na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your

Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor:

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:

world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor:

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:

world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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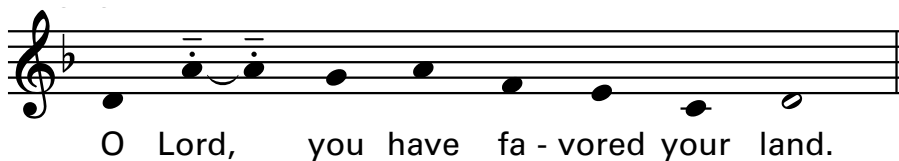
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 85:13

Graduale Romanum

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.*





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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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5:00 - ANTHEM

Justice Shall Grow

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

These verses of Psalm 91 pair well with the Season of Advent. Common to the geographical region where the Psalms were penned, the writer uses the flourishing palm tree as a metaphor. As the Jews awaited the Messiah, they hungered for an end to oppression and a flourishing of justice.

Justice shall grow and flourish like the palm tree which is found in Lebanon.

Justice shall multiply. – Psalm 91

10:30 - MOTET

E'en So Lord Jesus

Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

Paul and Ruth Manz wrote "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" in 1953 during a time when their three-year-old son, John, was critically ill. Ruth said, "I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus quickly come.'" She prepared some text for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son's bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became this piece. John recovered and is now a pastor. This piece is a staple in the choral repertoire with over 1 million copies sold world-wide.

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The King Shall Come

Morning Song



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, alt.

Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; John Wyeth, 1770–1858; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

POSTLUDE: Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

“Creator of the Stars of Night”