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Virgin and Child with the Infant St John the Baptist,
Pompeo Batoni (1708-1787)

The Third Sunday in Advent

15 December 2024

Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Chorale Partita on “Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig”

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Mass Setting

The Mass of St. Thomas

Robert Fleming (1921-1976)

Creed: Merbecke

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Behold, in the time appointed the Lord will come;

The Lord is near at hand to redeem his people.

Jesus, Wisdom of the Most High God;

Come and teach us the way of understanding.

We thank you, O God our Father, for the gift of your Son, Jesus the Christ, whose coming to this world was foretold by the prophets of old. Give us the faith to receive your word, the understanding to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Opening Hymn

Asperges Me

Mass Booklet, p.22

Introit Proper

Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all, the Lord is at hand : be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God.

Ps. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding : shall keep your hearts and minds. Glory be ... Rejoice ye ...

Salutation

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Kyrie

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Collects

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible, p.790

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

In convertendo.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Sion, / then were we like
unto them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with
joy.

³ Then said they among the nations, / 'The Lord hath done great
things for them.'

⁴ Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; / whereof
we rejoice.

⁵ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, / as the rivers in the South.

⁶ They that sow in tears / shall reap in joy.

⁷ He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his
seed, / shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his
sheaves with him.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, p.982

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your
reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do
not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known
to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

19 *The advent of our God*

St Thomas

Gradual Proper

Shew thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim : stir up
thy strength and come. *℟*. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou
that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. *℟*. Stir up thy
strength, O Lord : and come and help us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Pew Bible, p. 858

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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