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Annunciation, Fra Angelico (c.1400-1455)

The Third Sunday in Advent

17 December 2023

High Mass

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

Organ Prelude

Partita on “Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig”

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Mass Setting

Missa Brevis No. 2 in F minor

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

Advent Prose (Rorate Caeli)

Plainsong

**Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness**

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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Collects

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.**

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Pew Bible, p.620

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion – to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Pew Bible, p.987

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

321 *Thy kingdom come, O God*

St Cecilia

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pew Bible, p.886

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These

things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

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Offertory Proper

O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob : thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Offertory Hymn

59 *The Advent of our King*

St Thomas

Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Sanctus and Benedictus p.12

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Agnus Dei p.15

Communion Proper

Say to them that are of a fearful heart : Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

Music at Communion

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Ablutions Motet

People look East (Carol of the Advent) Besançon Carol, arr. M. Shaw

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal pp.17-18

Post-Communion Hymn

548 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* **Stuttgart**

The Angelus p.19

Organ Postlude

Chaconne in G minor Louis Couperin (1621-1661), arr. Bonnet

Cantor: Taissa Cronin, Nikolai Cronin

NOTES AND NOTICES

The 2024 Anglican Church Calendar sponsored by the PBSC is now available from Wesley Warren at a cost of \$10 per copy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Tuesday, December 19

9:30 am: Morning Prayer • 10:00 am: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

Thursday, December 21

12:15 pm: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

Friday, December 22

7:00 am: Morning Prayer • 7:30 am: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 • Psalm 89 • Romans 16:25-27 • Luke 1:26-38

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