The Third Sunday of Advent

11 DECEMBER 2022 · MORNING EUCHARISTS

Saint John the Baptist Preaching to the Masses in the Wilderness, painted by Pieter Breughel the Younger (1564–1638)
The Holy Eucharist

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This leaflet serves as a guide to the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Eucharists. Items marked 8 are to be prayed at the 8:30 a.m. liturgy. Items marked 11 will be prayed at the 11 a.m. liturgy.

Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please silence any audible electronic devices.

At 11 a.m., those with mobility issues are encouraged to sit in the North Transept to facilitate access to Communion. Nave services may be live-streamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

VOLUNTARY 8 11
Rorate coeli  
Jeanne Demessieux

The Gathering

INTROIT: GAUDETE 11

All stand as the choir sings.

Choir
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice; let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Phil 4:4-7

HYMN 66 8 11
Sung by all, standing.

Stuttgart

1 Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
2 Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

1 from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
2 dear desire of every nation, joy of every long- ing heart.
3 born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4 by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); music: melody from Psalmodia Sacra, Oder Andächtige Und Schöne Gesänge, 1715; adapt and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION 8 11

Presider  Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People    You come to your people and set them free.
The confession of sin 8 11 The people may stand.

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider proclaims God’s forgiveness.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

KYRIE ELEISON 11 (See BCP p. 356) Hans Leo Hassler Missa secunda

Choir, in Greek Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The collect of the day 8 11 Presider May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Word of God

The first reading 8 11 Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
CANTICLE 15

The people remain seated. The psalm may be spoken or sung.

The S econd readin G

James 5:7-10

Reader  A reading from the Letter of James to the Romans.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
HYMN 63 11

Sung by all, standing. O Heiland, reiss

1 O heavenly Word, eternal Light, be-gotten of the Father’s might,
2 pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,
3 and when, as judge, thou drawest night the secrets of our hearts to try,
4 O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last,
5 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One,

who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn;
that, as we hear thy truth to-day, all wrong desires may burn away;
to compensate each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;
but with thy saints for evermore be hold thee, love thee, and adore;
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternal.

1 2 3 4 5


THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 11

The people remain standing.

Choir, then all: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord;

in the desert, a highway for our God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The people remain standing.

Matthew 11:2-11

Before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.
THE SERMON
A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

THE NICE CREED
The people stand.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each petition Come, Lord Jesus.
The presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.
All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Donations can be made by sending a text message with the word "GRACE" to the phone number 76278. Thank you for your generosity.
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. You have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit, Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. You have come to the help of your servant Israel, for you have remembered your promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever.

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, and money to be placed on the Altar. The 2023 pledges of the community are presented. All are invited to bring their signed pledge cards or, if you've already pledged, come forward with a symbolic card, available from the ushers.

 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strength-ened and upheld by thee.

text: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.; music: melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.
The people stand. Enriching our Worship I, Prayer 2

**Presider, continuing** ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

Sung by all. Franz Schubert

*text: traditional; music: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

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Presider, concluding  By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ ... now and for ever.

All  A-MEN.
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Choir, then all

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Choir

Taste and see that God is good;

People

Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

**The Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider invites the people to come forward and receive the Bread. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available; please ask the Communion minister. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God’s table.
AGNUS DEI
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

THANKSGIVING FOR COMMUNION
Let us pray,
God for whom we wait:
in this meal you give us a foretaste
of that day when the hungry
will be fed with good things.

Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness
of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Sending Forth

HYMN 438
Sung by all, standing.

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un-
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name! Make
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might! Pow'rs
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word! Firm

1 num-bered bless - ings, give my spi - rit voice; ten - der to
2 known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy
3 and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and
4 is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my

1 me the prom - ise of his word; in
2 sure, from age to age the same; his
3 stub - born wills are put to flight, the
4 soul, the great - ness of the Lord to

1 God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
2 ho - ly Name — the Lord, the Might - y One.
3 hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
4 child - ren's child - ren and for ev - er - more!

text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song Of Mary; music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The presider pronounces God’s blessing.

All respond
Amen.

Deacon
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 733
Johann Sebastian Bach
### Serving the Assembly

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CHRISTMAS
GRACE CATHEDRAL, San Francisco 2022

DECEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 23

A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS
Ring in the season with Grace Cathedral’s Choir of Men and Boys, performing classic carols and revered Masterpieces. This cherished holiday tradition features a full orchestra and organ.

A BRASS AND ORGAN CHRISTMAS
Experience the pitch-perfect combination of the Bay Area’s finest brass musicians, a beloved pipe organ, and unparalleled acoustics. One enchanting performance only!

SOULFUL JOY
Hark! Hear the soaring vocals and magnificent sound of Destiny Muhammad and her cool, eclectic Sonic Ensemble of Bay Area Masters as they reflect and reimagine the holiday spirit.

SING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
A sing-along and Christmas show for children and families. The toys of St. Nicholas’s workshop discover the true meaning of Christmas.

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ADVENT DOORWAYS: CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES SERIES
DECEMBER 11 AT 1 P.M. IN THE DINING ROOM
Join lay and clergy leaders in a three-week excursion into contemplative practices toward that still, quiet voice, including Christian Meditation, Centering Prayer, and Lectio Divina. Contact The Rev. Mary Carter Greene for more information at maryg@gracecathedral.org.

THE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY DRIVE
NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 11
The Community Preschool is holding a pair of holiday drives for toys, warm clothes, and other essential items. Items will go to children and families of the preschool, and others in need in our community. Learn how to participate by reading the blog at gracecathedral.org/holidaydrive.

ADVENT SALE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AND 18, AT 12:30 P.M.
Our beloved Advent Sale returns! Join us for a cornucopia of sweet treats and crafts that have been created by our ministries. All proceeds go to support projects in the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. The sale will take place in Gresham Hall, located in the crypt.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT GRACE CATHEDRAL
FROM DECEMBER 10 THROUGH 23
Our Christmas concert series begins this weekend and we hope you will join us for one or all: A Cathedral Christmas with the Choir of Men and Boys, A Brass and Organ Christmas, Sing You A Merry Christmas, and our newest offering, Soulful Joy. American Bach Soloists’ also returns with A Baroque Christmas and Handel’s Messiah. Tickets are going fast!

INTERFAITH MEMORIAL FOR THE HOMELESS DEAD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Led by the San Francisco Interfaith Council and San Francisco Night Ministry, this annual event, held near the longest nights of the year, remembers those who have died on our streets in the preceding year. Join the Rev. Anna E. Rossi, Canon Precentor and Director of Interfaith Engagement, representing the Grace Cathedral community in this important witness to the lives and deaths of the most fragile members of our city.

CARNIVALE 2023: THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
Shine your light on our mission for one of the best nights of the year. Carnivale is a party for connection, love and hope. Your generosity makes a big impact! Carnivale supports the community through our innovative spiritual offerings, our passion for inclusive arts and culture, and doing the work of social justice. The future is bright!

Learn more about each upcoming event and how to participate at gracecathedral.org.
I was nervous when I first came to Grace Cathedral, realizing it is much bigger than my tiny parish in Seattle. Would my dogs be welcomed the same way? Could I sing in the choir? Would there be worshipers who looked like me? Could I meet a handsome straight guy my age?

I was happy to see that there were other people of color in the pews, and I now serve Grace as a lector and a verger, and I sing with the new Cathedral Singers.

I come here every Sunday to find solace and to heal my spirit. I find strength to take care of myself, to support other people whose gifts make me a better person, and to go out into the world as a disciple of Christ.

What I love most about Grace is that it is a living space. It is a bustling center of activity with a variety of programming – worship services, education and formation, music, and the arts. I love that we welcome every person for all kinds of activities in addition to the services.

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– Caroline Phan

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