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ADVENT 3 13 December 2020

The Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper

Or

Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

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PRELUDE: Meine Seele erhebt den Herren BWV 648, J.S. Bach

SETTING: The Quiet Hour - George Oldroyd

ORGAN SCHOLAR: Nico Tjoelker

ST MARK'S CHOIR

WELCOME:

Michael Jensen

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL all stand

 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in Ionely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to the tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

3. O come, O branch of Jesse, free, your own from Satan's tyranny;from depths of hell your people save;and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

4. O come, O day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

Anon. tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COMMANDMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Choir:

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT 3

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare the way before thee: Grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so pepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just: that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Chickey Bray

The passage appointed for the Epistle is written in Isaiah chapter 9, beginning at the 2nd verse.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darknesson them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us. a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

 ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Here endeth the epistle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Who is the Light of the world? Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He has come in humility, He will come again in glorious majesty.

Who is the Light of the world? Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He has come with mercy and compassion. He will come again to judge the world.

Who is the Light of the world? Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He has come to encourage the frail and strengthen the weak. He will come again with exultant joy to banish sorrow.

JOY TO THE WORLD all stand

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King:
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!Let men their songs employ;While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plainsRepeat the sounding joy,Repeat the sounding joy,Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,And makes the nations proveThe glories of His righteousness,And wonders of His love,And wonders of His love,And wonders, and wonders, of His love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE GOSPELPhoebe FergusonThe Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint John,
chapter 8 beginning at the 12th verse.

Choir: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." ¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." ¹⁹ Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Choir: Praise to thee, O Christ.

THE CREED I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven. and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one catholic and apostolic church
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE SERMON

Michael Jensen

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth; where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Matthew 6:19 All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee 1 Chronicles 29:14

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3:17

OFFERTORY MOTET - Beside Thy cradle here I stand. Remain seated Christmas Oratorio. J.S.Bach

1. Beside the cradle here I stand O Thou that ever livest Accept me, 'tis my mind and heart My soul, my strength, my ev'ry part That thou from me requirest. 2. And bring Thee with a willing hand The very gifts Thou givest Accept me, 'tis my mind and heart My soul, my strength, my ev'ry part That thou from me requirest.

NOTICES

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully (to accept our alms and oblations, and) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty: beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the comandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort: and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievious unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and stengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Hear also what St Paul saith:

This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1Timothy 1:15

Hear also what St John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins 1 John 2:1-2

THE PREFACE

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,

that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, (Holy Father) almighty, everlasting God.

A seasonal preface will follow at Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

Choir:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS.

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord. trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee: and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

here the priest is to take the paten into his hands

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

here the priest shall break the bread

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper he took the cup;

here the priest is to take the cup into his hands and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying Drink ye all of this;

here the priest lays a hand on every vessel with wine to be consecrated for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood ws shed for thee and be thankful.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest says either the Prayer of Oblation or the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Oblation

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee: humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. Amen

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithfull people; and also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

THE GLORIA

All stand. Choir sings GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy: thou only art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

POSTLUDE - Quand Jésus naquit à Noël, Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

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Friday 18 December

7pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols

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5pm – Family Christmas 9pm – Jazz Christmas 11pm – Choral Communion

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