ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
“America’s Parish Church”
NEW YORK CITY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020
Prelude
Sat. 5:30pm and Sun. 1:00pm  “Chorale Prelude on Es ist ein’ Ros’ entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8”
Johannes Brahms

Sun. 10:15am  “Rorate Caeli”
Jeanne Demessieux
**THE ORDER OF MASS**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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**ENRICHED TRANSLATION**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile until the Son of God appear.
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who ordrest all things mightily; To us the path of ancient times didst show.
3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny, That trust in thee might safely travel home; Make safe the way that leadeth on high, And close the path to misery.
4. O come, thou Key of David, come, And open wide the gates of bliss, And cheer us, desiring night; Disperse the gloom, that by thy draw’ning light; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our King of peace.
5. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us, day-spring from on high, And cheer us, desiring night; Disperse the gloom, that by thy draw’ning light; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our King of peace.
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us, day-spring from on high, And cheer us, desiring night; Disperse the gloom, that by thy draw’ning light; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our King of peace.
7. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile until the Son of God appear.
When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”

“It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Columba Kelly, OSB

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. R

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.” R

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.” R

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL  “Veni Emmanuel Alleluia”
Jennifer Pascual

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.
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GOSPEL  Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”
But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”
And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God.”
Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all 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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

**HYMN**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

STUTTGART

1. Come, thou long - ex - pected Jesus,
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
3. Born thy people to de - liv - er,
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

Born to set thy people free; From our fears and
Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of
Born a child, and yet a king, Born to reign in
Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -

sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
SANCTUS

Mass of Charity and Love
Steven Warner

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Mass of Charity and Love
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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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GREAT AMEN

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Amen, Amen, Amen.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

DOXOLOGY

For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion.

We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
My soul rejoices in God my savior.

My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.

1. My soul proclaims your mighty deeds. My spirit sings the greatness of your name.
2. Your mercy flows throughout the land, and every generation knows your love.
3. You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life.
4. You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away.
5. Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel.

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

HELMSLEY

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
2. Every eye shall now behold him,
3. Those dear tokens all adore thee,
4. Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,

1. Once for our salvation slain,
2. Robed in dreadful majesty;
3. Still his dazzling body bears,
4. High on thine eternal throne;

1. Thou sand thou sand saints attending
2. Those who set at nought and sold him,
3. Cause of endless exultation
4. Savior, take the pow'r and glory;

1. Swell the triumph of his train; Allelulia!
2. Pierced, and nailed him to the tree, Deeply
3. To his ransomed worshipers; With what
4. Claim the kingdom for thine own: Allelulia!

1. Lucian! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Wailing, deeply wailing, deeply
3. Rapture, with what rapture, with what
4. Lucian! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Lucian! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.
3. Rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Lucian! Christ shalt reign and thou alone.
POSTLUDE
Sat. 5:30pm and Sun. 1:00pm  “March on a theme by Handel (Lift Up Your Heads), Op. 15, No. 2”  
Alexandre Guilmant

Sun. 10:15am  
“Toccata on Veni Emmanuel”  
Adolphus Hailstork
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).
Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CATHOLICS
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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