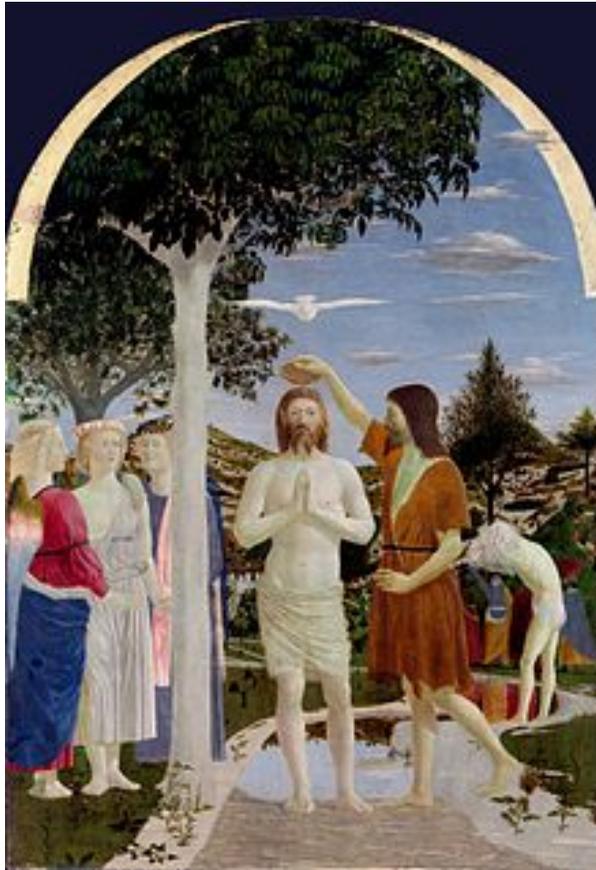




THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Sunday December 12th 2021 at 4:00 PM

Evensong for the Third Sunday of Advent



The Baptism of Christ by Piero della Francesca (c.1415–1492)

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation stands as the choir enters.

Introit **Never Weather-beaten Sail** T. CAMPION (1567-1620)

1 Never weather-beaten sail
 more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim's limbs
 affected slumber more,
Than my weary sprite now longs
 to fly out of my troubled breast.
O come quickly, O come quickly,
O come quickly, sweetest Lord,
 and take my soul to rest.

2 Ever blooming are the joys
 of heaven's high paradise.
Cold age deafe not there our ears,
 nor vapor dims our eyes;
Glory there the sun outshines,
 whose beams the blessed only see.
O come quickly, O come quickly,
O come quickly, glorious Lord,
 and raise my sprite to thee.

Opening Sentence

The congregation remains standing for the exhortation and kneels when called to confession.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Preces

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM (C.1603-45)

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

O God, make speed to save us;

The congregation stands for the "Gloria Patri".

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

*The congregation sits after the choir sings the first verse of the first psalm,
and stands for the "Gloria Patri" as the choir sings the last verse of the second psalm.*

Psalms

13 *Usque quo, Domine?*

W. MORLEY

14 *Dixit inspiens.*

E. EDWARDS

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? / how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? / how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; / lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him'; / for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice.
5 But my trust is in thy mercy, / and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; / yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

THE fool hath said in his heart, / 'There is no God.'

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings; / there is none that doeth good, no not one.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, / to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; / there is none that doeth good, no not one.

5 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, / eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

6 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was; / for God is in the generation of the righteous.

7 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor; / because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

8 O that salvation for Israel were come out of Sion! / When the Lord restoreth the fortunes of his people,

9 Then shall Jacob rejoice, / and Israel shall be right glad.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation sits for the Old Testament Lesson.

First Lesson Isaiah 32. 1 – 18

The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, in the 32nd chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand. Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the

multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The congregation may stand or remain seated for the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn *Conditore alme siderum.*

MODE IV

1 Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.

2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the medicine, full of grace,
To save and heal a ruined race.

3 Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide;
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.

4 At whose dread Name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

5 O thou whose coming is with dread
To judge and doom the quick and dead,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every insult of the foe.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honour, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Words: 7th cent.; trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

The congregation stands for the Magnificat.

Magnificat *Tonus peregrinus with fauxbourdons by W. BYRD (c.1539-1623)*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation sits for the New Testament Lesson.

Second Lesson Matthew 3

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.

Nunc Dimittis Tone I with fauxbourdons by BYRD

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Mutual Salutation

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM

Precentor:

The Lord be with you;

Let us pray.

Choir:

And with thy spirit.

The congregation kneels.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father which 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Versicles & Responses

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM

Precentor:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

O Lord, save the Queen;

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

O Lord, save thy people;

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir:

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O Lord.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare 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.* (Advent III)

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.* (The Season of Advent)

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The congregation sits for the Anthem.

Anthem

The Song of Zechariah

C. V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

(Benedictus Dominus Deus)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:68-79

The congregation kneels for the Prayers.

Prayers

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The congregation stands for the Closing Hymn.

Closing Hymn Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding

MERTON

1 Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say. "Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"	2 Wakened by the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us all, with tears of sorrow, Pray that we may be forgiven;	4 That when next he comes with glory, And the world is wrapped in fear, With his mercy he may shield us, And with words of love draw near.
5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing To the Father and the Son, With the everlasting Spirit, While eternal ages run.	

Words: 10th cent. Latin; trans. E. Caswall (1814-78)

Music: W. H. Monk (1823-89)
desc. A. Gray (1855-1935)

Voluntary Pièce Héroïque

C. FRANCK (1822-90)

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