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Agnus Dei  
 from the  
 plainsong  
 Mass XVII  
 for Advent  
 & Lent



**K** COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Say to the fainthearted, take courage and Dicite: Pusillamines confortamini, et fear not; behold our God will come, and nolite timere: ecce Deus noster will save us. veniet, et salvabit nos.*

Communion Motet—  
**“Audivi”** by John Tavener (1495-1545)  
*I heard there was a cry at midnight, see the Bridegroom is coming*



**L** POST COMMUNION PRAYER  
 Tuam, Domine, clementiam imploramus, ut haec divina subsidia, a vitiis expiatis, ad festa ventura nos praeparent. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that this divine help we have received may purify us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feast days.*

Organ voluntary: Improvisation on “Wachet Auf” (“Sleepers Wake”) by Bach

## VESPERS & BENEDICTION

WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.  
 YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME  
 PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

The name of the Third Sunday of Advent ‘*Gaudete*’ (Rejoice!) comes from the Introit and the Epistle. It reminds us that even though what we await is not yet fully given to us, namely the coming of Christ, we can ‘look forward’ with joy to the day of His coming.



The Annunciation The Visitation  
**The Lord is near!**

This is the reason for the lightening of the mood: the Rose-coloured vestments instead of the sombre purple, and the ‘playing of the merry organ’ which otherwise is only used for the barest accompaniments in the rest of Advent.

**A** INTROIT  
 Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Psalm. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

*Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Psalm: Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.  
 Kyrie from “Spatzen Mass (KV220) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

**B** COLLECT  
 Deus, qui conspicias populum tuum nativitatis dominicae festivitatem fideliter expectare, praesta, quaesumus, ut valeamus ad tantae salutis gaudia pervenire, et ea votis sollemnibus alacri semper laetitia celebrare. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.....per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*O God, who seest that Thy People faithfully await the festival of the Lord's birth, grant us, we beseech Thee, the strength to reach the joys brought us by Thy great salvation, and exultantly to celebrate those joys for ever with our solemn offering of worship.*

**C** First reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.  
 Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

## D GRADUAL

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen Joannes erat: hic venit. V. Ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, et parare Domino plebem perfectam.

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John: he came so that he might be a witness to the light, and prepare for the Lord a people made perfect.*

## E Second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and He will not fail you. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

## F ALLELUIA

Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni, ut salvos facias nos.

*Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us.*

## G GOSPEL - A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, there was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to 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, he 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." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying 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 whom you do not know, He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.


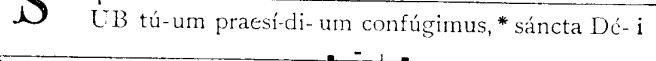
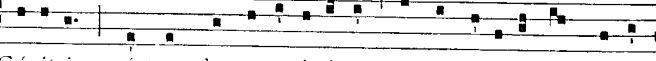
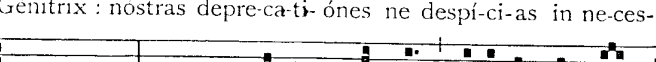
Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe**

**CREDO III—see Mass book page 27 or 28**

**At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.**

*We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.*

*Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.*

7.   
UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, \* sáncta Dé-i  
  
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-  
  
si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúncis líbe-ra nos sem-  
  
per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

## Offertory Motet "Estote fortes" by Luca Marenzio (1533/4-1599)

*"Be strong in the spiritual battle and fight. Be wise as serpents and receive the kingdom which is eternal. Alleluia"*

## H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Devotionis nostrae tibi, Domine, quaesumus, hostia iugiter immoletur, quae et sacri peragat instituta mysterii, et salutare tuum nobis potenter operetur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen

*May the sacrifice of our devotion be continually offered unto Thee, O Lord, we beseech Thee; may it both fulfil Thy commandment to celebrate the sacred mysteries, and powerfully work Thy salvation within us.*

## J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternus Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae tramitem reseravit: ut, cum sedundo venerit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto demum munere capiamus, quod vigilantes nunc audemus expectare promissum.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

*It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God.,*

*Who at His first coming humbly took flesh in fulfilment of the ancient covenant and opened up for us the path of eternal salvation, so that when He comes again in the glory of His majesty, we may at last manifestly obtain what now we await in earnest expectation.*

*Wherefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominations and with all the company of heaven, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:*

Sanctus from Mass XVII for Advent & Lent



San- ctus, \* San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt coe- li et  
ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Bene- díctus qui ve-nit in  
nó-mi-ne Dómini. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.