

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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10:00 am

SUNG MASS

Voluntary: Fantasia for Double Organ

Orlando Gibbons

Processional Hymn 10: "On Jordan's bank"

Winchester New

Introit: *Gaudete in Domino*

Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85:1

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. (Psalm) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *Gloria Patri.* Rejoice in...

Kyrie eleison (*Missa super Dixit Maria*)

Hans Leo Hassler

Lord, have mercy upon us. (*thrice*) Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Collect of the Day (*congregation kneeling*)

First Reading (*congregation sitting*)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

At the end of each reading the People respond: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Qui sedes, Domine*

Psalm 80:1

Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come. **V.** Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Second Reading

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brethren: Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but

test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Gospel Acclamation: *Excita, Domine (congregation standing)* *Psalm 80:2b*

Alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.

Before the Gospel:

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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, even 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.

After the Gospel reading:

V. The Gospel of the Lord. **R.** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon *(congregation sitting)*

Nicene Creed *(congregation standing)*

Hymnal 720

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, (genuflect) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (stand) 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, the 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 holy 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.

Prayers of the People (*congregation kneeling*)

Confession, Absolution and Comfortable Words

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 grievous 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.

Offertory Antiphon: *Benedixisti, Domine* (*congregation sitting*)

Psalm 85:1-2

O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Anthem at the Offertory: "This is the record of John"

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered: No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? that we may give answer unto them that sent us. What say'st thou of thyself? And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord. (John 1:19-23)

Offertory Hymn 7: "Hark! the glad sound!"

Bristol

After the altar is prepared the priest says,

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty.

The People stand and respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of Advent

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Missa super Dixit Maria*)

Hans Leo Hassler

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *The People kneel. After the Elevations:*

Priest: The mystery of faith.

The People with the Priest:

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Our Father (*congregation standing*)

Hymnal 722

The Priest continues: "Deliver us ... and safe from all distress."

The People respond:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace and Fraction

The Priest offers a prayer for the peace of Christ, and then says:

V. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **R.** And with thy spirit.

Those who wish to exchange the Peace may "offer the sign of peace to those nearest and in a sober manner." The exchange is optional, and those who prefer not to exchange the Peace should kneel.

All kneel after the exchange of Peace.

At the Fraction:

V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (*Missa super Dixit Maria*)

Hans Leo Hassler

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. *The People respond thrice:*

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: *Dicite: Pusillanimes*

Isaiah 35:4

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come for a blessing (crossing their arms over their chest), and join us in praying for the day when our Lord's prayer "that we all may be one" will be fulfilled. It is not possible to receive Communion by intinction at this Mass.

Motet: "Almighty and everlasting God"

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, collect originally for 3 Epiphany)

Ablutions Hymn 442: "O very God of very God"

Bangor

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*said by the congregation kneeling with the celebrant*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in 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, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we 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.

Post-Communion Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

The Priest gives the blessing and the people respond: Amen.

The Priest dismisses the People, and they respond: Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel (*congregation standing*)

John 1:1-14

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 11: "The King shall come when morning dawns"

St. Stephen

Voluntary: Toccata No. 1 in D minor

Georg Muffat



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Saint John the Baptist is a Catholic parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, using the Divine Worship Missal, authorized by the Holy See for use in the Ordinariate. Those interested in instruction about the Ordinariate, and those interested in entering the full communion of the Catholic Church are invited to speak with Fr Ousley. The Saint John's Rectory (and parish mailing address) is at 502 Ford Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405. The telephone is 215-247-1092. The web site is: www.sjbbridgeport.org.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 18
 Tuesday, December 19
 Wednesday, December 20
 Thursday, December 21
 Friday, December 22
 Saturday, December 23
 Sunday, December 24

Advent Feria
 Advent Feria: Mass, 6 p.m.
 Advent Feria: Mass & Healing, 10 a.m.
 Advent Feria: Mass, 6 p.m.
 Advent Feria: Mass, noon
 Advent Feria: Mass, 9 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sung Mass, 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass with Carols, 5 p.m.
 Carols, 10 p.m.
 Sung Mass, 10:30 p.m.

LESSONS FOR MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

ADVENT III	Morning		Evening	
Sunday 12/17	Isaiah 28:9-22	Revelation 21:9-22:5	Isaiah 30:8-21	Matthew 3
Monday	Isaiah 30:19-end	Mark 7:1-23	Isaiah 31	Revelation 18
Tuesday	38:1-20	7:24-8:10	40:1-11	19
Wednesday	40:12-end	8:11-9:1	41	20
Thursday	42:1-17	9:2-32	42:18-43:13	21:1-14
Friday	43:14-44:5	9:33-end	44:6-23	21:15-22:5
Saturday	44:24-45:13	10:1-31	45:14-end	22:6-end
Sunday 12/24	Isaiah 35	Revelation 22:6-end	Zechariah 2:10-end	Titus 2:11-3:7

Collect for Sunday & the Ferias: O Lord Jesus 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 with-out end. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

Sick: Delbert, Vanessa, Patricia, Samuel, Hyacinth, Delores, Terraine, Martha, Charmaine, Adele, Angela, Charles, Bell; Marion, Timothy, Mary Joan, Mary Charles, Gary, Linda, Howard, Richard, Joyce, Louis, Marta, Sylvia, Morris, Sally, Marion, Alicia, Jerry, Cecily, Luke, Lisa, Richard

Clergy: Francis, Benedict, Steven, Charles, John, David, Thomas

In Formation for Priesthood: Matthew, Aaron, Nathan, Nicholas

Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter; the unity of the Church; Sacred Heart (Swedesburg)

Persecuted Christians

Those who are with child: Teresa, Mary Beth, Ciara, Eileen

Armed Forces, especially Aidan & all others in action

Pursuing higher education: Janice, Elizabeth, Charles, Aquinas, Cheryl, Eliza, Bruno, Michael, Rachel, Lisa

Seeking employment: Joanna, Joshua, Kevin, Philomena, Joann, Beverly

Birthday: Anne Hummel

R.I.P.: Jane Jennings, Fredrick Cooper

NOTICES

All are invited to stay for **coffee hour** in the parish hall next door after the Mass. Sunday school meets during coffee hour: the children follow the crucifer out during the last hymn. No coffee hour next Sunday.

The new **parish directories** are available this morning. Please note that this information is for internal use only. Please do not share outside the parish. Special thanks to Cristina Shiffman for preparing the new directories. **Ordo calendars** for 2018 are also available this morning, sponsored by the Jacob Ruth Funeral Home. This is a labor of love of John Covert (who visited us from Boston last year), with proceeds going to the Ordinariate. Additional copies are \$4.

The **Wednesday Bible Study** is off until after New Year's.

There will be an Advent **Holy Hour** after Mass this Tuesday, December 19th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration for an hour after the 6 p.m. Mass, with an address, silence, and opportunity for confession. Prepare for your Christmas Communion with a sacramental confession!

The **Thrift Shop** is open Tuesday only this week, 10-3. It will be closed December 23rd, 26th, and 30th.

Christmas Eve Masses are at 5 and 10:30 p.m. (Carols at 10). Christmas Day, 10 a.m. Note that Mass (10 a.m. here or a Saturday Vigil Mass in your local parish) on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24th, is still obligatory, even if one assists at a Christmas Mass later that day. Final adornment of the church for Christmas (flowers, etc.) takes place after the 10 a.m. Mass. Plan to stay for a bit to help out. Coffee provided for those who help.

Fr Ousley hears **confessions** in the confessional at the back of the nave on Sunday, 9-9:45 a.m., Thursday 5:30-5:45 p.m., this Saturday after the 9 o'clock Mass, and others times by appointment.

The O Antiphons

For use as an antiphon with the Magnificat at Evening Prayer, or for devotion in another way.

- December 17 O Wisdom, which comest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reacheth from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: come and teach us the way of prudence. (Ecclus. XXIV, 3 - Wisd. VIII, 1)
- 18 O Adonai, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest to him the Law in Sinai; come to deliver us with an outstretched arm. (Ex III, 2, 19; VI, 6, 3)
- 19 O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the peoples, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: come and deliver us, and tarry not. (Isaiah XI, 10; III, 15; Habbakuk II, 3)
- 20 O Key of David, and Sceptre of the House of Israel, that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth, come and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death. (Is. XXII, 22; XIII, 7)
- 21 O Day-Spring, Brightness of the Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness, come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of death. (Luke I, 78, 79; Malachi IV, 2)
- 22 O King of nations, and their Desire, the Corner-stone, who makest both one, come and save mankind, whom Thou formedst of clay. (Haggai II, 7; Is. XXVIII, 16; Ephesians II, 14)
- 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their salvation: come and save us, O Lord our God! (Is. VII, 14, VIII, 8, XXXIII, 22; Gen. XII, 10; Matthew XXI, 21; Is. XIII, 4)
- 24 (*in the morning*) O Virgin of Virgins, how shall this be? - for neither before Thee was any like Thee, nor shall there be hereafter: Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? - the thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.