

# Gaudete Sunday

Year C, RCL

12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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*Welcome to Saint John's! We're so glad you are here. We ask you to wear a mask while you're present, and to sign in, as part of our Covid protocols. Since the Sung Mass is longer than the Diocesan recommendation, please feel free to come or go as needed. Thank you!*

## LOW MASS

RITE I

at eight o'clock in the morning

**Mass begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer. Refer to Sung Mass program, below, for details. All music is omitted.**

## SUNG MASS

RITE I

at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning

**Prelude**      *Pifa, from 'Messiah', George Frideric Händel (1685-1759)*

Entrance Hymn 67      Psalm 42

### **Introit** Tone VII

(Phil. 4:4-6) Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. (Ps. 85:1) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be... and to the Holy Ghost. As it was... and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Rejoice ye (*etc.*)

**Salutation**      Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 323

**Collect for Purity**    BCP Page 323

**Kyrie eleison** (Hymnal S 91) BCP Page 324

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

**Collect of the Day**    BCP Page 160

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

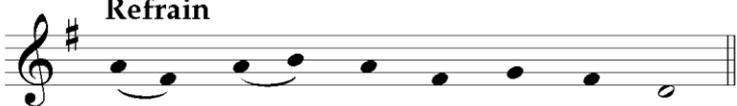
**First Lesson**    Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

**Gradual** Canticle 9    *Ecce, Deus*

*The Refrain for the Psalm is intoned by the Choir and immediately repeated by the Congregation. The People also join in singing the Refrain as indicated in the text.*

**Refrain**

Mode 7   
Sing the prais - es of the Lord.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

**Refrain**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;



is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Response*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**            Father Solon

**Nicene Creed** BCP Page 326

*(At the words "by the power of the Holy Spirit", please **bow or kneel** until after "and was made man.", when you again **stand**.)*

**Prayers of the People** BCP Page 328

**Confession of Sin and Absolution** BCP Page 331

**The Peace**        BCP Page 332

**Offertory verse**        Tone II

(Ps. 85:2) 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.

**Offertory Hymn 481** Gopsal

*During the Offertory, we offer our gifts to God. If you are reading this online, please make your own offering to St. John's [here](#) or if in-person, in the offering plate as you leave.*

**Orate Fratres**

*Celebrant:* Pray brothers and sisters that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*Response:* **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

**Secreta** *said by Celebrant in a low voice*

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the continual offering of this sacrifice of our bounden duty: may fulfil thine institution of this sacred mystery, and may accomplish in us the wondrous work of thy salvation. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God *Aloud* Throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

**Sursum corda** (Hymnal S 112)      BCP Page 340

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (Hymnal S 114, Willan)      BCP Page 341

**Eucharistic Prayer II** BCP Page 340

**Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal S 119)      BCP Page 336

**Agnus Dei** (Hymnal S 158, Willan)      BCP Page 337

**Prayer of Humble Access**      BCP Page 337

**Ecce Agnus Dei**

*Celebrant:* ✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that takest away the sins of the world.

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

*All baptized Christians who may receive in their own traditions are most welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*

*Because of the current health crisis, we have changed our manner of receiving the Blessed Sacrament. For now, only the Host will be administered, standing by the first pew, and in the hand only. Line up in the center aisle, maintaining social distancing of at least six feet, and be masked. Once you have received the Host, you should walk left or right, past the pulpit or lectern. You may consume the Host once you return to your seat.*

**Communion verse**      Tone I

(Is. 35:4) Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

**Hymn 71 after the Communion**      Bristol

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 68      Llangloffan

Announcements, Blessings, and The Angelus



1. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je-sus. **Holy Mary, Mother of God,**



pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.    A - men.



2. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it unto me ac-cord-ing to thy Word.**

Hail Mary...

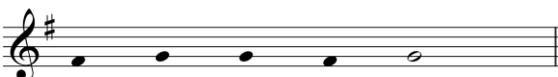


3. And the Word was made flesh.    And dwelt a - mong\_ us.

Hail Mary...



4. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,    that we may be made worthy of the



prom - is - es of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross (✠) and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Postlude**      *Bicinium on 'Coventry Carol', John Barr (b. 1938)*

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

Please continue to join us each Sunday for Mass at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am EST both in-person and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Thrift Shop is open - Regular hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Masks are required, as is social distancing, and hand sanitizer is available at the door.

We are pleased to offer secure online donations for the mission and ministry of Saint John's. If you are reading this bulletin on line, you may click [here](#) to make your donation to-day.

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## MILESTONES FOR THIS WEEK

### Birthdays

Sarah Bruce, Jennifer Giunta,  
William Schuller, Kevin Michael Sutak

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S

**For those reading this on-line, our full Calendar can be found [here](#).**

**To-day, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Advent Lessons & Carols with Benediction at 4:00 pm

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Thrift Shop is open, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Narcotics Anonymous at 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent FERIA**

Low Mass

via livestream on Facebook and YouTube and in-person

**Saturday**, 18<sup>th</sup> December

Thrift Shop is open, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Sunday**, 19<sup>th</sup> December **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Low Mass at 8:00 am

Sung Mass at 10:30 am

via livestream on Facebook and YouTube and in-person

**COMING UP:**

**Friday**, 24<sup>th</sup> December: The Midnight Mass of Christmas, 11 pm (sung)

**Saturday**, 25<sup>th</sup> December: The Christmas Dawn Mass, 8:30 am (said)

The Christmas Day Mass, 10:30 am (sung)



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