THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude
Improvisation on the Introit for Gaudete Sunday

Introit
Gaudete in Domino

Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Kyrie
Missa Emmanuel | Richard Proulx

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: My soul rejoices, my soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy.

Refrain: My soul rejoices, my soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Acclamation
Chant Mode VI

Verse: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Homily
**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, (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.

**Universal Prayer**

Response:  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**  Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

**Invitation to Prayer**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**Preface Dialogue**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**
**Eucharistic Acclamations**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**
**Heaven 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.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

People: Amen.

**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

All: 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.

**Sign of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.

**Agnus Dei**

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**Invitation to Communion**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion**

I Received the Living God

**Prayer after Communion**
The Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

Rejoice the Lord is King

Postlude

Noël X | Louis-Claude Daquin

Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez, organist

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The Advent Wreath

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. The candles are lit in that order. The candles provide a strong contrast between dark and light. Jesus is the light of the world that came down to dispel the darkness that exists in our hearts and in the world because of the darkness of sin. Each week, a new candle is lighted gradually dispelling more and more of the darkness as we draw ever closer to the coming of Christ at Christmas.