

**Sunday 29 November 2020**

*Liturgical Colour: Violet.*

Prelude: *Rorate Caeli Chorale*, Jeanne M. Demessieux (1921-68)

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## **Mass Today**

### **The Introductory Rites**

*All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Antiphon is sung:*

Entrance / INTROIT: **Tune: Merton** by *W.H. Monk (1823-89)*

Laudate hymn number: 92 Hark! A herald voice is calling

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### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 24: 1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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### **Sign of the Cross**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

## Greeting

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

*Or:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Or:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*All recite together the formula of general confession:*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*Either:*

*V.* Lord, have mercy.

*R.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*V.* Christ, have mercy.

*R.* **Christ, have mercy.**

*V.* Lord, have mercy.

*R.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Or:*

*V.* Kyrie, eléison.

*R.* **Kyrie, eléison.**

*V.* Christe, eléison.

*R.* **Christe, eléison.**

*V.* Kyrie, eléison.

*R.* **Kyrie, eléison.**

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Let us pray.

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*All sit.*

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**First reading**

**Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8**

**O that you would tear the heavens open and come down**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,

‘Our Redeemer’ is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19**

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

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## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ·**

### **We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel.*

*They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.*

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## Gospel Acclamation

Ps84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

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*At the ambo the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest:*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N**.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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## Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

**If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the proclamation of the Gospel the congregation is seated.*

### **The Homily**

*At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection.*

*The congregation then stands.*

### **The Creed**

*The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed*

**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,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', 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.**

### **The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)**

*The Priest concludes the Prayer of the Faithful with a collect.*

*When the Liturgy of the Word has been completed, the people sit.*

Prep. of the gifts: **Tune: Aurelia** by S.S. Wesley (1810-76)

Laudate hymn number: 982 *O Jesus Christ, remember*

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

#### **The Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

*If the Priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

*If the Priest says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours



may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*

**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.**

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Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Extending his hands, the Priest says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest, raising his hands, continues:*

Lift up your hearts.

*The people:*

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

*The Priest, with hands extended, adds:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*The people:*

**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface.*

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## **Preface**

### **The two comings of Christ**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming  
the lowliness of human flesh,  
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,  
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,  
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty  
and all is at last made manifest,  
we who watch for that day  
may inherit the great promise  
in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

*The Priest concludes the Preface with the people singing or saying aloud:*

**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.**

*After this the congregation kneels for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### *Eucharistic Prayer III*

*The Priest alone says:*

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*

*Either:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial  
of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection  
and Ascension into heaven,  
and as we look forward to his second coming,  
we offer you in thanksgiving  
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death  
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,  
grant that we, who are nourished  
by the Body and Blood of your Son  
and filled with his Holy Spirit,  
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us  
an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs  
(with Saint **N.:** *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*)  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.  
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,

with your servant **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop,  
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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*When this Eucharistic Prayer is used in Masses for the Dead, the following may  
be said instead:*

Remember your servant **N.**  
whom you have called (today)  
from this world to yourself.  
Grant that he (she) who was united with your Son in a death like his,  
may also be one with him in his Resurrection,  
when from the earth  
he will raise up in the flesh those who have died,  
and transform our lowly body  
after the pattern of his own glorious body.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too,  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory,  
when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.  
For seeing you, our God, as you are,  
we shall be like you for all the ages  
and praise you without end,  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he alone says:*

**✠ Principal or all celebrants**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*The congregation stands and the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Together with the people, he continues:*

**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.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

*The Priest adds:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*And all offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake,  
which is an expression of peace, communion, and charity.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:*

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.

*And together with the people he adds once:*

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

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### **Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### **Spiritual Communion - Prayer of St Alphonsus**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

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After Communion: **Tune: Picardy** *arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*  
Laudate hymn number: 607 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated  
profit us, we pray,



for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Concluding Rites**

*Any brief announcements to the people follow here. Then the dismissal takes place.  
Sometimes this takes a more elaborate form than that given below.*

#### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, says:*

*Either:* Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:* Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:* Go in peace.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

Recession/Postlude: **Tune: Maranatha** by Estelle White

Laudate hymn number: 84 Like a sea without a shore

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