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Agnus Dei from plainsong Mass XVII

A-gnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i *

qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun-di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis

pec- cá- ta mundi : dona nobis pacem.

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Communion Motet is “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 *We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that this*
 imploramus, ut haec divina subsidia, *divine help we have received may purify us*
 a vitiis expiatis, ad festa ventura nos *of our faults and prepare us for the coming*
 praeparent. Per Christum Dominum *feast days.*
 nostrum. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: “Fantasia” on ‘Helmsley’ by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION ARE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THIRD 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. 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. This Sunday also marks the



beginning of the last week of Advent, which has always been observed as a time of especial solemnity. During the Office, on each of the days from now until Christmas Eve, the Church sings each day an antiphon begging Our Lord to come to us, addressing Him by one of His Old Testament titles: e.g. “*Wisdom*”, “*Root of Jesse*”, “*Key of David*”, and last of all “*Emmanuel*”, in words familiar to us from the hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel” which was compiled out of these antiphons.

A INTROIT

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum *Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say,*
 dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit *rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all*
 omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Ni- *men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing*
 hil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petiti- *solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let*
 ones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. *your petitions be made known to God. Psalm.*
 Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti *Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast*
 captivitatem Jacob. *turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.
Kyrie from “Mass in G” by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

B COLLECT

Deus, qui conspicias populum tuum nativitat- *O God, who seest that Thy People faith-*
 dominicae festivitatem fideliter exspectare, *fully await the festival of the Lord’s*
 praesta, quaesumus, ut valeamus ad tantae salutis *birth, grant us, we beseech Thee, the*
 gaudia pervenire, et ea votis sollemnibus alacri *strength to reach the joys brought us by*
 semper laetitia celebrare. Per Dominum nostrum *Thy great salvation, and exultantly to*
 Jesum Christum.....per omnia saecula saeculorum. *celebrate those joys for ever with our*
 Amen. *solemn offering of worship.*

C First Reading is taken from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, *Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come.* V. *Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest ovem Joseph.*

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Verbum Domini **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et *Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to veni, ut salvos facias nos* *save us.*

G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

At that time: The multitudes asked John "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than 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.

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

CREDO I—see Mass book page 25 or 26

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.

S UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus,* sáncta Dé-i

Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despi-ci-as in ne-ces-

si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúnc-tis líbe-ra nos sem-

per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet "Benedixisti Domine" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

"Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou has turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people"

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 aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

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.,

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.

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.

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

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 plainsong Mass XVII:

San- ctus,* San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- 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.