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Agnus Dei  
 from the  
 plainsong  
 Mass XVII  
 for Advent  
 & Lent

5. **A** - gnus Dé- i, \* qui tól-lis peccá-ta mún-di : mi-se-  
 ré-re nó-bis. Ágnus Dé- i, \* qui tól-lis peccá-ta mún-di :  
 mi-se-rére nó-bis. Ágnus Dé- i, \* qui tól-lis peccá-ta  
 mún-di, dóna nó-bis pá- cem.

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

Communion Motet—  
**“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  
 imploramus, ut haec divina subsidia, a  
 vitiis expiatis, ad festa ventura nos praeparent.  
 Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that  
 this divine help we have received  
 may purify us of our faults and pre-  
 pare us for the coming feast days.*

Organ voluntary: Improvisation on “Wachet Auf” (“Sleepers Wake”) by Bach

## VESPERS & BENEDICTION

WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.  
 YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME  
 PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

The name of the  
 Third Sunday of  
 A d v e n t  
 ‘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 com-  
 ing of Christ, we  
 can ‘look forward’  
 with joy to the  
 day of His coming.



The Annunciation The Visitation  
**The Lord is near!**

This is the rea-  
 son for the light-  
 ening of the  
 mood: the Rose-  
 coloured vest-  
 ments instead of  
 the sombre pur-  
 ple, and the  
 ‘playing of the  
 merry organ’  
 which otherwise  
 is only used for  
 the barest ac-  
 companiments  
 in the rest of  
 Advent.

**A** INTROIT  
 Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum  
 dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota  
 sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est.  
 Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione pe-  
 titiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum.  
*Psalm.* Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam:  
 avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

*Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say,  
 rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all  
 men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing  
 solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let  
 your petitions be made known to God. Psalm:  
 Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast  
 turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie from “Spatzen Mass (KV220) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

**B** COLLECT  
 Deus, qui conspicias populum tuum  
 nativitatis dominicae festivitatem fideliter  
 expectare, praesta, quaesumus, ut valeamus ad  
 tantae salutis gaudia pervenire, et ea votis  
 sollemnibus alacri semper laetitia celebrare. Per  
 Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.....per  
 omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*O God, who seest that Thy People faith-  
 fully await the festival of the Lord's birth,  
 grant us, we beseech Thee, the strength  
 to reach the joys brought us by Thy great  
 salvation, and exultantly to celebrate  
 those joys for ever with our solemn offer-  
 ing of worship.*

**C** First reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

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

## D GRADUAL

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen Joannes erat: hic venit. V. Ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, et parare Domino plebem perfectam. *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John: he came so that he might be a witness to the light, and prepare for the Lord a people made perfect.*

## E Second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and He will not fail you. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

## F ALLELUIA

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

## G GOSPEL- A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

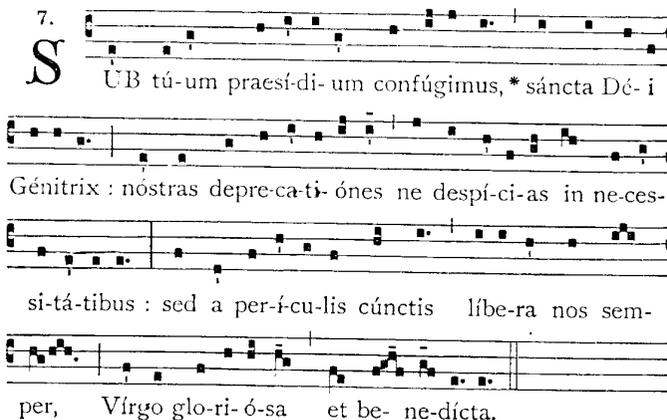
At that time, there was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem 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, 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.

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

**CREDO III**—see Mass book page 27 or 28

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 praesi-di-um confúgimus, \* sáncta Dé-i  
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-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 "Estote fortes" by Luca Marenzio (1533/4-1599)

*"Be strong in the spiritual battle and fight. Be wise as serpents and receive the kingdom which is eternal. Alleluia"*

## 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.,*

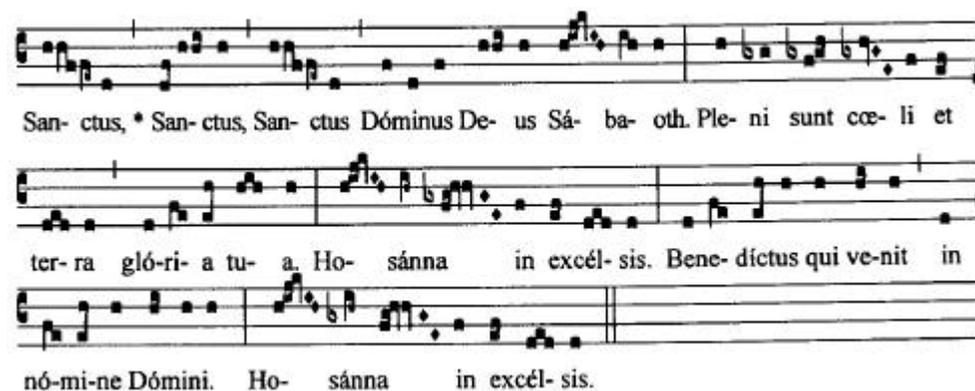
Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae tramitem reseravit: ut, cum secundo venerit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto demum munere capiamus, quod vigilantes nunc audemus expectare promissum.

*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 Mass XVII for Advent & Lent



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.