

S. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

(com. Octave of the Immaculate Conception)

Wednesday, 13 December 2023

6:15 p.m. Sung Mass



S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park
The Ancient Faith for the Contemporary World

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CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Dr Walter Hannam,
Vicar, S. Bartholomew's

CANTRIX

Katherine Hill, BMus, MA

SUNG BY

The Women of the Choir of S. Bartholomew's

ORGANIST

Fr David Smith

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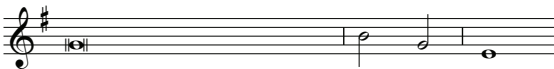
Prelude Chorale 'Liebester Jesu, wir sind hier'
(Blessed Jesu, we are here) BWV 731

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*PLEASE STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS.
THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE INTROIT.*


DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

Angelus




CELEBRANT:

1. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
2. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord;
3. And the Word was made flesh,

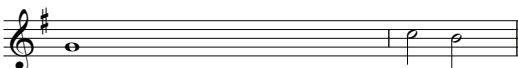


ALL:

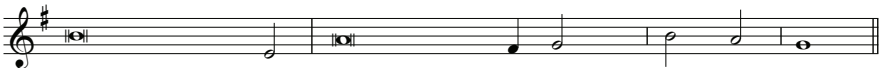
1. And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.
2. Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.
3. And dwelt a - mong - us.



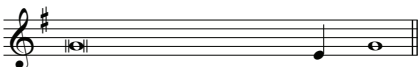
CELEBRANT: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessèd art thou among women,



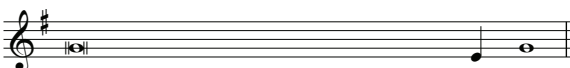
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus.



ALL: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.



CELEBRANT: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.



ALL: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.



ALL:

A - men.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

Introit — *Dilexisti*

Hebrews 1

(CANTOR) (PLEASE KNEEL)

*Thou hast loved righteousness, and hast hated iniquity:
wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil
of gladness above thy fellows.*

PS. 45 My heart is inditing of a goodly matter:

I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison (CHOIR)

Missa Alme Pater, Mode i

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, And in earth peace, good will to - wards men.

Choir *People* *Choir* *People*

We praise thee, We bless thee, We wor - ship thee, We glo - ri - fy thee,

Choir *People*

We give thanks to thee, for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

Choir

God the Fa - ther Al - migh ty. O Lord, the on - ly be got - ten Son, Je - su Christ,

People

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

Choir

That tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

People

Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Choir

Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

People *Choir*

For thou on - ly art Ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord,

All

Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collects

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

O GOD, who among the manifold works of thine almighty power hast bestowed even upon the weakness of women strength to win the victory of martyrdom: grant, we beseech thee, that we, who on this day recall the heavenly birth of Saint Lucy, thy Virgin and Martyr, may so follow in her footsteps, that we may likewise attain unto thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD who didst cause the blessed Virgin to be conceived without stain of sin, that she might be made a dwelling-place meet for thy Son: we beseech thee, that like as thou, foreseeing the merits of the death of the same thy Son, didst preserve her from all defilement, so thou wouldest suffer us in purity of heart to attain unto thee.

℟ Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

℟ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson for the Epistle: Ecclesiasticus 51:1 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the fifty-first chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus beginning at the first verse.

I WILL thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, O God my Saviour: I do give praise unto thy Name: for thou art my defender and helper, and hast preserved my body from destruction, and from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and hast been mine helper against mine adversaries. And hast delivered me, according to the multitude of thy mercies and greatness of thy Name, from the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had: from the choking of fire on every side, and from the midst of the fire which I kindled not; from the depth of the belly of hell, from an unclean tongue, and from lying words. By an accusation to the king from an unrighteous tongue my soul drew near even unto death, my life was near to the hell beneath. They compassed me on every side, and there was no man to help me: I looked for the succour of men, but there was none. Then thought I upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou deliverest such as wait for thee, and savest them out of the hands of the enemies, O Lord our God.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gradual — *Dilexisti*

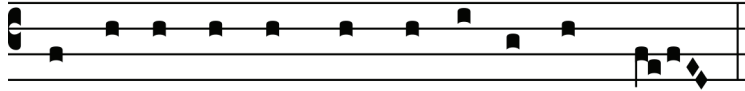
Hebrews 1

CANTORS: Thou hast loved righteousness: *



ALL: And ha- ted i- ni- qui- ty.

CANTORS: Wherefore God, even thy God: *



ALL: Hath anointed thee with the oil of glad- ness.

Alleluia — *Diffusa est*

CANTORS: Alleluia.



ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTORS: Full of grace are thy lips: *



ALL: Because God hath bles-èd thee for ev- er. Al- le-lu-



ia.

The Holy Gospel: S. Matthew 25:1 (*PLEASE STAND*)

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel according to S. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus spake this parable unto his disciples: The kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish

took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise: Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said: Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour.

℣ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

℣ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(PLEASE KNEEL)*

Offertory Antiphon — *Afferentur* (CANTOR)

Psalm 45

CANTORS: The virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company: *



ALL: And shall be brought un- to thee.

Offertory Motet (CHOIR)

French,

O radiant light, O sun divine

13th century

*O radiant light, O sun divine of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the light sublime that fills the heav'nly dwelling place.*

*O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by night and day;
our happy lips must raise the strain of your esteemed and splendid name.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades, as shine the lights of eventide,
we praise the Father with the Son, the Spirit blest and with them one. Amen.*

TEXT: PHOS HILARON (4TH CENTURY), TR. WILLIAM STOREY (1970)

English Hymnal N° 425 (PLEASE STAND)

Lead, kindly light

Lux Benigna

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,

Lead thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou

Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now

Lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,

Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still

Will lead me on

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone,

And with the morn those Angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,
and that of all his holy Church.

Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

OLORD, who seest that we do trust for our deliverance
in the advocacy of thy blessed Virgin and Martyr Saint
Lucy: grant, we beseech thee, that the gifts which we offer
unto thee on this her festival may be acceptable in thy sight.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

ACCEPT, O Lord, the sacrifice of our salvation, which
we offer unto thee on this feast of the immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: and grant that, like
as we do confess her by the prevention of thy grace to have
been preserved from every stain of sin; so by her intercession
we may be delivered from all our iniquities.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the effectual
power of these thy holy mysteries may in such wise
cleanse us from all our iniquities that we may in all purity
attain unto him who is the author of the same, even Jesus
Christ, thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

WE ✠ remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for

all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

GRANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R̄ Amen.

† *HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.*

Confession and Absolution

CELEBRANT: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee in newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
 to all them that with hearty repentance
 and true faith turn unto him:
 Have mercy upon you;
 ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
 and bring you to everlasting life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 ℞ Amen.

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface



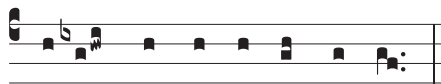
℣ The Lord be with you.



℞ And with thy spi-rit.



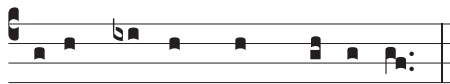
℣ Lift up your hearts.



℞ We lift them up unto the Lord.



℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



℞ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God,
Creator and Preserver of all things.

WHO in the multitude of thy Saints
hast compassed us about with so great
a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and together with them may receive
the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus (CHOIR)

*Missa Alme Pater,
Mode iv*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

HOLY, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ BLESSED is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

WHOO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat;

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU:
Do this in remembrance of me."

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and

glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

AND we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

℞ Amen.


COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say,

CELEBRANT *ALL*



O UR Father, * who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be
thy Name, Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on

earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly
bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-
give them that tres-pass a-gainst us; And lead us not
in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry,
For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Fraction and Pax

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.- R. And with thy spirit.-

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

ALL: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness,

But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
And our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei (CHOIR)

Missa Alme Pater, Mode iv

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion Antiphon — *Principes* (CANTOR)

Psalm 119

*Princes have persecuted me without a cause,
but my heart standeth in awe of thy word:
I am as glad of thy word, as one that findeth great spoils.*

THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND. PLEASE GUIDE THE CHALICE TO YOUR MOUTH BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND ONLY UPON THE BASE OF THE CHALICE. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY'

English Hymnal N° 52 (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED)

O splendour of God's glory bright

Mode i

*O splendour of God's glory bright
O thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of light, light's living spring,
O Day, all days illumining,*

*O thou true Sun, on us thy glance
Let fall in royal radiance,
The Spirit's sanctifying beam
Upon our earthly senses stream.*

*The Father, too, our prayers implore,
Father of glory evermore;*

*The Father of all grace and might,
To banish sin from our delight:*

*To guide whate'er we nobly do,
With love all envy to subdue,
To make ill-fortune turn to fair,
And give us grace our wrongs to bear.*

*Our mind be in his keeping placed,
Our body true to him and chaste,
Where only faith her fire shall feed,
To burn the tares of Satan's seed.*

*And Christ to us for food shall be,
From him our drink that wellethe free,
The Spirit's wine, that maketh whole,
And, mocking not, exalts the soul.*

*All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the holy Parclete. Amen.*

Communion Motet (CHOIR)

Traditional,

Hark, through the darksome night

Naples and Sweden

*Hark, through the darksome night sounds come a-winged,
lo, 'tis the Queen of Light joyfully singing:
Clad in her garment white, wearing her crown of light:
Sancta Lucia, Sancta Lucia.*

*Deep in the northern sky bright stars are beaming,
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming:
Welcome, thou vision rare, lights glowing in thy hair:
Sancta Lucia, Sancta Lucia.*

*Here on this darkest night, come with thy shining light:
Sancta Lucia, Sancta Lucia.*

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collects

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, which have here received these holy mysteries: and grant, that at the intercession of thy blessed Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy we may thereby be made worthy to rejoice in thy everlasting protection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

OLORD, who in her Conception didst wondrously preserve the Blessed Virgin Mary from all sin: grant, we beseech thee; that the Sacrament, which we have received, may heal in us the wounds of the sins which we have committed.

℞ Amen.

ASSIST us, O Lord, we pray thee, so to wait for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: that we may with all worthy reverence prevent the coming festival of our redemption. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Blessing *(CELEBRANT)*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

℞ Amen.

Dismissal *(PLEASE STAND)*

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.



∇ De- part- in peace.



℞ Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel: S. John 1:1 *(PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)*

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light,

that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(ALL KNEEL)* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH *(ALL RISE)*, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Postlude Improvisation

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