

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24 December 2023

The Annunciation by John William Waterhouse

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, December 23 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, December 24 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, Eileen Maguire,
and Virgen Palermo, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24 | 9:30 a.m.

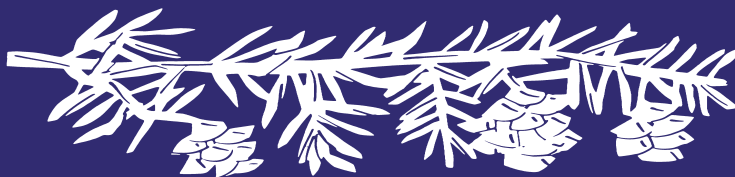
Brian McGraw, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

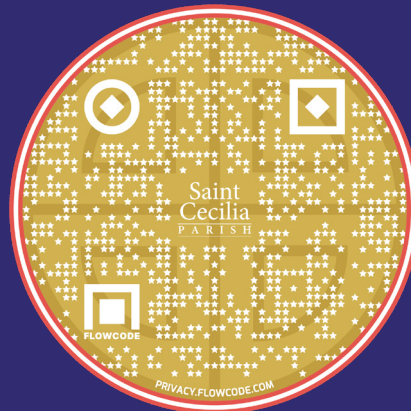
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Bob Mann died on Sunday, December 18. His funeral Mass was this Thursday. Pray for Bob's eternal repose and for the consolation of his family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Sue Ryan, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Coffee Hospitality Pause

In order to give our hardworking coffee hospitality team a well-deserved break, we will not be serving coffee on December 24, Christmas Day, or on Sunday, December 31. Coffee hospitality will resume on Sunday, January 7 after the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies.

Christmas Flowers

You are invited to remember your loved ones by donating towards the Christmas flowers that will grace our sanctuary. In the rear of the church you will find envelopes and a basket that you can use for this purpose. You can also bring your envelope to the reception desk. **Please note that all names submitted after the December 11 deadline will be published in the Epiphany bulletin.** Please be sure to PRINT clearly. If you'd like to participate online, please visit the following link to donate: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/christmas-flowers-2023> and this link to record the name(s) of your loved one(s): <https://bit.ly/3Rjd2JH>

A Note on Space

As you may have noticed, our numbers have grown quite a bit over the past couple months. We're thrilled that so many have found a home in our community, and we would like to remind you to please be thoughtful of those around you. If you see someone in the need of a seat, in particular an elderly person, a pregnant woman, or a child, please make space for them as you would on the T! Thank you!

Saint Cecilia Monthly Holy Hour

Please note that there will be no Holy Hour on January 2. The Saint Cecilia Young Adults, who facilitate our Holy Hour, will resume their monthly schedule on Tuesday, February 6. We hope to see you then!

Young Families Ministry Meet-Up

Saint Cecilia's Young Families Ministry will meet in the Family Flex Center following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on New Year's Eve! Come celebrate in fellowship with other young families as we look to the New Year!

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please note that since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, our Sunday schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24) has changed. Masses that are also livestreamed are marked with an asterisk (*) and can be viewed at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Sunday, December 24 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.* **ONLY**

*Please note that this is our **ONLY** Sunday morning liturgy.*

Sunday, December 24 | Christmas Eve

Mass | 4:00 p.m.* & 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25 | Christmas Day

Mass | 9:30 a.m.*

*Please note that this is the **ONLY** Mass on Christmas Day.*

Tuesday, December 26–Friday, December 29

Parish offices closed.

Wednesday, December 27 | Thursday, December 28 | Friday, December 29

Weekday Mass | 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mass | 8:00, 9:30*, & 11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 1 | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Mass | 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 7 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass | 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

Please note that there will be no 6:00 p.m. liturgy on December 17, 24, and 31.



clergytrust healthier priests.
stronger communities.

SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS CHRISTMAS

Your support helps Clergy Trust care for our priests in good standing so they can continue building stronger communities for all.

Learn more
and give today at
clergytrust.org

SCAN HERE for
Venmo, Google/
Apple Pay, PayPal
via Givebutler.





Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

24 December 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT

Welcome to Saint Cecilia!

We welcome especially all our guests or visitors who are joining us this weekend. Please know you are always welcome.

PRELUDE | Pastoral Symphony from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

THE ORDER OF THE MASS INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence
2. O come, De-sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
long fore-told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav-ior, haste! Come, come to
shall your God-head see.

earth. Dis-pel the night and show your face, And bid us
hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di-vine Mes -
si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

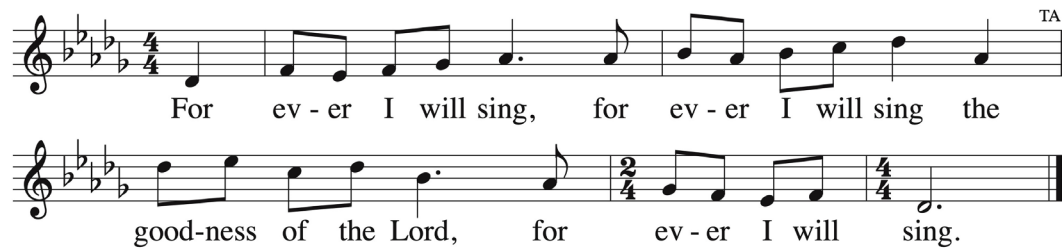
All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16



II will sing forever of your mercies,
O LORD;

through all ages my mouth will
proclaim your fidelity.

I have declared your mercy is
established forever;
your fidelity stands firm as the
heavens. *R.*

“With my chosen one I have made a
covenant;
I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your descendants
forever,
and set up your throne through all
ages.” *R.*

“He will call out to me, ‘You are my
father,
my God, the rock of my salvation.’
I will keep my faithful love for him
always;
with him my covenant shall last.” *R.*

SECOND READING | Romans 16: 25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia from *Missa de Lumine*

arranged by Kathleen Demny



GOSPEL | Luke 1: 26-38

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,
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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

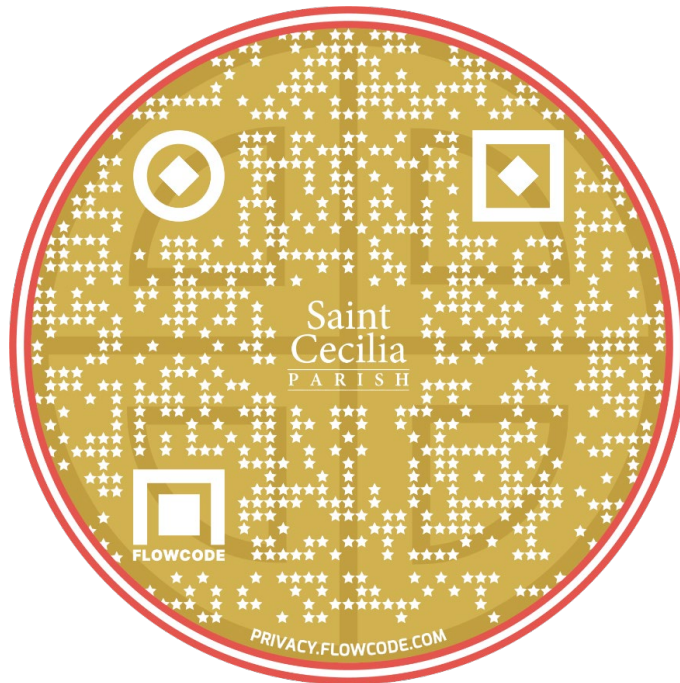
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115




LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

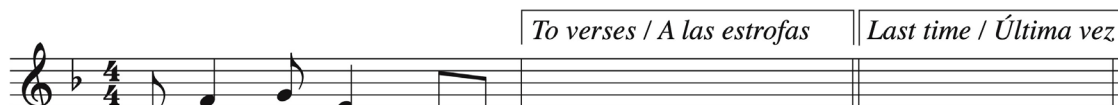
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS | My Soul in Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen

Refrain / Estribillo



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;
En el si - len - cio te a - guar - do a ti, Se - ñor.



tru - ly my hope is in you. you.
Tú e - res mi luz y mi a - mor. mor.

To verses / A las estrofas *Last time / Última vez*

Verses / Estrofas



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
1. *Oh Sol na - cien - te, tu glo - ria es - pe -*
2. *Fuen - te de go - zo, da - nos a - gua*
3. *En nues - tras al - mas e - cha tus ra -*
4. *Sa - bi - du - rí - a, guí - a nues - tros*
5. *En su pre - sen - cia en - tre - mos y pos -*
6. *Nos re - u - ni - mos con quien los cie - los*



glo - ry, Your ra - diance shines in all who look to
 spir - its; Our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
 in us, And in your ad - vent, draw us all to
 ra - mos *Y tu bri - llar en nues - tro co - ra -*
 vi - va. *Ver - bo de Dios, te - ne - mos sed de*
 í - ces. *Por tu lle - ga - da a trá - e - nos a*
 pa - sos. *Aun - que bus - ca - mos, no hay sa - tis - fac -*
 tré - mo - nos. *El co - ra - zón a - bra - mos al Se -*
 hi - zo, *De las mon - ta - ñas y ma - res, el Crea -*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✦ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✦ Lift up your hearts.

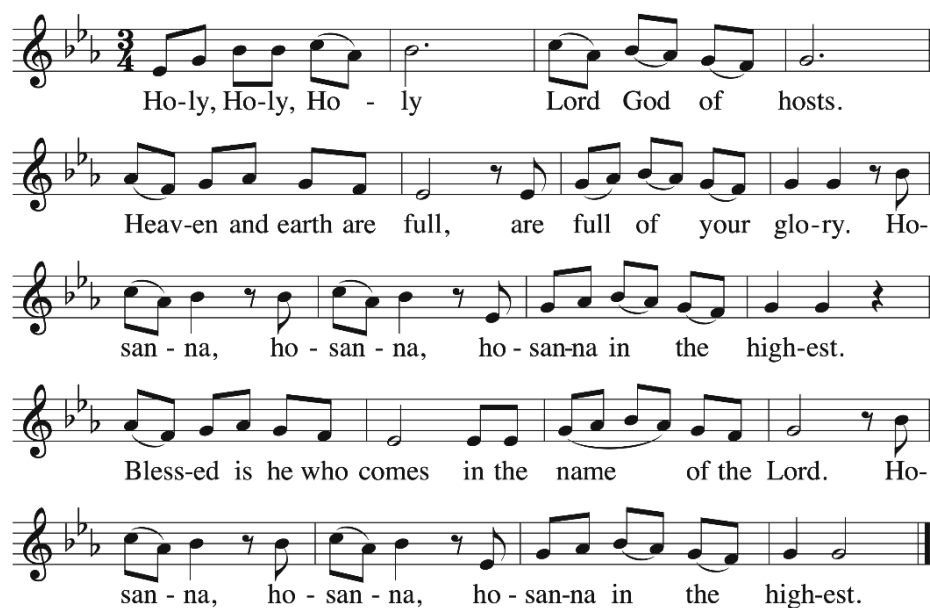
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✦ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | *Missa de Lumine*

arranged by Kathleen Demny



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | *Missa de Lumine*

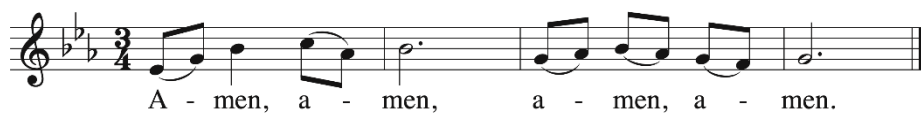
arranged by Kathleen Demny



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur -
rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN | *Missa de Lumine*

arranged by Kathleen Demny



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD | Holy Cross Mass

David Clark Isele

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor or Choir, and the second is for the All. The lyrics are: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us peace. The notation includes a triplet of eighth notes for 'a-way' and a repeat sign for the final phrase.

Cantor or Choir: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All: have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

To repeat *Last time*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



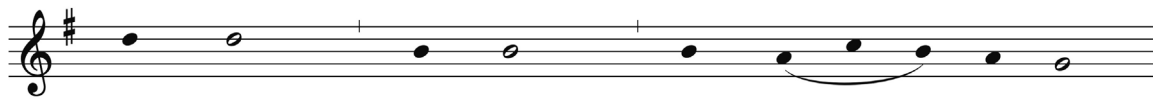
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by your drawing night;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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


All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.


All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | The Angel Gabriel Came from Heaven Came


GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be,
 3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame.
 Whom ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly.
 "To me be as it pleas - es God," she said.
 In Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn.



"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Gló - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!

Music in this worship aid is printed with permission under Onelicense.net #A700-137.

For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.