

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent



**We are an emergent church,
practicing an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

+Peter

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

please stand at verse 6

REFRAIN

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
ways to go.

Who orderest all
And teach us in her

TO REFRAIN

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
majesty and awe.

Who to Thy
In cloud and

4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vic'try o'er the grave.

TO REFRAIN

**5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.**

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

TO REFRAIN

**7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.**

TO REFRAIN

Greeting

Priest sings/says: **In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.**

All sing/say: A-men.

Priest: **The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

Priest: **Before hearing the Word of God
and sharing the Bread of Life,
sing praise to Christ, the Alpha and Omega**

**Lord, Jesus.....Lord Have Mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.**

**Christ, Jesus.....Christ Have Mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.**

**Lord, Jesus.....Lord Have Harcy.
All: Lord have mercy.**

Opening Prayer: **Priest:** Let us pray....forever and ever. **All: A-men! AMEN!
AMEN! AMEN! O COME TO US, EMMANUEL!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
6a,10)**

(35:1-

Psalm Response:

***COME TO US, LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT.
JESUS, BE WITH US, FOR WE NEED YOU."***

"JESUS,

Second Reading from the Letter of James (5:7-10)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

**Alleluia, Alleluia... Alleluia! Alleluia!
Verse is sung. When finished, repeat above.**

The Gospel Reading

**Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel
according to Matthew (11:2-11)**

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD

**The gospel is read. When the reading is over:
Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!... Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily

please be seated

The Litany of the Lighting of the Advent Candles (week 3)

Lector: Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One for whom you have waited.

People: We wait, we prepare, we cry out with joy and sing praise.

Lector: We have lit the candles of hope and of peace. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy and lift our faces toward the Holy Source.

People: God of gladness and joy, let your face shine on us, let your light shine in us.

Lector: We light the candles of Hope to release us from the prison of despair, the light of Peace to calm the chaos of life, and today we light the candle of Joy, the most infallible sign of the presence of God, to remind us that the One for whom we wait is already among us.

People: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains. For God is our comfort and compassion.

Lector: We stand here between the past and the future in Hope and Peace with Joy as we await the Incarnate Word.

People: My soul proclaims the greatness of God, and my spirit rejoices. For the Holy one has done great things for us, and we shout for joy.

(Lighting of the Candle of Joy)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath:
MARANATHA!

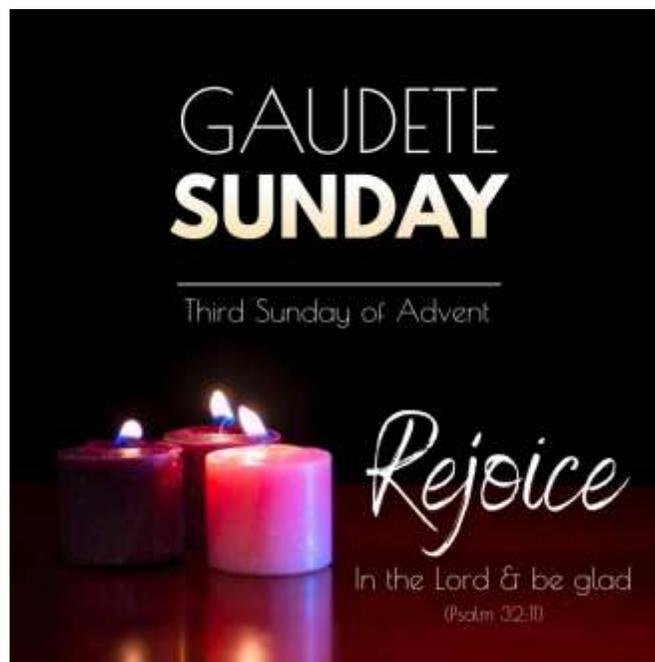
REFRAIN:

MARANATHA! MARANATHA!

O COME TO US, EMMANUEL!

1. A voice cries out: “Prepare a way for God!”

Make straight the way that God may come to us!” Mara....



Sign Of Peace: Priest: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace.....forever and ever. All: Amen.

Priest: **The Peace of the Lord Be with you always.** All: **And also with you.**

Deacon/Priest: **Let us offer each other a sign of peace.**

Song at Offertory: [READY THE WAY](#)

1. "Ready the way of the Lord." "Ready the way of the Lord." A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Ready the way for the Lord."
2. "Let every valley be filled. Let every valley be filled. Let every mountain be humbled. Let every valley be filled."

Refrain: Here is your God, coming with your vindication. Look and behold the saving power of God.

3. Desert and waste land will bloom. Desert and waste land will bloom. Glory and splendor will fill the land. Desert and waste land will bloom.
4. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are deaf will then hear. Those who are lame will then leap for joy. Those who are mute will then sing. *Refrain*
5. Strengthen the ones who are weak. Strengthen the ones who are weak. Say to the frightened: "Have courage." Strengthen the ones who are weak. *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.

Eucharistic Prayer Introductory Dialogue Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.

**THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO
THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."**

The Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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.

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they to be called to this supper.***ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

*Celebrant: May the body and blood.....***ALL: AMEN.**

Communion Song: **PREPARE A WAY**

REFRAIN:

A VOICE CRIES OUT IN THE WILDERNESS:

"PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD!"

REJOICE, O PEOPLE! OPEN YOUR HEARTS.

MAKE READY A WAY FOR THE LORD!

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**1. Every valley be raised, every mountain made low.
Then God's glory shall be revealed;
all peoples shall see it as one. REFRAIN**

**2. From the top of the mountain lift your voice on high
and say to the cities of Judah:
"Behold, behold your God!" REFRAIN**

**3. For the prophet of God will prepare his way.
Oh, light the way of those in the dark,
to guide them to God's holy One. REFRAIN**

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

Closing Song: EMMANUEL

Refrain

**Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.**

**1. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
from ev'ry foe deliver them.
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,
An give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

REFRAIN