

# Third Sunday of Advent



*“Whoever has two cloaks  
should share with the person who has none.  
And whoever has food should do likewise.”*

(Cycle C)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:
3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: } Lift up your
4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home: }



- 1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

### Greeting

∇. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

∇. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

## Closing Hymn

### O Come, Divine Messiah

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in  
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and  
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its  
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's  
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man



1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.  
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.  
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to 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.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

∞ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

∞ Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:



Ký-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. *ij.*

∞ Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

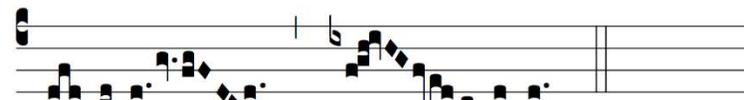


Chris-te e- lé- i-son. *ij.*

∞ Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:



Ký-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. *ij.*



Ký- ri- e \* e- lé- i-son.

∞ May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Ā Amen.**

*The Gloria is not said during the Sundays of Advent*

## Opening Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
ever faithful to your promises  
and ever close to your Church:  
the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming  
and looks forward with longing  
to his return at the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness  
that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope  
which his presence will bestow,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**R̄. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Zep 3:14-18a*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has removed the judgment against you  
he has turned away your enemies;  
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.  
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and renew you in his love,  
he will sing joyfully because of you,  
as one sings at festivals.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R̄. Thanks be to God.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

Ÿ. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

You believe that the Son of God once came to us;  
you look for him to come again.  
May his coming bring you the light of his holiness  
and free you with his blessing.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. May God make you steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope, and untiring in love  
all the days of your life.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man.  
When he comes again in glory,  
may he reward you with endless life.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R̄. Amen.**

### Dismissal

Ÿ. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.  
R̄. Thanks be to God.

## Communion Meditation

### Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



1. Wild and lone the proph - et's voice  
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows:  
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold



Ech - oes through the des - ert still, Call - ing us to  
Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er  
John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near, And his time - less



make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:  
claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.  
warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and  
Soon the Lord will come in pow'r, Burn - ing clean the  
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through



mind and soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized,  
thresh - ing floor: Then will flames the chaff de - vour;  
ways un - trod, Till we come at last like John



Yield your life to God's con - trol."  
Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."  
To be - hold the Lamb of God.

### Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,  
may this eucharist bring us your divine help,  
free us from our sins,  
and prepare us for the birthday of our Savior,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### Responsorial Psalm (*Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.*)



**R. Cry out with joy and glad - ness: for a - mong you**



**is the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.**

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water

at the fountain of salvation.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;

among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;

let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

for great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

### Reading 2 (*Phil 4:4-7*)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.  
 The Lord is near.  
 Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
 by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
 make your requests known to God.  
 Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
 will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. V. This is the Word of  
 the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Is 61:1)**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel (Lk 3:10-18)**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind),  
 their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them  
 to his Word.*

**R. Glory to you Lord.**

**Exchange of Peace**

V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

**A** -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
 ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
 mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-  
 di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

V. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
 but only say the word  
 and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:*

V. The body of Christ.

**R. Amen.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY

### The Lord's Prayer

☩. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed 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  
those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not  
in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

☩. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All:*  
For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er.

☩. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

The crowds asked John the Baptist,

“What should we do?”

He said to them in reply,

“Whoever has two cloaks

should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

“Teacher, what should we do?”

He answered them,

“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”

Soldiers also asked him,

“And what is it that we should do?”

He told them,

“Do not practice extortion,

do not falsely accuse anyone,

and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation,

and all were asking in their hearts

whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Exhorting them in many other ways,

he preached good news to the people.

☩. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia  
ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**Homily**

Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

**C**redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,  
 factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bí-li-um ó-mni-um, et in-  
 vi-si-bí-li-um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie-sum Christum,  
 Fí-li-um De-i u-ni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na-tum ante  
 ó-mni-a saé-cu-la. De-um de De-o, lumen de lúmi-ne,  
 De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro. Gé-ni-tum, non fa-ctum, con-  
 substanti-á-lem Patri : per quem ó-mni-a fa-cta sunt. Qui  
 propter nos hó-mi-nes, et propter nostram sa-lú-tem descén-  
 dit de cae-lis. Et incarná-tus est de Spí-ri-tu Sancto ex  
 Ma-rí-a Ví-rgi-ne : Et homo factus est. Cru-ci-fí-xus  
 ét-i-am pro no-bis : sub Pónti-o Pi-lá-to passus, et se-púl-

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
 Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et terra gló-ri-a  
 tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
 in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Eucharistic Prayer (III)

*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

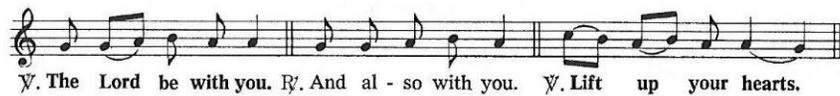
Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
 stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Ÿ. Through him, with him and in him  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
 all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
 Forever and ever.

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

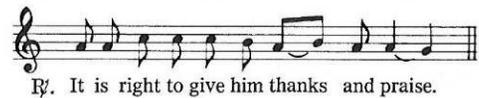
## Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent I)



∩. The Lord be with you. R̄. And al - so with you. ∩. Lift up your hearts.



R̄. We lift them up to the Lord. ∩. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R̄. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### *The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago  
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day,  
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours  
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:



tus est. Et re-surré-xit tér-ti-a di-e, se-cúndum Scri-  
ptú-ras. Et ascéndit in cae-lum: se-det ad dèxte-ram Pa-  
tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri-a, iu-di-cá-re  
vi-vos et mórtu-os: cu-ius regni non e-rit fi-nis. Et in  
Spí-ri-tum Sanctum, Dómi-num, et vi-vi-fi-cántem: qui ex  
Patre Fi-li-óque pro-cé-dit. Qui cum Patre et Fi-li-o  
simul ad-o-rá-tur, et conglo-ri-fi-cá-tur: qui lo-cú-tus est  
per Prophé-tas. Et unam sanctam cathó-li-cam et a-po-  
stó-li-cam Ecclé-si-am. Confi-te-or unum ba-ptisma  
in remissi-ó-nem pecca-tó-rum. Et exspécto re-surre-  
cti-ó-nem mortu-ó-rum. Et vi-tam ventú-ri saé-cu-li.  
A-men.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*All bow at these two lines*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

☩. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,  
may the gift we offer in faith and love  
be a continual sacrifice in your honor  
and truly become our eucharist and our salvation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**