

Third Sunday of Advent December 16-17, 2023



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

SAVE US, O LORD

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Refrain

Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.
Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1

1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. Re - turn and we shall be
1. saved. A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

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Verse 2

2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to
2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

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Verse 3

3. Turn a-gain; care for your vine; pro - tect what your
3. right hand has plant-ed. Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up -
3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa - ther of might!

to Refrain

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- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Act of Penitence

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 8

Reading 1

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Magnificat / Luke 1:46-55

Refrain

Pro - claim the great-ness of God; re - joice in God, my
Sav - ior! Re - joice in God, my Sav - ior!

Verses

1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.
The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
2. He favors those who fear his name, in ev'ry generation.
He has shown the might and strength of his arm,
and scattered the proud of heart.
3. He has cast the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with all good gifts, and sent the rich away.
4. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy.
He promised his mercy to Abraham and his children for evermore.

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Reading 2

1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Refrain

Cantor, then all (first time only):

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
5. I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

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Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, “Who are you?”
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, “I am not the Christ.”
So they asked him,
“What are you then? Are you Elijah?”
And he said, “I am not.”
“Are you the Prophet?”
He answered, “No.”

So they said to him,

“Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said:

“I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*
‘make straight the way of the Lord,’”

as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

“Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them,

“I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Nicene Creed

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 (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Come, Lord Jesus

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

ON JORDAN'S BANK

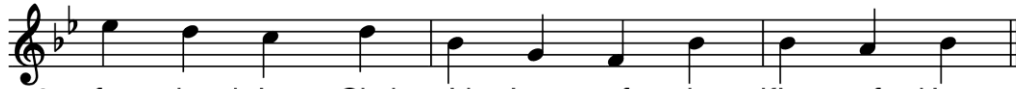
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1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
 4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
 3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
 4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
 3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
 4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
 Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: 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 holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

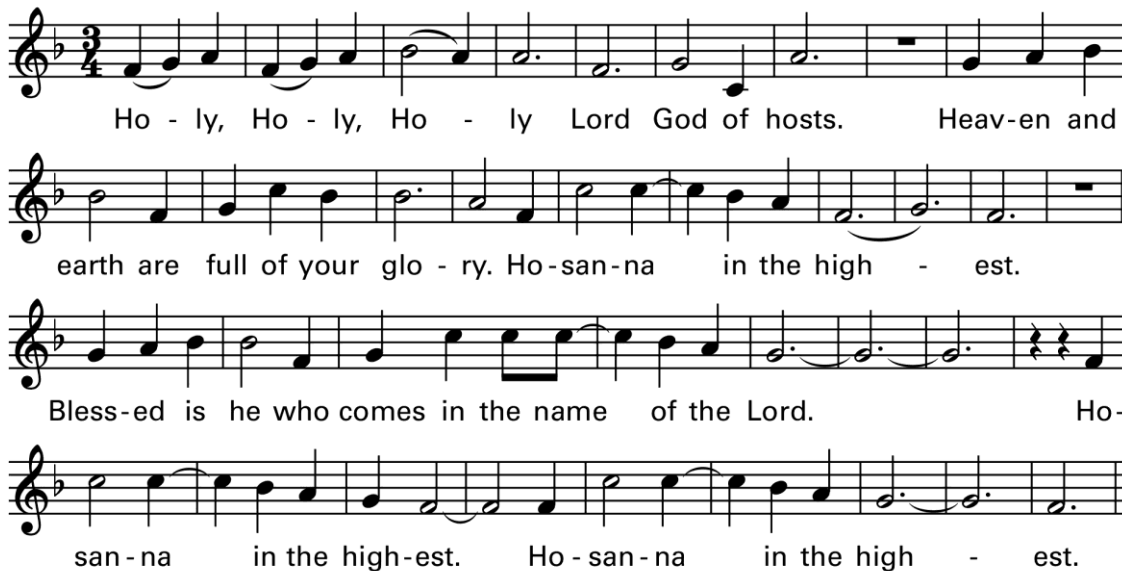
Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal

Holy

HOLY

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan



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

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Memorial Acclamation

SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

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

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AMEN

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

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

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COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song:

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In



1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d' rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our



1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

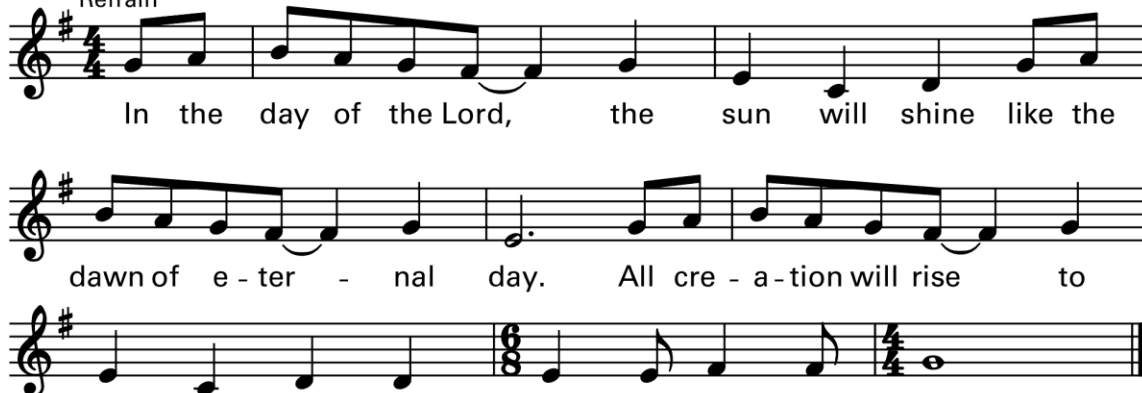
Dismissal

Sending Song:

IN THE DAY OF THE LORD


M.D. Ridge

Refrain



In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the
dawn of e - ter - nal day. All cre - a - tion will rise to
dance and sing the glo - ry of the Lord!

Verses



1. And on that day will jus - tice tri - umph, on that
2. Then shall the na - tions throng to - geth - er to the
3. And they shall beat their swords to plow - shares; there will
4. For Is - ra - el shall be de - liv - ered, and the
5. And on that day of Christ in glo - ry, God will
6. O give us eyes to see your glo - ry, give us



1. day will all be free: free from want, free from
2. moun - tain of the Lord: they shall walk in the
3. be an end to war: one in peace, one in
4. des - ert lands will bloom. Say to all, "Do not
5. wipe a - way our tears, and the dead shall rise
6. hearts to un - der - stand. Let our ears hear your



to Refrain

1. fear, _____ free to live!
2. light _____ of the Lord!
3. love, _____ one in God!
4. fear. Here is your God!"
5. up _____ from their graves!
6. voice _____ 'til you come!

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