



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 5, 2021

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Text: J. M. Neale (1851) Tune: VENI EMMANUEL (Chant)

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;  
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:  
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,  
bear on your head the mitre  
that displays the glory of the eternal name.  
For God will show all the earth your splendor:  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children  
gathered from the east and the west  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.  
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:  
but God will bring them back to you  
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.  
For God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low,  
and that the age-old depths and gorges  
be filled to level ground,  
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

**FIRST READING (Cont'd.)**

Bar 5:1-9

The forests and every fragrant kind of tree  
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;  
for God is leading Israel in joy  
by the light of his glory,  
with his mercy and justice for company.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

**Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**  
When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,  
we were like men dreaming.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the torrents in the southern desert.  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
They shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.

**SECOND READING***Phil 1:4-6, 8-11*

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,  
because of your partnership for the gospel  
from the first day until now.  
I am confident of this,  
that the one who began a good work in you  
will continue to complete it  
until the day of Christ Jesus.  
God is my witness,  
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.  
And this is my prayer:  
that your love may increase ever more and more  
in knowledge and every kind of perception,  
to discern what is of value,  
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,  
filled with the fruit of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ  
for the glory and praise of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## GOSPEL

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN      *Comfort, My People*

Comfort, my people, and calm all your fear;  
the day of salvation is quickly drawing near.  
The One you long to see will soon set you free.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Silence the thunder, silence sounds of war.  
End all destruction and comfort those who mourn.  
Your dream draws near; your vision is here.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Be light in the darkness; be truth for our lives.  
Be strength for the helpless, the poor and lost who cry.  
O saving voice, O living choice,  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

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**COMMUNION HYMN**     *Wait for the Lord*

**Refrain: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.  
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.  
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.  
All the earth will see the Lord.

I waited for the Lord.  
God heard my cry.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, our God.

Seek first the kingdom of God.  
Seek and you shall find.

O Lord, show us your way.  
Guide us in your truth.

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*O Come, Divine Messiah*

O come, Divine Messiah,  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

Dear Savior, haste!  
Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah,  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

O come Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
Will break the captive fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.

Text: Venez, divin Messie; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1877

**CLOSING HYMN**     **10:30am Mass**  
*Christ, Be Our Light!*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

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