



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 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 Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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

INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Zep 3:14-18a*

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*

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

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.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

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!

SECOND READING *Phil 4:4-7*

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL *Lk 3:10-18*

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,

GOSPEL (Cont'd.)

Lk 3:10-18

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

OFFERTORY HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the word of God made flesh,
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Very God, and Mary's son,
Eager now his race to run!

From God's heart the Savior speeds,
Back to God his pathway leads,
Out to vanquish death's command,
Back to reign at God's right hand.

Brightly does Christ's manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Night cannot this light subdue,
Let our faith shine ever new.

Text: Veni, Redemptor gentium; ascr. to St. Ambrose, 340-397; tr. sts. 1-3, 5 by William Reynolds, 1812-1876; st. 4, Martin L. Seltz, 1909-1967, alt., © 2006, Augsburg Fortress

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD'S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

*Come, O Lord, and bring your light,
O radiant star, our hearts' delight.
O God-with-us, Emmanuel,
With your love, the dark dispel.*

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.

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CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN *People, Look East*

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Words and Music: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

CLOSING HYMN 10:30AM *Awake to the Day*

Refrain:

Awake to the day of the coming of the Lord.

Sing out! Rejoice in this land.

Make straight the way for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Cantor: Signs in the sun and moon and the stars,
Choir: We prepare for you, Lord.
Cantor: Then all shall sing of the power of God.
Choir: We prepare for you, Lord.
All: As long as the sun shall remain
so the name of the Lord God will reign.

Awake to the day of the coming of the Lord.
Sing out! Rejoice in this land.
Make straight the way for the Kingdom of God
is at hand.
Make the way! Make the way!

Cantor: Wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
Choir: We prepare for you, Lord.
Cantor: Gathered at the word of the Holy One,
Choir: We prepare for you, Lord.
All: Ev'ry mountain and hill be made low
that the glory of God we may know.

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