



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 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.

O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

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

INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Mi 5:1-4a*

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
 too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
 when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
 by the strength of the LORD,
 in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
 shall reach to the ends of the earth;
 he shall be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

Refrain: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

SECOND READING *Heb 10:5-10*

Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will.”
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL *Lk 1:39-45*

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,

GOSPEL (Cont'd.)

Lk 1:39-45

and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

OFFERTORY HYMN *Maranatha, Come*

Maranatha, come, come, Lord Jesus.
Maranatha, come, come, O God.

Wisdom of God, guiding creation,
lead us in ways that are faithful to your name.

O sacred Lord, come in your glory;
stretch forth your hand and we shall be free.

From Jesse's stem raise up your people.
Let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Text: Based on the “O” Antiphons; Francis Patrick O’Brien, b. 1958, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

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



COMMUNION HYMN *Wait for the Lord*

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,
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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.

Dear Savior, haste!...

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