

**Third Week of Advent  
December 11, 2022**

**Introduction and *An Ode We Owe* by Amanda Gorman**

**Gathering: Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo) (V1,V2,V3,Refrain) ... BB66  
(Use Advent Week 3 Verses on BB66 facing page)**

**Week 3, Verse 1**

Come and rejoice, again, rejoice! Here is the god who saves.  
Now is the time, do not fear. Sing out with voices and praise.

**Refrain**

Come Lord! Maranatha! Come and bring us your peace.  
Come Lord! Maranatha! Come to us; set us free.  
Come Lord and bring us your peace.

**Verse 2**

Patience my friends, wait and see. Soon will the Lord appear.  
Patience, my friends, from the start.  
Let us rejoice from our hearts:

**Verse 3**

Always rejoice, never cease constantly giving thanks.  
Always rejoice in the Lord. Joyfully sing out this song:

**Advent Wreath Candle: Litany for Advent ... H/O**

“Advent people, come Lord Jesus. Trust more deeply, come Lord Jesus.  
Hardship and patience, come Lord Jesus. Creation unfinished, come Lord Jesus.  
Wellspring of hope, come Lord Jesus. Move and shake us, come Lord Jesus. Come!”

**God have Mercy**

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**  
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

## **First Reading**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers,  
and rejoice with joyful song.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the Most High,  
the splendor of our God.  
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God,  
God comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
our God comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.  
Those whom our God has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee.

### **The Word of our God.**

### **Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness (Haugen) (V1,V2,V3) ... G73**

#### **Refrain**

Lord, Let us see your kindness, Lord, let us see your kindness

**Vs. 1:** Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who ear God. **Refrain**

**Vs. 2:** Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, Justice shall rain from the heavens. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** The Lord will come and you will know God's love, justice shall walk in God's pathways, salvation the gift that God brings. **Refrain**

## **Second Reading**

### **A reading from the Letter of James**

Be patient, brothers and sisters,

until the coming of our God.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,  
being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You too must be patient.

Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of our God is at hand.

Do not complain, sisters and brothers, about one another,  
that you may not be judged.

Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters,  
the prophets who spoke in the name of our God.

### **The Word of our God.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

*“The spirit of the Lord is among us;  
I have been anointed to bring glad tidings to all.”*

**Alleluia!**

### ***Gospel***

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ,  
he sent

his disciples to Jesus with this question,

“Are you the one who is to  
come, or should we look for another?”

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the  
blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to  
them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”  
As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,  
“What did you go out to the desert to see?  
A reed swayed by the wind?  
Then what did you go out to see?  
Someone dressed in fine clothing?  
Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.  
Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?  
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.  
This is the one about whom it is written:  
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare the  
way before you.  
Amen, I say to you, among those born of women  
there has been none  
greater than John the Baptist;  
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is  
greater than he.”

### **The Good News of Salvation.**

#### *Homily*

### **Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God who saves us, hear our prayer.  
(God who saves us, hear our prayer.\_**

For the Church: that we may be open to how God touches us through  
people, experiences and unexpected events in our lives, let us pray...

For all who are ill: that the Spirit of God will heal and renew all who are  
burdened by illness, disability, addiction or abuse, let us pray...

For an end to war and healing for the nations: that violence and  
bloodshed may end, the innocent may be sheltered, terrorism ended, and  
peace be established in the hearts of all, let us pray...

For leaders of government: that God will inspire them in their service  
and help them to lay aside personal gain to work for the greater good of  
those whom they serve, let us pray...

For what other intention do we want to pray...

(after the intentions, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### *Preparation of Gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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 holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

### *Preparation of Gifts: Tend the Ground (Stephan) ... BB625 (V1,V2,V3)*

#### **Refrain**

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found.  
In selfless love, God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

**Vs. 1:** As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world.

#### **Refrain**

**Vs. 2:** All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.  
The rocks cry out and praises ring. Rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

#### **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live.

No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love.

**Refrain**

**Vs. 4:** Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed,  
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.

**Refrain**

*Service Music: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB878*

**Communion 1: Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo (Cortez) ... BB590**

**(We Are the Body of Christ)**

**Refrain:** Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

We are the body of Christ.

Hemos oído el llamado;

we've answered "Yes" to the call of the Lord.

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

We are the body of Christ.

Traemos su santo mensaje.

We come to bring the God's News to the world.

**Vs. 1** Dios viene al mundo a través de nosotros

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

God is revealed when we love one another

We are the body of Christ.

Al mundo a cumplir la misión de la iglesia

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

Bringing the light of God's mercy to others,

We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

**Vs. 2:** Cada persona es parte del reino;

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo

Putting a stop to all discrimination,

We are the body of Christ.

Todas las razas que habitan la tierra,

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo.

All are invited to feast in the banquet,

We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** Que nuestras acciones reflejen justicia;

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

Stopping abuse and relieving the hungry,

We are the body of Christ.

Vamos al mundo a cuidar su rebaño.  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.  
Serving each other we build up the kingdom;  
We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

*Communion2: A Time Will Come for Singing (Schutte)*

A time will come for singing When all your tears are shed  
When sorrows chains are broken And broken hearts will mend  
The deaf will hear your singing When silent tongues are freed  
The lame will join your dancing When blind eyes learn to see

A time will come for singing When trees will raise their boughs  
When men lay down their armor And hammer their swords into plows  
When beggars live as princes And orphans find their homes  
When prison cells are emptied And hatred has grown old

A time will come for singing A hymn by hearts foretold  
That kings have sought for ages And treasured more than gold  
Its lyrics turn to silver When sung in harmony  
The Lord of Love Will teach us to sing its melody

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Sending: City of God (Schutte) ... BB390 (Intro,V3,V4,Refrain,Refrain)*

**Vs. 1:** Awake from your slumber  
Arise from your sleep  
A new day is dawning  
For all those who weep  
The people in darkness  
Have seen a great light  
The lord of our longing  
Has conquered the night **Refrain**

**Refrain** Let us build the city of God  
May our tears

Be turned into dancing  
For the lord  
Our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day

**Vs. 2:** We are sons of the morning,  
We are children of day.  
The one who has loved us  
Has brightened our way.  
The lord of all kindness  
Has called us to be  
A light for his people  
To set their hearts free. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** God is light,  
in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light,  
His children one and all.  
O comfort my people  
Make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city  
The day of her birth. **Refrain**

**Vs. 4:** O, city of gladness,  
now lift up your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings  
That all may rejoice. **Refrain**