

**Third Week of Advent
December 18, 2022**

Introduction and *An Ode We Owe* by Amanda Gorman

Gathering: Emmanuel (Angrisano) ... BB58

Refrain: Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

Advent Wreath Candle: Litany for Advent (Farrell)

*"Dream of angels, come Lord Jesus. While we sleep, come Lord Jesus.
Son of Mary, come Lord Jesus. Son of Joseph, come Lord Jesus.
Almost time, come Lord Jesus. God is with 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

God spoke to Ahaz, saying:

Ask for a sign from the Most High, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered,

“I will not ask! I will not tempt God Almighty!”

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David!

Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Most High God will give you this sign:

the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name the child Emmanuel.

The Word of our God.

Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face (Keil) ... G32

Refrain

O God, this is the people that longs to see your face.

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Vs. 1: All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell in it.

You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **Refrain**

Vs. 2: Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place?

Those whose hands are sinless, whose hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth.

Refrain

Vs. 3: They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them.

Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks you face, O God of Jacob. **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!

“Joseph dreamed and had faith.

Make the dream come true: God is with us.”

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

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

**Response: God of hope, hear our prayer.
(God of hope, hear our prayer.)**

For the Church: for a deepening of our faith that through the mystery of Jesus becoming human, our hearts may be open to the Good News of God inviting us to share in divine life, let us pray...

For freedom from judging others: that like Joseph, we may hold our judgments so that the work of God may unfold in the hearts and lives of those who are dear to us, let us pray...

For all parents: that God will give them wisdom as they help their children confront challenges and inspire them in supporting their children along the path of life, let us pray...

For all who are busily preparing for Christmas: that the Holy Spirit will help us to stay focused and loving in all our activities and aware of whose life we celebrate, let us pray...

For all who have lost loved ones this season, especially the Curtis family on the loss of their mother, 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: My Soul In Stillness Wants (Haugen) ... G252

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
truly my hope is in you.

Vs. 1: O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

Refrain

Vs. 2: O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

Refrain

Vs. 3: O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent, draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. **Refrain**

Vs. 4: O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace. **Refrain**

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

Communion1: Now In This Banquet (Haugen) ... G600

Advent Refrain:

God of our journeys, daybreak to night;
Lead us all to justice and light.
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,
Wisdom to walk in your way.

Vs. 1: You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. **Advent Refrain**

Vs. 2: Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. **Advent Refrain**

Vs. 3: God who makes the blind to see,
God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day,
lead your people in your way. **Advent Refrain**

Vs. 4: Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind." **Advent Refrain**

Vs. 5: Call us to be your light,
call us to be your love,
make us your people again. **Advent Refrain**

Vs. 6: Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light. **Advent Refrain**

Communion2: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: Prepare the Way (Walker) ... H/O

Refrain: Prepare the way for the coming of God,
Make a straight path for the coming of God. (2X)

V1 Every valley fill it in. Every mountain make it small.
Every valley fill it in. every mountain make it small. **Refrain.**

V2 Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth.
Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth. **Refrain.**

V3 All will see God's dominion strong. God has promised, glory comes.
All will see God's dominion strong. God has promised, glory comes. **Refrain.**