

**Second Week of Advent  
December 4, 2022**

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

**Gathering: Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen) (V1,V3,V5) ... G337**

**Verse 1**

Come, O God of all the earth;  
come to us, O Righteous One.  
Come and bring our love to birth;  
in the glory of your Son.

**Refrain**

Sing out, earth and skies!  
Sing of the God who loves you.  
Raise your joyful cries,  
Dance to the life around you.

**Verse 3**

Come, O God of flashing light;  
twinkling star and burning sun.  
God of day and God of night;  
in your light we all are one.

**Verse 5**

Come, O Justice, come, O Peace;  
come and shape our hearts anew.  
Come and make oppression cease;  
bring us all to life in you.

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

“Word of goodness, come Lord Jesus. Word of freedom, come Lord Jesus.  
You we long for, come Lord Jesus. Fill our hearts now, come Lord Jesus.  
Light of nations, come Lord Jesus. Light of justice, 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

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of its roots.

The spirit of God shall rest upon the anointed one:  
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
a spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of our God,  
and delight of the anointed one shall be the fear of God.

Not by appearance shall the anointed one judge, nor decide by what is heard; but the poor shall be judged with righteousness and the afflicted shall receive their due. The earth shall be struck with the rod of truth and the wicked laid low with the power of integrity. Justice shall be the waist band, and faithfulness a belt.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay a hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of God, as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for this dwelling shall be glorious.

**The Word of our God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** *“The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.”*  
(Haugen)

V1,V2,V4) ... G43

## **Refrain**

The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God

**Vs. 1:** Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; You love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation. **Refrain**

**Vs. 2:** See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine. **Refrain**

**Vs. 4:** Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O God, be on us who place our hope in you. **Refrain**

### **A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**

Sisters and brothers:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to our ancestors, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for all the mercy God has shown them.

As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

**The Word of our God.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia!

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*"Be the first one to love and forgive;  
Conform your heart to the heart of Jesus."*

**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

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

For this is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of our God, make straight God's paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham and Sarah as our parents.' For I tell you, God can raise up progeny from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance. But the one who is coming after me is mightier than I - whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. This one will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire, the winnowing fan in hand. The threshing floor will be cleared and the wheat gathered into the barn, but the chaff will be burned with unquenchable fire."

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

### *Homily*

## **Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God of love, hear our prayer.**

**(God of love, hear our prayer.)**

For the Church: that through our baptism with Spirit and fire, we may be renewed and become instruments for the transformation for the world, let us pray...

For a spirit of Justice: that our hearts may be stirred to work for the establishment of God's order in the world through deeds of compassion and courageous witness, let us pray...

For students as they complete the semester: that God will give them clarity of mind and thought as they express their knowledge and insights in pages and on examinations, let us pray...

For the renewal of all of creation: that God will heal the divisions amongst peoples and the wounds within nature so that God's plan for the earth may flower and the hearts of all may be healed, 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: Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free (Balhoff, Daigle, Ducote) ... G74*

### **Refrain**

Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come and set us free.

Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.  
Near to us now, God's saving love for those who believe.

**Refrain**

Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.  
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice.

**Refrain**

Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace.

**Refrain**

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

***Communion1: Communion1: Ready the Way (Hurd) (V1,V2,V3) ... BB63***

**Ready The Way by Bob Hurd**

**Vs. 1.** "Ready the way of the Lord,  
Ready the way of the Lord." A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Ready the way of the Lord."

**Vs. 2** Let every valley be filled,  
Let every valley be filled. Let every mountain be humbled, Let every valley be filled. **Refrain**

**Refrain.:** Here is your God, coming with your vindication. Look and behold the saving power  
of God.

**Vs. 3.** Desert and waste land will bloom,  
Desert and waste land will bloom. Glory and splendor will fill the land, Desert and waste land  
will bloom.

**Vs. 4.** Those who are blind will then see, Those who are deaf will then hear. Those who are  
lame will then leap for joy, Those who are mute will then sing. **Refrain**

**Vs. 5.** Strengthen the ones who are weak, Strengthen the ones who are weak. Say to the  
frightened: "Have courage." Strengthen the ones who are weak. **Refrain**

***Communion2: A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) ... BB46***

**A Voice Cries Out**

**Vs. 1** Console my people, the ones dear to me:  
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:  
the time of your mourning is ended now,  
the Lord of life will come. **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN** A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord!  
A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
Make straight a highway for God!

**Vs. 2** Ev'ry valley is made a plain,  
ev'ry mountain is leveled  
the glory of God shall then be revealed,  
and the nations will sing in praise. **REFRAIN**

**Vs 3** A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?  
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:  
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,  
but the Word of the Lord is forever. **REFRAIN**

**Vs 4.** Zion, shout from the mountain top,  
lift up your voice O Jerusalem,  
and say to the people of God's own land,  
"Behold, behold your God!" **REFRAIN**

**Vs 5.** The Lord will appear as a shepherd,  
holding his lambs in his arms,  
keeping his flock so close to his heart  
leading them all, old and young. **REFRAIN**

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

***Sending: Prepare, Prepare! (Pishner)***

Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord.  
Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord, oh,  
Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord.  
The Lord our God is coming soon!

V1 Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,  
Ready your hearts. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V2 Make straight the path, level the hills,  
Lift up the gates. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V3 Justice and peace, kindness and truth,

Shall come to the earth. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V4 Sing and rejoice! The Lord is near,  
I say rejoice! Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V5 The virgin will bear a son, Emmanuel,  
God with us! Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!