

Third Sunday of Advent Hymns

Entrance Hymn: God, Beyond All Names (BB 431)

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory,
you have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us we have know you, all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God beyond all names, you have made us in your image;
we are like you, we reflect you; we are woman, we are man. **Refrain**

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembles ith our tears. **Refrain**

Hymn: Come, Lord! Maranatha (BB 65)

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

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us.
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Happy those who keep faith with you, securing justice for the oppressed.
who give your food to each hungry heart, your freedom to each captive. **Refrain**

You give your sight to all the blind, you raise up those bent low.
Your heart is near to the broken ones, you welcome in the stranger. **Refrain**

The weak and poor you sustain in love, the wicked ones you bring to destruction.
for ever more shall your reign endure, to every generation. **Refrain**

Alleluia (Mass of Renewal)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

The spirit of the Lord is among me;
I have been anointed to bring glad tidings to all.

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Preparation of the Gifts

Come to Us (G538)

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the word, and come to the meal.
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,
looking for change, or challenge, or light.
We are the people whose calling is care,
bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest,
to share in our struggle, our call and our quest.

Communion Song: Comfort, Comfort, O My People (BB 59)

Comfort, comfort, O my people. Speak of peace, now says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning neath their sorrows' load.
Speak unto Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell of all the sins I cover, and that warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one who's crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

O make straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

Communion Meditation Each Winter as the Year Grows Older (G 258)

Each winter as the year grows older. We each grow older too.
The chill sets in a little colder; the verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.

When race and class cry out for reason, When sirens call for war.
They overshoot the voice of reason, and scream till we ignore all we held dear before.

Yet I believe beyond believing, that life can spring from death;
That growth can flower from our grieving;
that we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith.

So even as the sun is turning, to journey to the north,
The living flame, in secret burning, can kindle on the earth, and bring God's love to birth.

O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's, renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and reign!

Song of Sending: City of God (BB 388)

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:

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!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters 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**

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**

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all my rejoice! **Refrain**