

Sunday, December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

Gathering: Prepare! Prepare! (Stephen Pishner)

*"Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
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Advent Wreath Candle: Litany for Advent (Farrell) ... H/O

"Light of gladness, come now, Jesus. Hope of ages, come now, Jesus.
Clear the shadows, come now, Jesus. Peace we pray for, come now, Jesus.
Lead your people, come now, Jesus. Move and shake us, come now, Jesus. Come!"

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6a,10*

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your Love (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... G641

Refrain: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge; when I call God hears.

3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for Your presence; it is You I seek.

4. As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word.

Second Reading *James 5:7-10*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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Gospel Luke 1:28

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Homily

Universal Intercessions

**Response: God who saves us, hear our prayer.
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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 intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Prep 5pm/8am: Advent Gathering (Cooney) ... G250

Vs. 1) Here in this world where darkness surrounds us,
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
We seek a sign that you are among us.
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.

R.) Come, O hope of your people
Come among us and stay
Lead us in mercy up from the shadows,
Shine in our darkness, be here today.

Vs. 2) Where is the peace you promised the widow?
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
Where is the home you promised the orphan?
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.

Vs. 3) Where is the road you promised the exile?
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
Where is the good news preached to the lowly?
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.

Vs. 4) Where is the heart whose “yes” is salvation?
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
Where is the child whose life is our future?
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.

Prep 10am: Each Winter as the Year Grows Older (trad.) ... G258

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 treason,
When sirens call for war,
They overshout 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!

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.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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.)

Holy: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Mem: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Amen: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Lamb: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O

Communion1: There Is a Longing (Quigley) ... BB427

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God
For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God
For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

Communion2: You Have Anointed Me (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... G483

1. To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart,
You have anointed me.
To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners,
You have anointed me.

Refrain: Your Spirit O God, is upon me,
You have anointed me.

2. To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn,
You have anointed me.
To give to them the oil of gladness, and share a mantle of joy,
You have anointed me. (Refrain)

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) ... BB50

Let the valleys be raised, and the mountains made low,
Every meadow and field overturn.
Make the pathway straight; and the highway run smooth,
For the coming of God in our day.

1.

God has come to His people,
As He promised of old.
He has raised up a Savior,
In the sight of us all.

2.

You little child, go before Him,
Like the prophets of old.
Bringing news of His coming,
By the mercy of God.

3.

God has come like the morning,
On the darkness of night.
As a light to the people,
Like the breaking of day.