

Sunday, December 15
3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering: Sing We Maranatha! (Cooney) (V5,V6) In Pews

Advent Week Two: See card in pews

Advent Candle Lighting: Litany for Advent (Farrell) ... H/O & in pews

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Most High God has removed the judgment against you
God has turned away your enemies;
the Ruler of Israel, our God, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

The Most High, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
who will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in God's love,
the Most High will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

The word of God.

Responsorial: Cry Out With Joy and Gladness (Tate)

**[Refrain] Cry out with joy and gladness.
For among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

[V1] Truly God is my salvation. I trust in God, I shall not fear.
for the Lord is my strength, my song; and will be my savior!
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation!

[V2] Give thanks to the Lord!
Praise God's name!
Make God's mighty deeds known to all people!

[V3] Declare the greatness of God's name. Come before the Lord.
Sing of his deeds. People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

Second reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Sisters and brothers:

Rejoice in our God always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.
For our God is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of God

Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB859 & H/O

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

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?"

He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, John preached good news to the people.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of joy, hear our prayer.

(God of joy, hear our prayer.)

For openness of heart: that we, like the crowds, may ask "What should we do?" and listen for God's life giving invitations, let us pray...

For a flowering of justice: that we may strive to fulfill our duties to others and use our gifts to ease the suffering and promote the wellbeing of all our siblings, let us pray...

For protection of earth's resources: that God will give wisdom and understanding to all who are developing policies that affect earth's air, water and natural resources, let us pray...

For all who are displaced by war, crime, and injustice, that our governments will act to promote the common good of all people and find ways to promote peace, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Comfort, Comfort, O My People (trad.) ... BB60

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

2 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.

3 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.

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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.)*

**Holy: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB861**

**Mem: Mass of Renewal - When We Eat This Bread (Stephen) ... BB863**

**Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB865**

**Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB866**

**Communion 1: Where Charity and Love Prevail (trad.) ... G443**

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
Be His the glory that we seek,  
be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
we are in Him made one.

No race or creed can love exclude,  
if honored be God's name;  
Our family embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

### **Communion 2: I Have Been Anointed (Balhoff, Daigle, Ducote) ...in pews**

[V1] To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart,  
I have been anointed.  
To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners,  
I have been anointed.

[Refrain] Your Spirit, O God, is upon me,  
I have been anointed.

[V2] To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn,  
I have been anointed.  
To give to them the oil of gladness, and share the mantle of joy,  
I have been anointed.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending : Emmanuel (Angrisano) (V3) ... BB58**

**Refrain: Come, come, Emmanuel!**  
**Son of God, appear.**  
**Heaven and earth, rejoice!**  
**Salvation is drawing near.**  
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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**

*After final refrain*

Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel. (twice)