

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

Gathering: Emmanuel (V1,V2,V3) (Angrisano) ... BB58

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

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) ... H/O

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

Responsorial Psalm: 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 Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

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 what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory Song: Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo CSP) ... BB66

Vs. 1) Now is the time to wake from sleep, salvation is close at hand.
Moving from night into day, lift up your voices and pray.

Refrain Advent 4) Come now, Emmanuel! Come and bring us your peace.
Come now, Emmanuel! Come to us, set us free.
Come now and bring us your peace.

Vs. 2.) Cast off the deeds of the dark. Put on the armor of light.
Turn to the source of the day. Lift up your voices and pray.

Vs. 3) Constantly watch, stay awake. No one can know the time.
Whether at dusk or at dawn, we sing this prayer and song.

Vs. 4) Increase in faith, abound in love. Strengthen our hearts this day.
So be on your guard and stay awake.
Come lift up your voices and pray.

~~~~~

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: Now In This Banquet-Advent Refrain (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: Say the Word (Cooney) ... (sung by choir)**

*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: Emmanuel (Angrisano) ... BB58**

**Refrain: Come, come, Emmanuel!**

**Son of God, appear.**

**Heaven and earth, rejoice!**

**Salvation is drawing near.**

**Salvation is drawing near.**

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
Make all our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us the King of Peace. **Refrain**

*After final refrain*

Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel. (twice)