

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering: Sing We Maranatha! (Cooney) (V7,V8) ...in pews

*Small town girl and mother of God, undertook great destiny;
set apart by grace and calm, courage and her "Yes."*

*We, too, make the Word our flesh, prepared to meet our grace each day;
we reflect on the mystery, God's love in our hearts.*

*Mary, the blest one, full of grace, you are God's dwelling place;
each one of us is called to birth, sing we Maranatha!*

Advent Candle Lighting: Litany for Advent (Farrell) ...in pews

Dream of angels. Come, Lord Jesus. While we sleep. Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of Mary. Come, Lord Jesus. Son of Joseph. Come, Lord Jesus.

Almost time. Come, Lord Jesus. God is with us. Come, Lord Jesus.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Micah

Thus says the Most High God:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore God will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of the kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

The Child shall stand firm and shepherd this flock
by the strength of our God,
in the majestic name of the Most High, our God;
and they shall remain,
for now this Child's greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
this Holy One shall be peace.

The word of God.

Responsorial 8am: To You, O Lord-Ps25 (Haugen) ... G34

Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.

2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.

3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

Responsorial 10am: To You, O God-Ps25 (Hurd) ... BB407

[Refrain] To You , O God I lift up my soul;
Lift up my spirit to my Lord.
To you I lift up my soul

[Verse 1]
Make me to know your ways O God;
Teach me your paths, guide me.
You are my Savior.

[Verse2]
Good and upright our gracious God,
Showing the way,
Guiding the humble to justice.

[Verse 3]
Steadfast and kind your ways, O God;
All who revere your covenant know your friendship.

Second reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:
"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First Christ says, "Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in."
These are offered according to the law.

Then Christ says, "Behold, I come to do your will."
Christ takes away the first to establish the second.

By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.

The word of God

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
*"I am the handmaid of the Lord;
May it be according to your Word."*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with
the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said,

"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my God should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by God would be fulfilled."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of peace, hear our prayer.

(God of peace, hear our prayer.)

For the Church – that we may believe and celebrate God’s presence among us each day, let us pray...

For those who serve the common good - for elected officials, public servants, first responders, health care workers, and educators, let us pray...

For all those who will be traveling – that on their journey they will remember the care and hospitality of Mary and Elizabeth, let us pray...

For all those who long for the coming of the Messiah, let us pray...

(8:00 Mass) For the repose of the soul of Andrew Wimmer and all who have gone before us in Christ, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: My Soul Rejoices-Luke 1:46-55 (Alstott) ... BB805

R: My soul rejoices, in God my savior,
My spirits finds it’s joy in God the living God.

Vs1.) My soul proclaims your mighty deeds.
My spirit sings the greatness of your name.

Vs 2.) Your mercy flows throughout the land
And every generation knows your love.

Vs 3.) You cast the mighty from their thrones
And raise the poor and lowly to new life.

Vs. 4.) You fill the hungry with good things
With empty hands you send the rich away.

Vs. 5.) Just as you promised Abraham,
You come to free your people, Isarael.

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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: Canticle of the Turning (Cooney) ... G376**

Vs 1: My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn? REFRAIN

REFRAIN: My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

Vs. 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

Vs. 3: From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never ears  
There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed  
For the world is about to turn REFRAIN

Vs. 4: Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember  
Who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that out forebears  
Heard is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be  
Crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around REFRAIN

### **Communion 2: Walk in the Reign (Cooney) ... G249**

Refrain: Close as tomorrow the sun shall appear.  
Freedom is coming and healing is near.  
And I shall be with you in laughter and pain  
To stand in the wind and walk in the reign,  
To walk in the reign.

Vs. 1) In days to come the desert shall bloom.  
Rivers will run there, soon, very soon.  
So what shall we fear, though death do its worst?

The word of our God is the last shall be first, the last shall be first.

Vs. 2) Comfort each other, for pain soon must end.  
A day comes when lion and lamb shall be friends.  
The sightless shall see then, the speechless sing songs.  
The name of our God is the righter of wrongs, the righter of wrongs.

Vs. 3) A curtain of fear is being torn down.  
Prisons are opened; the lost have been found.  
So go tell the seeker what we've seen and heard:  
The name of our God is the keeper of word, the keeper of word.

Vs. 4) The streets of Soweto, the docks of Gdansk,  
Tienamen Square, the slums of the Bronx,  
When we stand together to stand against hell,  
The name of the people is "Emmanuel", is "Emmanuel."

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending : Emmanuel (Angrisano) (V4) ... BB58**

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