

Sunday, December 28, 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gathering: Gathering: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Haugen) ...
G265

1 Awake! Awake and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
sing out your joy, for Jesus is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
Christ opens wide the heavenly door,
and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
whose humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing.
Music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of the anthems roll
to shatter all hate and injustice.

3 In deepest night Christ's coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
One without voice breaks forth in song,
a lame one leaps in wonder,
the weak are raised above the strong,
and weapons are broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though cold the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless;
Love be our song and love our prayer,
and love, our endless story,
may God fill every day we share,
and bring us at last into glory.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Blest are Those Who Love You-Ps128 ... G111

Refrain

Blest are those who love you,
Happy those who follow you,
Blest are those who seek you O God

Verse 1.

Happy all those who fear the Lord, And walk in God's pathway,
You will find what you long for, The riches of our God.

Verse 2.

You shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of you home,
You shall flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.

Verse 3.

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
May the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Faithful God, hear our prayer.

(Faithful God, hear our prayer.)

For the church: that God will deepen our faith and help us to live in trusting reliance upon God,
let us pray...

For all who help others grow, particularly parents, teachers, social workers, coaches and mentors: that they may affirm and encourage young people to fully recognize and utilize their gifts and opportunities, let us pray...

For all married couples: that they may faithfully witness to the love that God has placed in their hearts and help each other to grow in Christ, let us pray...

For Peace in Jerusalem: that the Holy City for Jews, Muslims and Christians, may be a place of dialogue and respect, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory Song: Carol at the Manger (trad./Haugen) ... G275

1 Holy Child within the manger,
long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to every stranger,
come as hope for every fear.
As you lived to heal the broken,
greet the outcast, free the bound,
as you taught us love unspoken,
teach us now where you are found.

2 Once again we tell the story--
how your love for us was shown,
when the image of your glory
wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom,
come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion
kindle every land and race.

3 Holy Child within the manger,
lead us ever in your way,
so we see in every stranger
how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living
give us strength to live as you,

that our hearts might be forgiving
and our spirits strong and true.

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, Holy
Memorial Acclamation
Great Amen
Lamb of God

Communion1: Love Has Come! (French Carol) ... H/O

Love has come, a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come, He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Communion2: Child of the Poor/What Child Is This? (Soper) ... BB100/101

What Child is This?

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Child of the Poor

Verse 1
Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid
Wrapped in the chill of midwinter;
Comes now, among us, born into, poverty's embrace
New life for the world

Refrain

Who is this? Who lives with the lowly?
Sharing their sorrows
Knowing their hunger?
This is Christ revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

Verse 2

Who is the stranger, here in our midst,
looking for shelter among us?
Who is the outcast?
Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God?

Verse 3

Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace;
bring those with nothing to offer;
strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart,
"Fear not: here is your God."

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: Joy To the World ... BB90