



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday (Rejoicing)

December 14, 2025

Pastor
Fr. Leo J Edgerly Jr

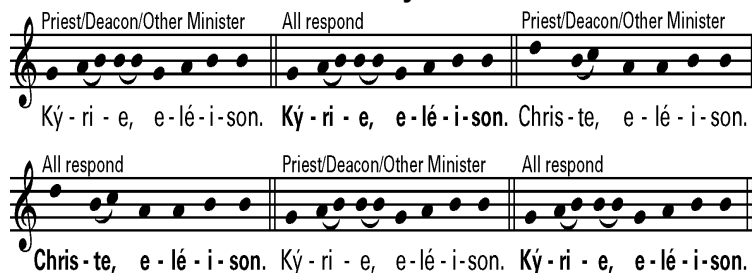
In Residence
Fr. Basil De Pinto

Guest Celebrants
Fr. Paul R Vassar
Fr. Kwame Assenyoh

Advent Hymn

See Sending Forth song

Kyrie



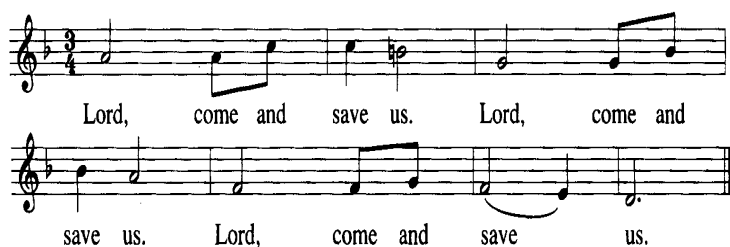
Gregorian Chant, Text/Music Gradual Romanum 1974

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

*The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap
like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.*

*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.*

Psalm 146: Lord Come and Save Us



Text: Psalm 146:3-4, 8-9, 6b-7, 8c-10; Marty Haugen © 1987
GIA Publications refrain trans. © 1969 ICEL
Music: Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

James 5:7-10

*Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient with it
until it receives the early and the late rains.
You too must be patient.
Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,
that you may not be judged.
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.
Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and
sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.*

Advent Gospel Acclamation VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you O Israel.

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890.

Matthew 11:2-11

*When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the
Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question,
"Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?"
Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.
And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."
As they were going off,
Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,
"What did you go out to the desert to see?
A reed swayed by the wind?
Then what did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in fine clothing?
Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.
Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you,
among those born of women there has been none greater
than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

This the Time of Waiting by David Kauffman

This is the time of waiting,
salvation soon will be born.



We will make ready our hearts, O God.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

No one knows the hour, no one knows the day.
What_ must be born in us, to make a way?

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
ready a path so straight.
What_ path must we walk, to make a way?

From heaven comes redemption,
so do not be dismayed.
How_ can we be God's hope, and make away?

"This Is The Time Of Waiting," David Kauffman, Arr. by William Gokelman
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Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Glory - by Ken Canedo, Bob Hurd

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho-ly, Lord_ God of Hosts_
Heaven and earth, are full of your glo-ry
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in_ the high-est

Bles-sed is he who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord.
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in_ the high-est

Mystery of Faith

Save_ us Savior of the world, for by your cross_
and re-sur-rection. You_ have set_ us free

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

Lamb of God Litany

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us, Have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: Grant us Peace.

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Communion

Act Justly - by Bernadette Farrell

Act justly; love tenderly.
Walk, walk, humbly_ with your God.



How shall we come before you, with what gifts to adore you.
Will our sacrifices please you,
what should we bring today?

This is what the Lord asks you, only this will remain true.
What is good has been explained to you,
listen again today.

People lift up your voices; by your actions make choices.
In this time, the only time we have,
show us the way to live.

On this planet of plenty, lives and futures lie empty.
In this world the only world we have,
show us the way to live.

Gather sister and brothers, gather fathers and mothers,
In this place, the only place we grow,
Show us the way to live.

Bread of life will be broken, Word of hope will be spoken.
In this sacrament of endless care,
show us the way to live.

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Sending Forth *Ready the Way* – by Bob Hurd



"Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!"
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Ready the way of the Lord"

Strengthen the ones who are weak.
Strengthen the ones who are weak.
Say to the frightened: "Have courage."
Strengthen the ones who are weak.



Here_ is your God, coming with your vindication.
Look_ and behold, the sav-ing pow-er of God.

Text: Based on Isaiah 35, 40, Ezekiel 11: Bob Hurd, b. 1950
Music: Bob Hurd: choral arr. by Craig S. Kingsbury, b. 1952

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