

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

• HOPE • PEACE • LOVE • JOY •

December 14, 2025 Liturgical Year A

ADVENT 3

Introductory Rites



Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria (Omitted in Advent until we hear the Gloria in Excelsis Deo of Christmas)

Collect



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Music Copyrights Permissions: All rights reserved. Reprinted under one license A-711283. Reading 1 Isaiah 35:1-6, 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,

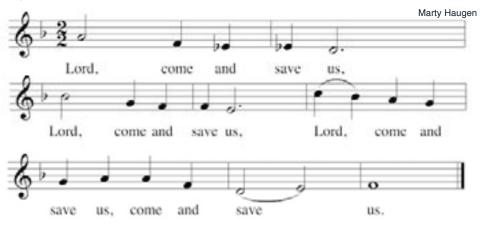
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

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.

Responsorial Psalm



Reading 2 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.

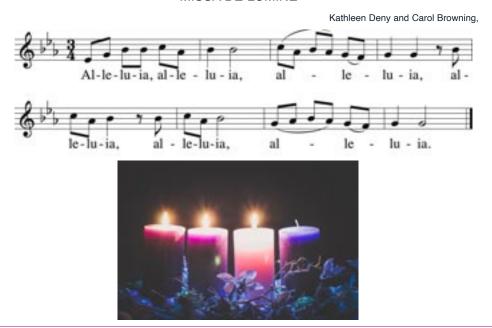
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,
that you may not be judged.

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.

Acclamation

MISSA DE LUMINE



Gospel 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."

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven. and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Universal Prayer

Our Response is Come, Lord Jesus!

Preparation of the Gifts

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL 1. O come. come. Em man el. o 2. O come. O Wis dom from on high. 3. O come. o come, great Lord of might. 4. 0 Rod of come. o Jes se's stem, 5. O come, Key of Da vid, come, el. And ran - som cap - tive Is Who ders all things might ly; Who Si tribes height to your on nai's From 'ry foe de liv them ev er And wide heav'n lv home: pen our That lone lv ile here mourns in ex To us the path of knowl edge show, In cient times the law. an once gave That trust YOUR might y power to save. Make safe the way that leads on high, Un til the Son of God ap - pear. And teach her ways us in to go. In cloud. and es and awe. maj ty, And give them vic t'ry o'er the grave. And close the path to mis er - v. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man u - el ra - el. Shall come you, 0 Is to

Eucharistic Acclamations

MISSA DE LUMINE

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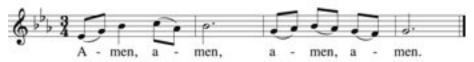


Memorial Acclamation



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Great Amen



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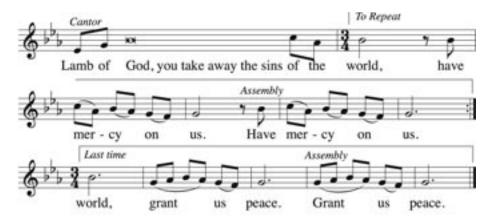
The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Response: And with your Spirit



Breaking of the Bread



Communion Procession



Recessional

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

FRENCH CAROL

