



ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST PARISH
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Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025 Vigil and 8:30am Mass

For Baptisms at the Vigil Mass, the service begins at the back of the church where Father receives each child and asks each set of parents and godparents to commit themselves to the ongoing faith formation of the children in the tradition of the Church.

Father then signs each child with the Sign of the Cross.

STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
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 us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - mán - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.
Na - scé - tur pro te Ís - ra - el.



GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[All make the sign of the cross.]*

Response: Amen.

Priest: *[Greets the congregation.]*

Response: And with your spirit.

The Penitential Rite is omitted for Masses where Baptisms occur.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Response: Amen.

Priest: [*Invites all to reflect.*]

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Let us pray.

[*The priest prays the Collect, which is different for each Mass.*]

Response: Amen.

SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings can be found at 1007 [red]

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Before the reading **Lector:** A reading from...

After the reading **Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

R. Lord, come and save us.

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1. The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.
3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

Before the reading **Lector:** A reading from...

After the reading **Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



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GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

Before the Gospel **Priest:** The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the
Holy Gospel according to...

Response: And with your spirit.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[*All trace the sign of the cross on the forehead,
lips, and chest to remind us that the word of the
Lord shall be in our mind, words and heart.]*

After the Gospel **Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIT

HOMILY

STAND



NICENE CREED *The Creed is omitted for Masses where Baptisms occur.*

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, (bow) *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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



Music: Byzantine chant

INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
Saint Michael, pray for us
Holy Angels of God, pray for us
Saint John the Baptist, pray for us
Saint Joseph, pray for us

Saint Frances, pray for us
Saint Genevieve, pray for us
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us
Saint John, pray for us
All you holy men and women, pray for us

BAPTISM

Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing before Baptism:

Blessing of the Baptismal Water:

Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

Baptisms:

Response: *Amen*

Response: *Blessed be God*

Response: *I do*

Response (after each baptism): *Alleluia.*

Each newly baptized child is then *anointed with the Sacred Chrism* so that he/she may be forever united with God's people in Christ. Then each child *receives a White Garment*; a symbol that he/she is risen with Christ and is clothed in His protective love. Finally, godparents *light the Baptismal Candle* from the Paschal Candle, which reminds the newly baptized of the light of Christ they have received. The celebrant then touches the ears and mouth of each child with his thumb (ephphatha – “be opened”).

SIT

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS - *Bread & wine are brought to the altar and the priest prepares these gifts.*
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 438 (red)



While the congregation sings, the priest says the prayer of preparation, blessing and thanking God for the gifts of bread and wine.



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As seers of old have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -



sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -
kind. To show God's love a - right, She
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; Speyer Gesangbuch, 1599; tr. sts. 1, 2 by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808–1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, 1845–1925, alt.
Tune: ES ISTEIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

[The priest says a prayer over the offerings.]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[The priest continues the Eucharistic prayer.]

Response: 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.

Response: Amen.

Response: And with your spirit.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

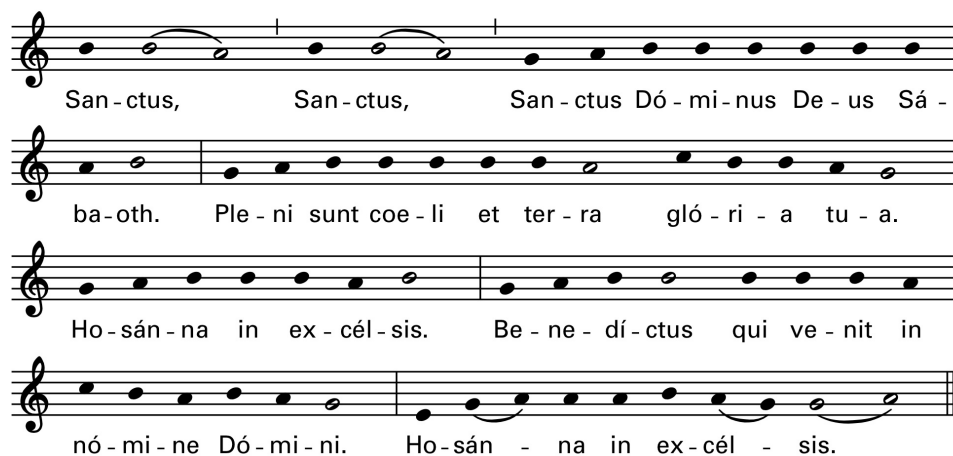
Response: It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The priest implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands become Christ's Body and Blood, to be consumed in Communion for the salvation of those who will partake of it.

SANCTUS

Sanctus is from the Latin, meaning "Holy."



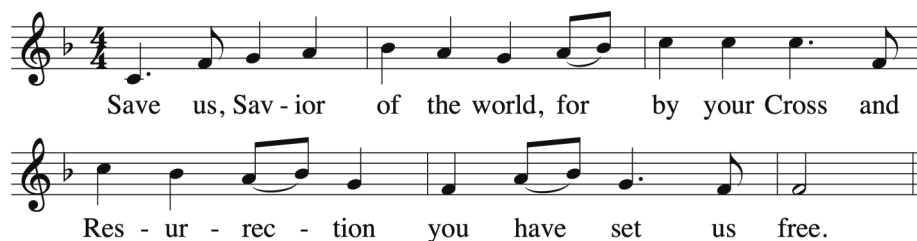
Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

Hosanna is a liturgical word from Hebrew meaning "praise" or "adoration."

KNEEL

Priest: ...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

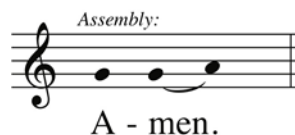


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Music: *Mass of the Holy Family*, Chris de Silva, © 2024 GIA Publications, Inc.

Priest: ...Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

AMEN



Text: *The Roman Missal*

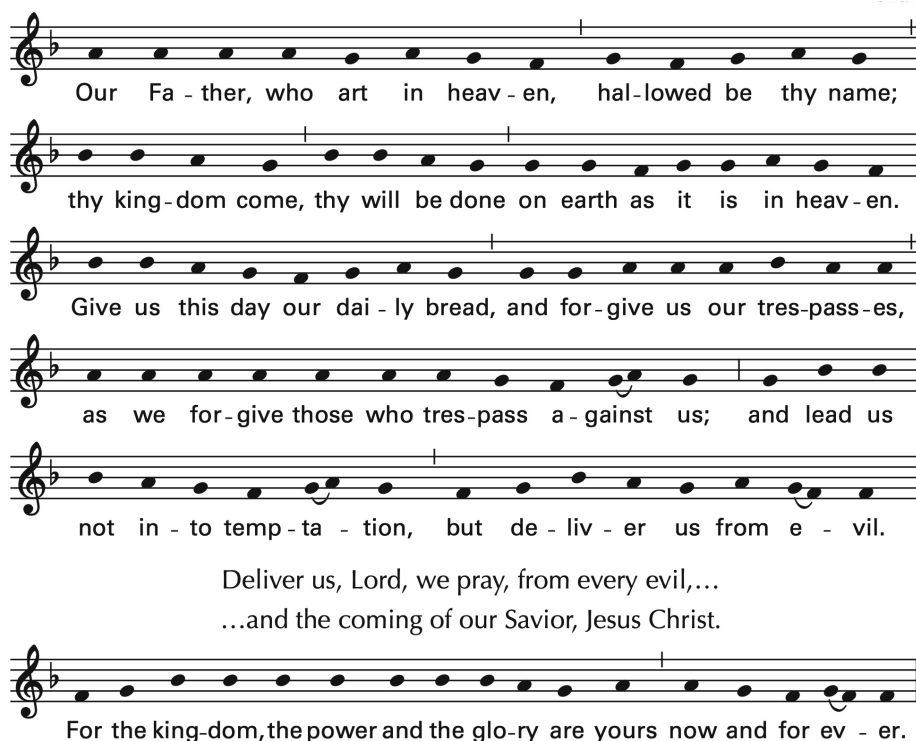
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STAND

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,...
...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: ...Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

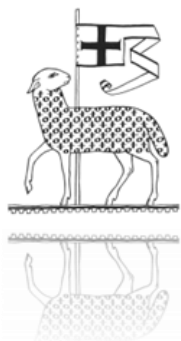
Priest: ...The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your spirit.

Priest: ...Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

[All the people exchange an embrace, handshake, or other appropriate gesture of peace with those near them.]

LAMB OF GOD



Cantor: A - gnus De - i, *All:* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

KNEEL

Priest: ...Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

"The Eucharistic bread and wine offered during mass have great significance for Catholics as the Body and Blood of Christ. If you do not share our Catholic Faith, or find yourself out of true communion with the Church, we invite you to come forward and receive a blessing by placing crossed hands over your heart."

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Shepherd of Souls 941 (red)



1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless
 2. We would not live by bread a - lone,
 3. Be known to us in break - ing bread,
 4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine;



Your cho - sen pil - grim flock With man - na in the
 But by your word of grace, In strength of which we
 But do not then de - part; Sav - ior, a - bide with
 Your Bod - y and your Blood, That liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on To our a - bid - ing place.
 us, and spread Your ta - ble in our heart.
 heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Tune: ST. AGNES, CM; John B. Dykes, 1823–1876; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

-When you return to your pew you may kneel or be seated.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Wait for the Lord 410 (red)

Ostinato Refrain



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Spanish: Con - tem - pla - ré tu vi - da en mi.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
 Con - tem - pla - ré, Se - ñor, tu a - mor.



Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6–7; Taizé Community, 1984
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Let us pray. [*The priest says the prayer after communion.*]

Response: Amen. [*A lector reads the announcements before the final blessing.*]

CLOSING RITES

FINAL BLESSING and DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

[*The priest sends us forth.*]

Response: Thanks be to God!

RECESSIONAL

Behold, A Voice Resounding Clear



1. Be - hold a voice re - sound - ing, clear,
2. Now let the wea - ry soul a - rise,
3. The Lamb is sent from realms on high
4. That when he comes like light - ning flash
5. Praise to the Fa - ther, God most high,

1. re - buk - ing hid - den fears and deeds:
2. in - firm and wound - ed by her sin;
3. to free us from our mor - tal debt.
4. and ter - ror grips the world in dread,
5. all vic - t'ry to his on - ly Son,

1. Let dreams be driv - en far a - way,
2. a new star now sends forth its light
3. Let ev - 'ry voice give thank - ful praise
4. he need not pun - ish us for guilt
5. due hon - or to the Spir - it blest,

1. for Christ shines forth from heav - en's height.
2. to rid the world of ev - 'ry harm.
3. and weep for ten - der mer - cy shown,
4. but with com - pas - sion shield us then.
5. through end - less ag - es ev - er - more.

5. A - men.

Melody: WINCHESTER NEW, 8 8 8 8; adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690
Text: *Vox clara ecce intonat*, 10th c.; tr. © 2023, ICEL

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