

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy
When We Eat This Bread
Great Amen
COMMUNION RITE
The Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Lamb of God

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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COMMUNION SONG

PATIENCE, PEOPLE

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

Pa-tience, peo-ple, till the Lord is come.

Verses

1. See the farm-er a-wait the yield of the soil. He watch-es
2. You have seen the pur-pose of the Lord. You know of
3. Stead-y your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand. And do not

1. it in win-ter and in spring rain. } Pa-tience,
2. his com-pas-sion and his mer-cy. }
3. grum-ble, one a-against the oth-er. }

1-3. peo-ple, for the Lord is com-ing.

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SENDING FORTH

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king: Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts a lone; By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Christmas Eve Masses

This year there ***will not*** be two Masses at the same time i.e. one in the ACC and one in the Sanctuary.

The Mass schedule is:

4:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 PM

At Ascension, our earliest Christmas Eve Mass typically sees the highest attendance. This year, since we will not celebrate a Mass in the ACC, those with older children are encouraged to attend a later Mass due to capacity limitations. This is especially important if you do not have small children and are able to drive at night.

We also gently request that no seats be saved. Please be seated with your entire family group upon arrival.

If you have empty seats around you, please scooch into the center of your aisle so that all seating in the Sanctuary can be utilized.

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Gentle reminder: When the lights have been lowered,
Please use this time for silent reflection.
The 5:30 Vigil and 8:15 Masses are livestreamed.

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension Second Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Lighting of the Advent Candle

- When the lights are lowered, please use this time for silent reflection.
- The lights will be raised for the lector announcements, and then the lights will be lowered again.
- **Remain seated** for the Advent Wreath procession.
- Reflection on the Advent candle
- Lighting the candle
- Music begins, the lights come up – all stand and sing

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35: 1 - 6a, 10*
The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

Psalm 146/ Praise the Lord

Cantor first time: Sarah Hart



Praise the Lord my soul!___ Praise the Lord my soul!___

1. Blessed he who 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. Alleluia.

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SECOND READING *James 5: 7 – 10*
"Be patient until the coming of the Lord," said the author of the letter of James.

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near

Cantor first time: Ernest Sands



Al - le-lu - ia! Hur-ry, the Lord is near.




Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia! Hur-ry the Lord is near!

Cantor:
The Spirit of God is Upon us;

I bring new tidings To the poor.

All:



Hur - ry the Lord is near!

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GOSPEL *Matthew 11: 2 – 11*
"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH **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 (*A SLIGHT Bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (*PLEASE RISE*)

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

JUBILEE PRAYER
Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within, both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Clergy: We ask this through Christ our Lord All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SAY TO THE FRIGHTENED HEART

Bob Hurd



Refrain

Say to the fright-ened heart: have cour - age, do not fear, for



God whose love is ev - er - last-ing comes to save us.

Verses


1. ʘ Wil - der-ness and dry land will ex - ult, the

2. ʘ They will be-hold the ra - diance of God, the

3. ʘ Then will the lame ones leap like the deer, ʘ

4. A path for the peo - ple of God shall ap - pear, a

5. ʘ En - ter - ing Si - on, they shall ex - ult, ʘ




1. des - ert re-joice and bloom, ʘ bloom with flow'rs in a -

2. glo - ry of the LORD. ʘ Say to those who are

3. then will the blind ones see. The ears of the deaf will be

4. road called the Ho - ly Way. The ran - somed shall pass a -

5. crowned with un - end - ing joy. No long - er will sad - ness



1. bun - dance, re-sound with songs of re - joic - ing.

2. fright-ened, fear not, be strong, and have cour - age.

3. o - pened, the mute will cry out with glad - ness.

4. long it re - turn - ing safe - ly to Si - on.

5. haunt them, all grief and sor - row will van - ish.

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