



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive  
Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the  
Son of God appear.

*Ref:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to  
thee, O Israel!

O come, thou rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe  
deliver them that trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Ref:*

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open  
wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that  
leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Ref:*

### First Reading      Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O  
Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O  
daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the  
judgment against you he has turned away your  
enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your  
midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On  
that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O  
Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God,  
is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice  
over you with gladness, and renew you in his love,  
he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at  
festivals.

### Responsorial:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is  
the great and Holy One of Israel

### Second Reading      Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all  
understanding

will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel      Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should  
we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has  
two cloaks should share with the person who has  
none. And whoever has food should do likewise."  
Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they  
said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He  
answered them, "Stop collecting more than what  
is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what  
is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not  
practice extortion,  
do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with  
your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and  
all were asking in their hearts whether John might  
be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I  
am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than

I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

### **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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all 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.

O God beyond all praising, We worship you today and sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay. For we can only wonder At ev’ry gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor May serve you as our King; And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill, We’ll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### **Closing Hymn**

Ave Maria, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum, benedícta tu in muliéreibus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora por nobis peccatóribu, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.



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### **Offertory/Communion Hymn**