

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all
the clergy

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the
resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light for your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph,
her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

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

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

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.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you
always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of
peace

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

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

Reception of Communion

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.

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

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

[Preparation for Christ]

STAND

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

God has shown us in Jesus
his concern for all that is weak and wounded.
If Jesus is alive among us,
he wants us to extend this care through us.
May the Lord continue to come in our world
through our love and compassion.

R/ Amen.

And may God bless you for this task:
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

Let us be these days each other's support and joy.
R/. Thanks be to God.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT < A

December 15, 2019

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT.

[Mounting Joy]

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

Penitential Act

There is so much to do
and so little we have done
to bring the Lord to people.
Let us ask him to forgive us:

(pause)

Lord, you came to give sight to the blind,
but we often remain blind to you and to people,
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you came to make the deaf hear,
but we are often deaf to you and your word,
to the cries of the poor:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you came to set prisoners free.
But we often refuse to be free,
we keep people chained in their misery.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and set us free from the bonds of sin.
Make us free for you and for people
and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Gloria is not said

C: Collect

[Joy of Salvation]

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading *Is 35:1-6, 10* *[Here Is Your God]*

*This vision of the Messiah describes his work-not only
in restoring health and well-being to the infirm, but also
in bringing the mercy and forgiveness of salvation.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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 dumb 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.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 146* *[The Lord Our Savior]*

R/. Lord, come and save us.

Or. Alleluia

The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free. **(R.)**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those that were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers. **(R.)**

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. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Jas 5:7-10*

[The Lord's Coming Is at Hand]

*Look to the example of prophets and learn patience
under severe hardships*

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

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.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)*

[Glad Tidings]

STAND

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



"[John] heard in prison of the works of the Christ (and) sent his disciples to Jesus." (Lk 9:10)

Gospel Mt 11:2-11 [Effects of the Lord's Coming]
Jesus applies the words of Isaiah to himself. He proclaims the good news of salvation, freedom, and joy.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

Let us present our petitions to God the Father, who anticipates our every desire and need. With confidence, we turn to him:

(Pause)

For the Church: that she may bring good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, and liberty to captives. And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

For all nations: that they may heed the message of Christ and embrace the way of the Gospel. And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

For the handicapped: that the Lord may strengthen them through our assistance and reassured by our sincere support and concern. And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

For the aged, the unemployed, and the ill: that the Lord may provide them with relief and encouragement. And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

For the faithful departed: that they may come to enjoy the vision of God, face to face.

And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

Come and see, Lord, all the unbelief that is in us. You open the eyes of the blind: come and open our eyes of faith.

And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to be filled with peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and to be the Light to the nations.

And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

And so we pray:

Our hope is in You, O Lord.

Loving Father, you used Saint John the Baptist to prepare for the public ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us, we pray, that by emulating the prophetic role of the Baptist, we may preach your truth to all the nations. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

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

People : **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**

Prayer over the Offerings [Unceasing Sacrifice]

STAND

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface I of Advent

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.