

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT < B

December 16 - 17, 2023

For the Living

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

For the Dead

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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.*

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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 for our
faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

St. John the baptist preached repentance and
open the way for the coming of Christ. We share
in his mission: we have to make Christ visible in
the Church and in the world of today by our
concern for the poor and the humble.

R/ Amen.

May we carry out this task with joy,
and with the blessing of almighty God:
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

May the Lord go with you wherever you go.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. *Phil 4:4-5 [Mounting Joy]*

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

Penitential Act

The good we do we ascribe to ourselves;
the evil we commit we blame easily on others.
We ask now the Lord to forgive us:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you are the Light.

Make us witnesses to speak for the light:

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

Jesus Christ, you stand among us
shine on us with Your healing rays:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you work marvels in us;
holy be your name.

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

Have mercy on us Lord,
and forgive us all our sins.

Do great things in us
and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest (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, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading *Is 61:1-2, 10-11*

[God's Glad Tidings]

*Isaiah has been sent to proclaim glad tidings to
those in need. He rejoices in the Lord who will prove
that he is the God of justice and peace.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because
the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring
glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the

prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the
Lord and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice
heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my
soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a
bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride
bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth
its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring
up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Lk 1 [God's Mighty Works]*

R./ My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations shall call me blessed:
(R.)

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who
fear him in every generation. **(R.)**

He has filled the hungry with God things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Thes 5:16-24 [Christian Joy]*

*Paul admonishes that Christians should rejoice.
He prays that the Christ-bearer will be free from
any semblance of evil, but rather will grow in
holiness.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the
Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without
ceasing. In all circumstance give thanks, for this is
the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not
quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic
utterances. Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be
preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he
will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18) [Glad Tidings]*

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

STAND

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring glad things to the poor.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 [Witness to Christ]

John the Baptist is the forerunner of Jesus. He gives witness to Jesus by his preaching.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way for the Lord,

as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened at Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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. With faith, we seek his mercy:

(Pause)

For the Church: that she may bring message of Christ to the whole world. And the members of the Church will be united in faith to spread the Good News, with courage, perseverance and commitment. Let us pray:

Come, Lord, the world waits for you.

For the leaders of all nations: that the Lord may guide their decisions, in order to uphold justice,

peace, and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Let us pray:

Come, Lord, the world waits for you.

For all Christian families: that they may bear witness to the hope, peace and joy of God's family by reaching out to the isolated, the oppressed and the needy at this times of uncertainty. Let us pray:

Come, Lord, the world waits for you.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to recognize Your presence in our midst and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Come, Lord, the world waits for you.

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

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Come, Lord, the world waits for you.

Merciful Father, you sent St. John the Baptist to prepare your people for the public ministry of your Son. With Grace may we preach your truth to the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

SIT

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. **R/ 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 II 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 all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

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. 3

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

The Lord's Supper

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread 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, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice 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.

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

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

In Communion with the Saints

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint *N. : Patron Saint* and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

Intercessions: For the Church

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant *N. our Pope* and *N. our Bishop*, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.