



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Gertrude Church

December 11, 6 p.m.

PROCESSION

Rejoice, the Lord is King

St. Michael Hymnal 728

KYRIE

Cantor, then all: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Music: Steven Janco

READING I

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10

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 mute 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17



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

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. Ṛ.

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. Ṛ.

Music: Owen Alstott

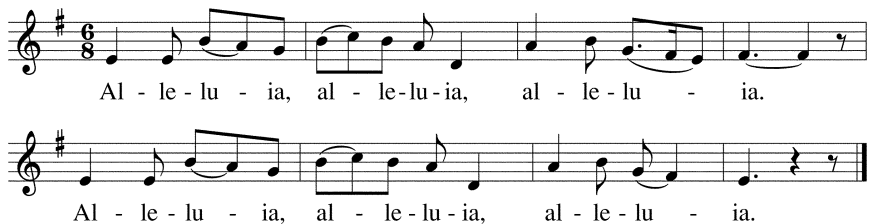
READING II

James 5:7–10

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–11

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."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for
you to re - veal your - self to us.
There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we
on - ly find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

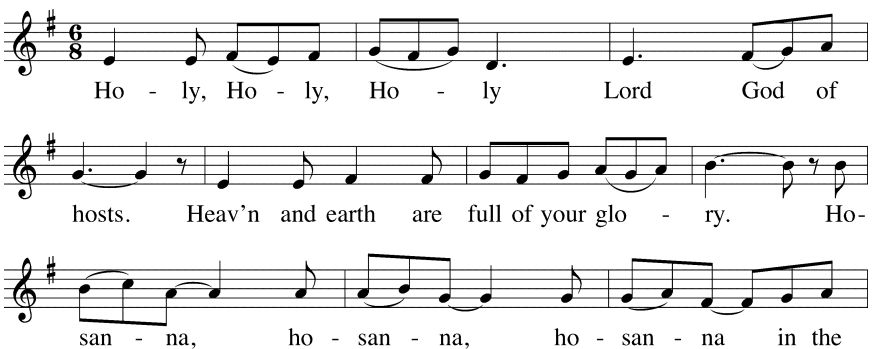
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

Lord, save us, take pity, lighten our darkness.

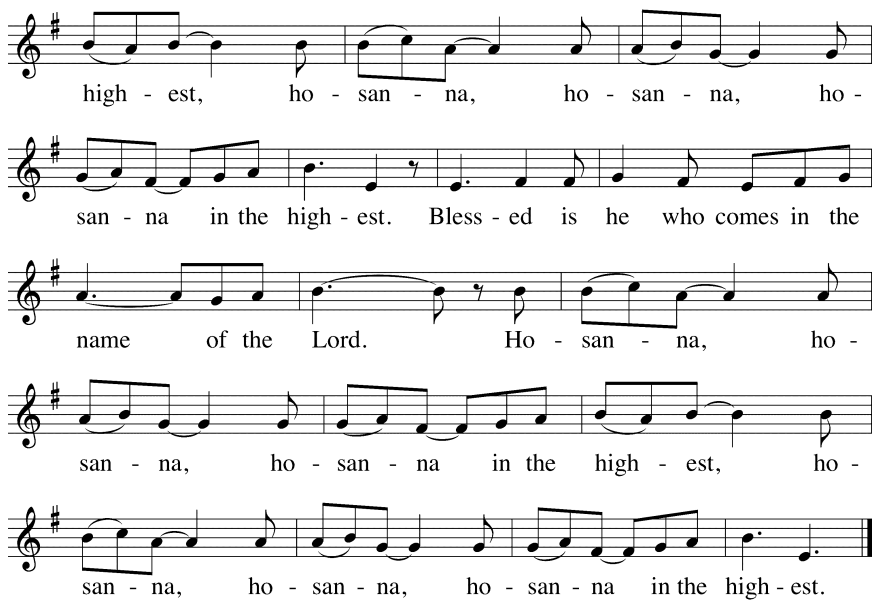
We call you we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

Words and music: Anne Quigley

SANCTUS

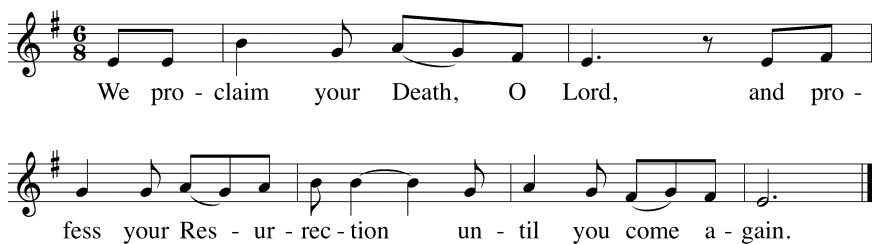


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the



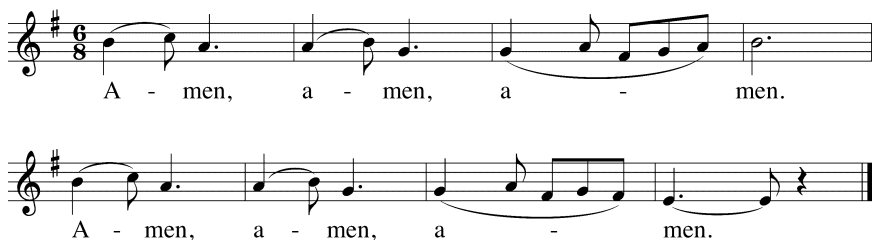
high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
 fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

AGNUS DEI

Cantor, then all: *Repeat ad lib.*

Have mer - cy on us.

Last time

Cantor: *All:*

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Music: Steven Janco

COMMUNION

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y
giv-en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood giv - en up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heaven above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. R.

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free; I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. R.

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day; You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood. R.

I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide; I am the morning star that never sets; Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. R.

I am the first and last, the Living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song; You are my bride, come to the marriage feast. R.

Words and music: James Quinn, S.J.

MEDITATION

*Say to the frightened heart: have courage, do not fear,
for God whose love is everlasting comes to save us.*

Wilderness and dry land will exult, the desert rejoice and bloom,
bloom with flow'rs in abundance, resound with songs of rejoicing.

They will behold the radiance of God, the glory of the LORD.
Say to those who are frightened, fear not, be strong, and have courage.

Then will the lame ones leap like the deer, then will the blind ones see.
The ears of the deaf will be opened, the mute will cry out with gladness.

A path for the people of God shall appear, a road called the Holy Way.
The ransomed shall pass along it returning safely to Sion.

Entering Sion, they shall exult, crowned with unending joy.
No longer will sadness haunt them, all grief and sorrow will vanish.

*Words: after Isaiah 35:1–10
Music: Bob Hurd*

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke
him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

RECESSION

People, Look East

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