



Thank you for joining us today for Mass!  
~\*~There is nothing like receiving the Holy Eucharist~\*~  
We hope to see you soon.



## Third Sunday of Advent



The candle for the Third Sunday of Advent is pink to remind us of the coming joy of the birth of Jesus Christ.

# The Sunday of *Joy*

Our Joy is in God and in his Son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming again so that all people might have a rich and abundant life.

We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

# Third Sunday Of Advent

## Gathering Song:

### On Jordan's Bank

#### ON JORDAN'S BANK

WINCHESTER NEW



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.

Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.



# Greeting

## **Penitential Act: *Confiteor***

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints;  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,  
Christ have Mercy,  
Lord have Mercy



# Liturgy of the Word

## 1st Reading IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

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,

**~Thanks be to God**



## **Responsorial Psalm** LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

### **R. (Is 61:10b) 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 will call me blessed:

### **R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

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. My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good 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. My soul rejoices in my God.**



## 2nd Reading 1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances 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,  
**~Thanks be to God**



## **Alleluia** PS 85:8

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is near.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Good News.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**





## **Gospel JN 1:6-8, 19-28**

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 of 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 in Bethany across the Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord,  
**~Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



## Profession of Faith:

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, 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.***

**Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition**

~ Lord, hear our prayers



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection, until you come again.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

## The Lord's Prayer

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

Sign of Peace

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

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.

## 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. Amen.*

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

For the kingdom, the power and glory  
are yours now and forever.~Amen



## Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**



# Communion Song: Waiting In Silence

## WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your



1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -  
2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of  
3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your  
4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our  
5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our



1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,  
2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,  
3. way; Show us the path of life, } Ma-ra-na - tha!  
4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,  
5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,



# EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano



Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and



earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;  
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind  
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;  
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;  
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (Fine)

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# Concluding Rite

## Closing Song: Emmanuel



## Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations  
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.  
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,  
grant to those You have called  
the willingness and the generosity of spirit  
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents  
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
and especially the faith of those You are calling.  
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**



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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

