

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who order all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

4. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

5. 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.

6. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace.

Please Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle, be our defense 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, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PEOPLE LOOK EAST



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him, who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
2. seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
3. nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the fros - ty  
5. brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
3. fro - zen He for fledg - ling - time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look  
4. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
5. hum - ming With the word, "The Lord is com - ing." Peo - ple, look



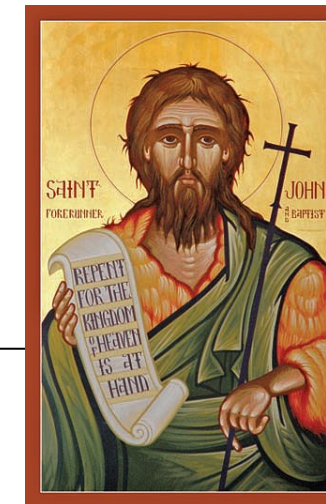
1. East, and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.  
2. East, and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.  
3. East, and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.  
4. East, and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.  
5. East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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December 17<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Third Sunday  
of Advent

Welcome to St. Nicholas!

Please help us to preserve the sanctity of this time and space by  
maintaining a reverent **silence** before and after the liturgy.



Please Stand

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Phil 4: 4-5



Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; a - gain I say, re -



joice. In - deed, the Lord is near.

1. O LORD, you have favored *your* land, \*  
and brought back the captives *of* Jacob.

You forgave the guilt of *your* people, \*  
and covered all *their* sins.

You averted all *your* rage; \*  
you turned back the heat of *your* anger.

2. Bring us back, O God, *our* savior! \*  
Put an end to your grievance *against* us.

Will you be angry with us *forever*? \*  
Will your anger last from *age to age*?

3. Will you not restore again *our* life, \*  
that your people may rejoice *in you*?

Let us see, O LORD, *your* mercy, \*  
and grant us your *salvation*.

D. Glory be to the Father, and to *the Son*, \*  
and to the *Holy Spirit*.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, \*  
world without end. *Amen*.

Please Stand

GREETING R: And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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, (while striking ones chest 3x) 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

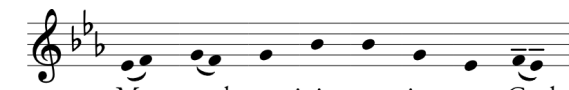
KYRIE R: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2A, 10-11

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord.."

Responsorial: Is 61: 10b



My soul re - joic - es in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

"In all circumstances give thanks.."

Please Sit

Please Sit

Please Stand

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

☩ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Is 61: 1

Gospel John 1: 6-8, 19-28

*"I am the voice.."*

Please Sit

### HOMILY

Please Stand

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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,  
 (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.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

☩: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Sit

### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*Ps 85*

You have blessed, O Lord, your land; you have turned a - way the cap - tiv - i - ty of Ja - cob. You for - gave the guilt of your peo - ple.

1. You forgave the guilt of your people, \* and covered *all their sins*.

You averted all your **rage**; \* you turned back the heat *of your anger*.

Please Stand

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Please Stand

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please Kneel

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Mystery of Faith

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

### GREAT AMEN

Please Stand

### THE LORD'S PRAYER + SIGN OF PEACE

### AGNUS DEI

A - gnus De - i, \* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. (2X)  
 A - gnus De - i, \* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Please Kneel

At the Conclusion of Lamb of God please kneel

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

After Receiving communion, Please **Kneel or sit**

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