

**Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

**December 9, 2020**

**9 AM**

**Gathering Song:**            *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!
2. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**First Reading** – Isaiah 40:25-31

*The Lord God is almighty and gives strength to the fainting.*

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

To whom can you liken me as an equal?

says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high

and see who has created these things:

He leads out their army and numbers them,

calling them all by name.

By his great might and the strength of his power

not one of them is missing!

Why, O Jacob, do you say,

and declare, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God?”

Do you not know or have you not heard?

The LORD is the eternal God,

creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint nor grow weary,

and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives strength to the fainting;

for the weak he makes vigor abound.

Though young men faint and grow weary,

and youths stagger and fall,

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,

they will soar as with eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary,

walk and not grow faint.

The word of the Lord.    All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

**O bless the Lord, my soul!**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities,

he heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,

he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,

slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,

nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, the Lord comes to save his people;  
blessed are those prepared to meet him.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** - Matthew 11:28-30

**Come to me, all you who labor.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am meek and humble of heart;

and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.

## Sending Forth Song

### *Like a Shepherd*

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice; Jerusalem, here is your God.
2. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest.

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