

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 15, 2024**

**GATHERING SONG**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.;  
verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710;  
tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.  
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** – click [HERE](#) for the readings

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Cry out with joy and gladness, for the Lord is in your midst,  
the holy one of Israel, cry out, cry out with joy!*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**My Sunday Offering to God**



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## **Preparation of the Gifts**

## ***Walk in the Reign***

Close as tomorrow the sun shall appear.  
Freedom is coming and healing is near.  
And I shall be with you in laughter and pain  
to stand in the wind and walk in the reign, to walk in the reign.

1. In days to come the desert shall bloom.  
Rivers will run there, soon, very soon.  
So what shall we fear, though death do its worst?  
The word of our God is the last shall be first, the last shall be first.
2. Comfort each other, for pain soon must end.  
A day comes when lion and lamb shall be friends.  
The sightless shall see then, the speechless sing songs.  
The name of our God is the righter of wrongs, the righter of wrongs.

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## **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.

**Communion Song:**            *Let Us Be Bread*

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.
2. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

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**Sending Forth Song:**            *People, Look East*

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

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