

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, O 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 your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.;
verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Cantionum 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 146: *Happy the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God!*

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 *Each Winter As the Year Grows Older*

1. Each winter as the year grows older, we each grow older too.
The chill sets in a little colder; the verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.
2. When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war,
They overshout the voice of reason, and scream till we ignore
All we held dear before.

3. Yet I believe beyond believing, that life can spring from death;
That growth can flower from our grieving;
That we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith.
4. So even as the sun is turning, to journey to the north,
The living flame, in secret burning, can kindle on the earth,
And bring God's love to birth.
5. O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's, renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

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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: *Behold the Lamb*

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.
- Refrain:* Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.
3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with 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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