

READINGS AND CREED INSERT • 12/13/20 •
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (5:00pm, 7:15am, and 8:30am)

From Luke 1

Antiphon: My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 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.

GOSPEL

John 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion. All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer.

Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

PROPERS SUNG BY THE CHOIR AT 11:00am MASS • PLEASE DO NOT JOIN IN THE SINGING.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Gaudete in Domino*

cf. Is 30:19,30; Ps 80:2

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. *¶* Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your kindness be known to all men; the Lord is near. Be anxious over nothing, but in every prayer make your petitions known to God. *¶ O Lord, You have favored Your land, and brought back the captives of Jacob.*

GRADUAL (in place of the Responsorial Psalm at 11:00am)

Jn 1:6,7; Lk 1:17

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen Ioannes erat: hic venit. *¶* Ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, et prepare Domino plebem perfectam.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John; he came. *¶* To bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Ps 80:3

Alleluia, Alleluia. *¶* Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni, et salvos facias nos.

Alleluia, Alleluia. *¶* Stir up Your might, O Lord, and come to save us.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Deus tu convertens*

Ps 85:2

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

O Lord, You have blessed Your land, You have put an end to Jacob's captivity; You have forgiven the guilt of Your people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Dicite, pusillanimes*

Is 35:4

Dicite: pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.

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

Today's Mass Ordinary is Byrd's Mass for Three Voices. The motet is Palestrina's "Alma Redemptoris Mater". The hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (below) is sung during the retiring procession.

HYMN *Veni, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. *¶* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *¶* Rejoice...

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe. *¶* Rejoice...

O come, Thou rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them That trust Thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *¶* Rejoice...

Please remember our Advent Recitals (4:30pm) and Vespers (5:15pm) on each Sunday of Advent. ***This week's recital is presented by the Staff Singers of Cathedral Choir.*** Please visit the Sacred Music tab of our website (www.stpaulsbhm.org/sacred-music) for more info on this week and upcoming recitals.

