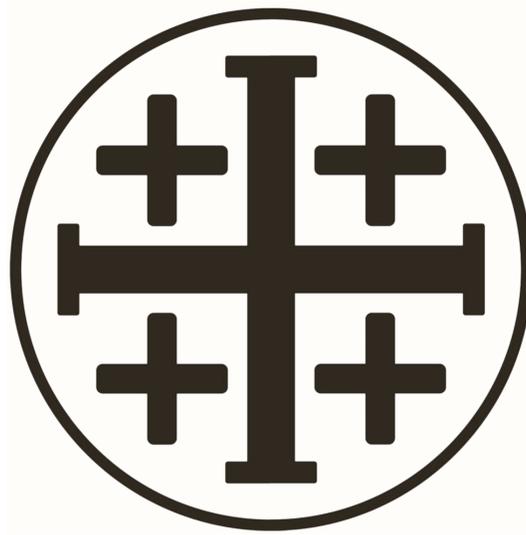


The 3rd SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

Sunday, December 14, 2025



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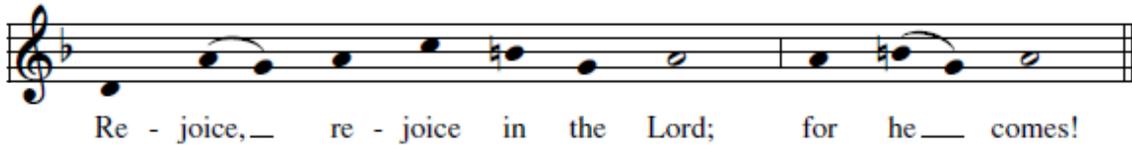
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Organ Prelude – Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659, J. S. Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon – St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon, Columba Kelly, OSB

Please stand



Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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,
(Strike breast 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.

Lord Have Mercy – Kyrie, G.P. Palestrina, arr. Covington

Cantor: All:
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Cantor: All:
Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Cantor: All:
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Collect

Please sit



THE LITURGY *of the* WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sun, 9:00) – *Teach Me Your Ways O Lord*, Stevens/Henderson

First Reading – *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm – *Psalms 146:6-10*



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The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free. *R.*

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those
who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers. *R.*

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. *R.*

Second Reading – *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem *An Advent Prayer*, Allen Pote (Sat, 5 PM)
Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain, Carolyn Jennings (Sun, 9 AM)
Ecce Virgo Concipiet, James J. Richardson (Sun, 11 AM)

Invitation to Prayer

Please stand

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy, Holy, Holy – *Mass of St. Theresa*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.

Please kneel or be seated

Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*

Save us Sa - vior of the world, for by your cross and
Re - sur - rec - tion, you have set us free.

Great Amen – *chant*

Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God—*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan, arr. Covington

Lamb of God - you take - a way - the sins of the world Have
mer - cy on - us Lamb of God - you take - a -
way - the sins of the world Have mer - cy on - us
Lamb of God - You take - a - way - the sins of the world
Grant - - us your - - peace.

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Communion Antiphon - *St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon*, Columba Kelly, OSB

Be - hold, - our God - will come, and he - will save - us.

Communion Hymn—*Awaken, Sleepers* (Sat, 5 PM and Sun, 9 AM)

1. A - wak - en, sleep - ers, sing for joy: Sal -
2. Pre - pare your - selves to face the day Of
3. Be vig - i - lant; you can - not know The
4. All na - tions then shall gath - er round To
va - tion's day is near, When Christ, the dawn of
judg - ment and of grace, To live as peo - ple
mo - ment or the hour When Christ will come, un -
learn his ways of peace, Their spears turned in - to
light and truth, Dis - pels the night of fear.
of the light; God's per - fect truth em - brace.
her - ald - ed, With life - re - new - ing pow'r.
prun - ing hooks As world - ly con - flicts cease.

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Choral Anthem *Say to the Faint of Heart*, Marc Cerisier (Sun, 11 AM)

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving - *City of God, Jerusalem*



1. Cit - y of God, Je - ru - sa - lem, Where he has set his
2. Sing and be glad, Je - ru - sa - lem, For God does not for -
3. Sor - row no more, Je - ru - sa - lem, Dis - card your rags of
4. Look all a - round, Je - ru - sa - lem, Sur - vey from west to



love; Church of Christ that is one on earth With Je -
get; He who said he would come to save Nev - er
shame! Take your crown as a gift from God Who has
east; Sons and daugh - ters of God the king Are in -



ru - sa - lem a - bove: Here as we walk this
failed his peo - ple yet. Though we are tempt - ed
called you by his name. Put off your sin, and
vit - ed to his feast. Out of their ex - ile



chang - ing world Our joys are mixed with tears, But the
by de - spair And daunt - ed by de - feat, Our in -
wear the robe Of glo - ry in its place; You will
far a - way His scat - tered fam - 'ly come, And the



day will be soon when the Sav - ior re - turns
vin - ci - ble Lord will be seen in his strength,
shine in his light, you will share in his joy,
streets will re - sound with the song of the saints



And his voice will ban - ish our fears.
And his tri - umph will be com - plete.
You will praise his won - der - ful grace.
When the Sav - ior wel - comes us home.

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Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude - *Jubilate*, William Mathias

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