

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

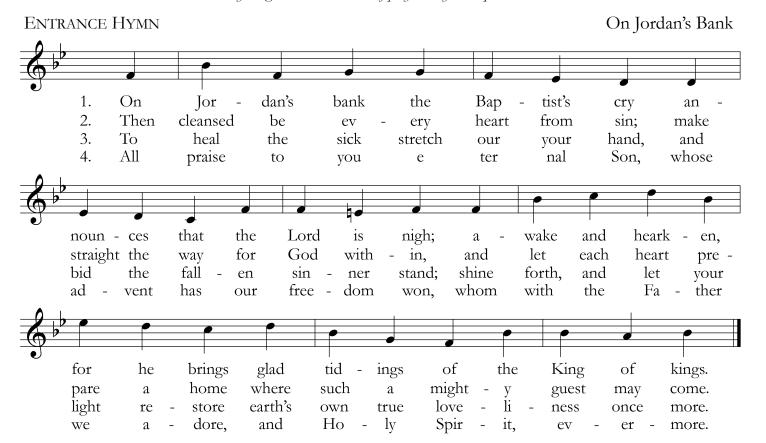
# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025

**PRELUDE** 

Herr Jesu Christ, zum Jordan kamm J.S. Bach

Introit Chant Gaudete in Domino

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance to known to all. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God.



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PENITENTIAL ACT See card in pew.

**COLLECT** 

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Psalm 146:6–10

James 5:7–10



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

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.

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.

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#### SECOND READING

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.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:2–11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

RITE OF WELCOME 10:30 a.m.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow and say:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

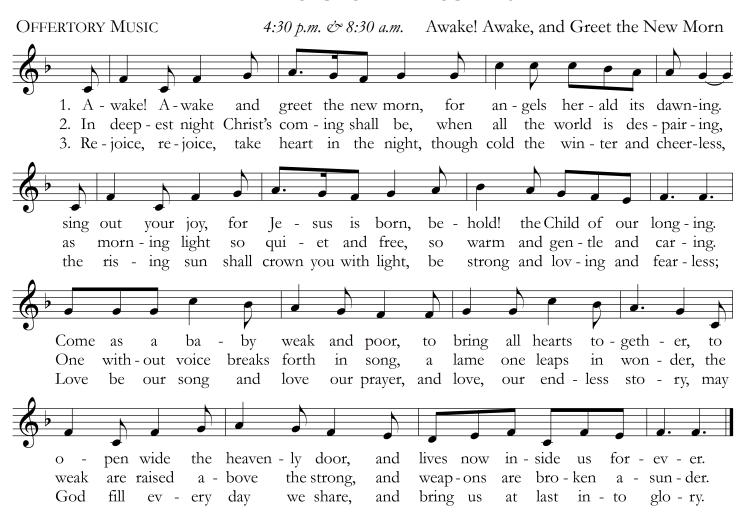
All stand upright and continue:

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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Bring offerings and adore the Lord in his holy place. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult before the Lord, for he comes.

Psalm 96

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

...For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

COMMUNION CHANT Dicite: Pusillanimes

Say: Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.

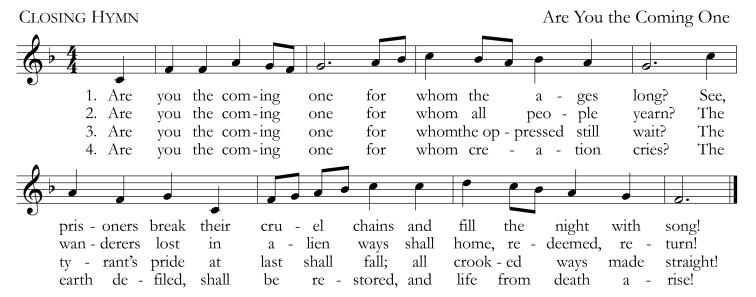
COMMUNION MUSIC

4:30 p.m. & 8:30 a.m. Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele Georg Böhm

> 10:30 a.m. Rejoice in the Lord, Alway anonymous, 16th century

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Toccata in F POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

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