



**St. Rita Catholic Parish**  
Sierra Madre, California



*“One mightier than I is coming...”*

— Luke 3:16

Worship Aid  
December 15, 2024  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

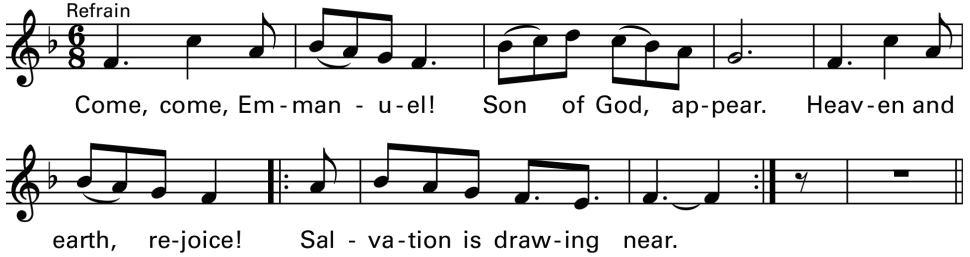
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# Entrance Hymn

## EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain




Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and  
earth, re-joyce! Sal - va-tion is draw-ing near.

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el,  
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;  
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,  
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind  
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,  
5. Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el  
Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el

(to Refrain)



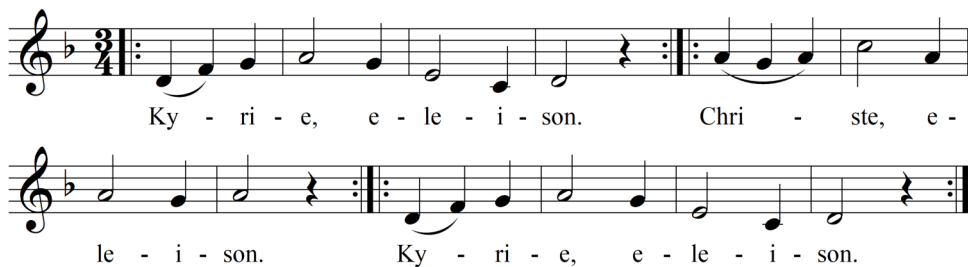
1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;  
And be for us the King of Peace.  
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (*Fine*)

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# KYRIE, ELEISON

## *Mass of Joyful Waiting*

Paul Puccinelli



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### FIRST READING

### Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

The Word of the Lord.



God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. **R.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **R.**

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## SECOND READING

## Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**ADVENT ALLELUIA***Mass of Joyful Waiting*

Paul Puccinelli



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

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**GOSPEL****Luke 3:10-18**

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## *Prayer for Pastoral Implementation*

Good and loving God,

We, the people of St. Rita Parish, thank you for the blessings You have graciously poured down upon us. For over 100 years You have guided our parish and for this we thank and honor You. As we work together to implement our priorities for the coming years, bless our deliberations and guide our efforts. As disciples of Jesus, assist us in our parish mission to be a community that lives by faith, is known by love and is a voice of hope. With the intercession of St. Rita, remove anything that may impede our progress and bless all that we do. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preparation Hymn

ALLELUIA! HURRY,  
THE LORD IS NEAR

Ernest Sands

Refrain

Al - le-lu - ia! Hur-ry, the Lord is near. Al-le-lu-ia,

Verses

al - le - lu - ia! Hur-ry, the Lord is near.

1. Sound\_ the trum-pet, the  
2. Earth\_ has longed \_ for  
3. Go out to meet \_ him,  
4. He is the might-y one,

1. Lord \_ is near; Hur-ry, the Lord is near; see, \_ he  
2. his \_ ap-proach: Hur-ry, the Lord is near; straight-en the  
3. shout \_ his name: Hur-ry, the Lord is near; his might-y  
4. he is the Word: Hur-ry, the Lord is near; God ev - er -

to Refrain

1. comes \_ to save us all.  
2. road, \_ smooth the path.  
3. king-dom shall nev - er end.  
4. last - ing, Prince of Peace. } Hur-ry, the Lord is near!

*Eucharistic Acclamations*

**HOLY**  
*Mass of the Incarnate Word*

Bob Hurd

Ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. \_\_\_\_\_ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. \_\_\_\_\_ Blessed is he, \_\_\_\_\_ blessed is he \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_



# MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION C

*Mass of the Incarnate Word*

Bob Hurd

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

## AMEN

*Mass of the Incarnate Word*

Bob Hurd

A - men. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men. \_\_\_\_\_  
A - - - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

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# AGNUS DEI XVIII



A musical score for the Agnus Dei XVIII, consisting of four staves of music. The melody is written in a single line on a five-line staff, using a treble clef. The notes are primarily half notes and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is in Latin and describes the Agnus Dei, who takes away the sins of the world and grants peace.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -  
ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta  
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i,  
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

## *Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. *Amen.*

# Communion Hymn

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

### Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

### Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

# *Recessional Hymn*

## SOON AND VERY SOON



1. Soon and ver - y soon, — We are going to see the King; —  
2. No more cry - ing there, — We are going to see the King; —  
3. No more dy - ing there, — We are going to see the King; —



1. Soon and ver - y soon, — We are going to see the King; —  
2. No more cry - ing there, — We are going to see the King; —  
3. No more dy - ing there, — We are going to see the King; —



1. Soon and ver - y soon, — We are going to see the King; —  
2. No more cry - ing there, — We are going to see the King; —  
3. No more dy - ing there, — We are going to see the King; — } Hal - le -



- 1-3. lu - jah! — Hal - le - lu - jah! — We're going to see the King. —

Text: 57 57 57 86; Andraé Crouch, b. 1945.

Music: SOON AND VERY SOON; Andraé Crouch; adapt. by William F. Smith, b. 1941.

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