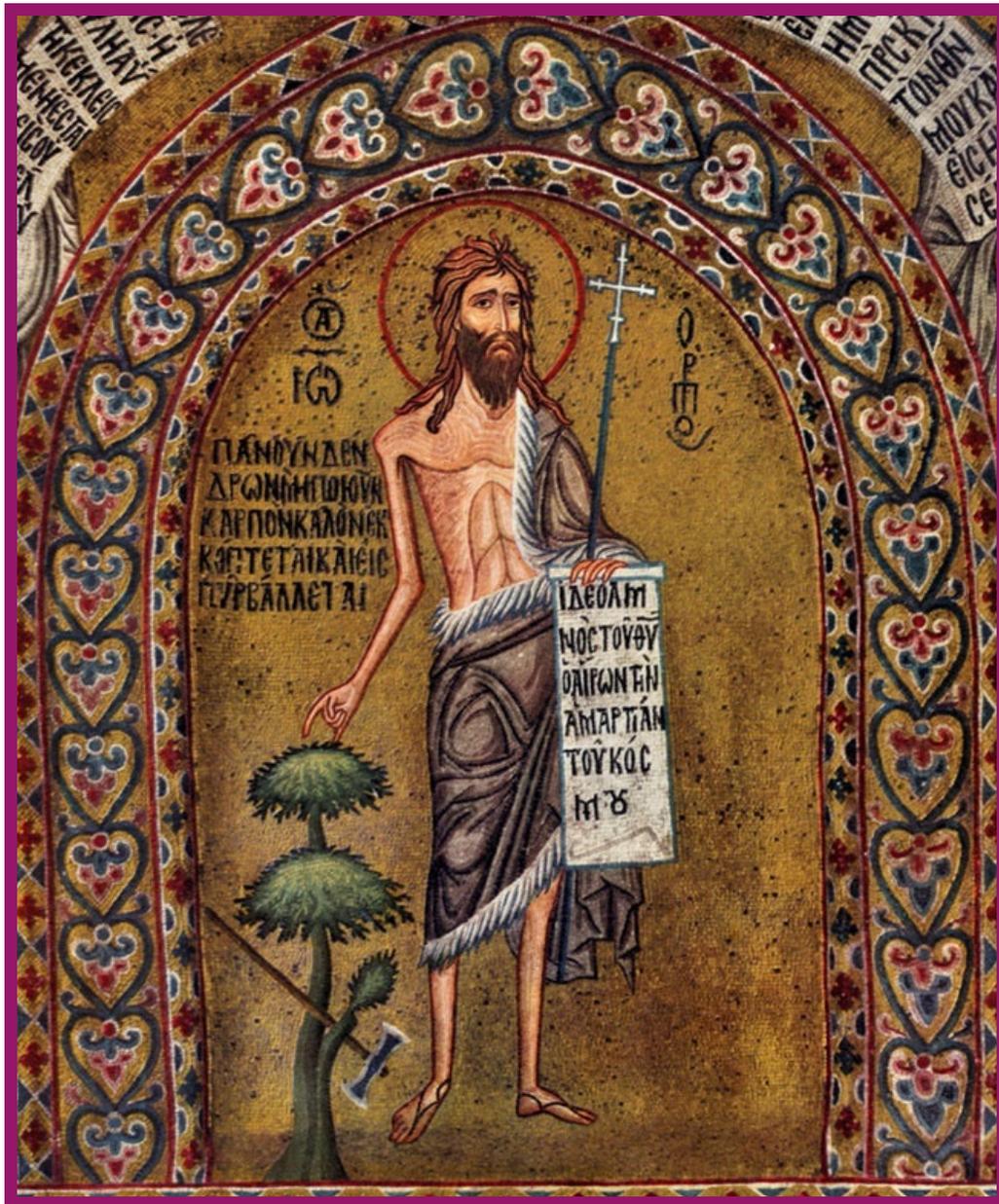


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Year A

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Choral Prelude: Carol of the Advent

Besançon Carl arr. Phillip Dietterich

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 flourish. ★

People, look east, and sing today: Love, the rose is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are froz'n, He the 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.

Angels, announce to man and beast, Him who cometh from the east.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

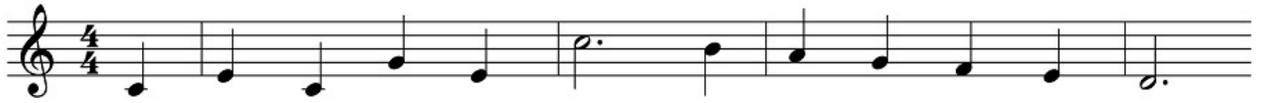
People, look east, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.



Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965

Gathering Hymn

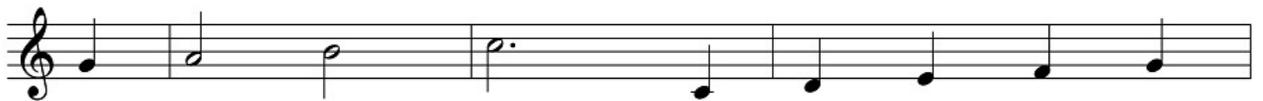
Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more:
When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove:
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:
And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

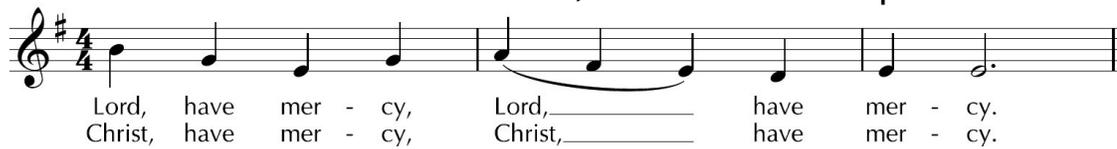


joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!



Penitential Rite from Advent Litanies, based on "O" Antiphons

written by Gerald Near for
Saint Mark Music



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

O root of Jesse, who stands as the ensign of the people,
before whom kings shall not open their mouths,
to whom the nations shall pray, come to deliver us, tarry now no longer. *Lord...*

O King of Peace, you who were born before all ages; come out by the golden gate,
visit them you have redeemed, and lead them back to that place from which they fell by sin. *Christ...*

O Orient, splendor of eternal light, and sun of justice,
come and enlighten those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. *Lord...*



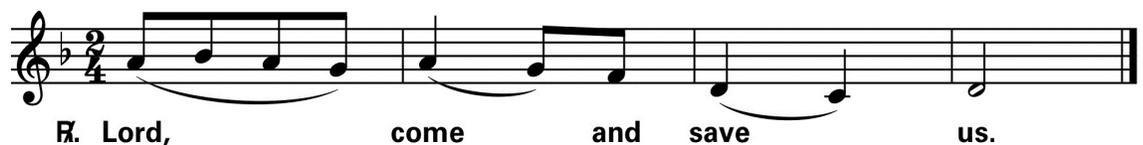
Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 146: 6-10

by Owen Alstott



R. Lord, come and save us.

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.*

Reading 2: 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 word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel of Matthew 11: 2-11

Chant by Owen Alstott



℞. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Universal Prayer

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, For
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing; His hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



soon* he is born, Be - hold the Child of our long - ing!
 qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.
 qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light; Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer And love our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
 kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
 won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And
 sto - ry. May God fill ev - 'ry day we share And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

*During the Christmas season: "now"



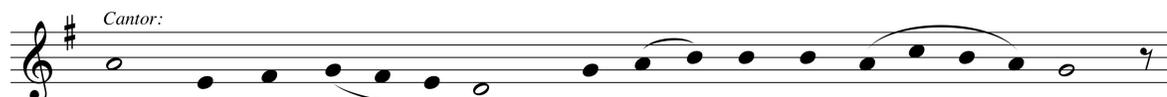
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—MISSA EMMANUEL

Cantor, then all:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Cantor:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Cantor, then all:



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor:



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then all:



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Save Us, Savior of the World

Cantor, then all:



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN

Cantor, then all:



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God



Cantor:

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:

world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor:

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:

world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

For those who cannot now receive Holy Communion,
we invite you to meditate on this prayer for Spiritual Communion:

**My 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 Antiphon for Advent 3

from *Graduale Romanum* & *Bartlett Simple English Propers*

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Is 35: 4

VII

SAY: Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and

do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will

save us.





Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
 3. O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As seers of old have
 mind, With Mar-y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er
 air, Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

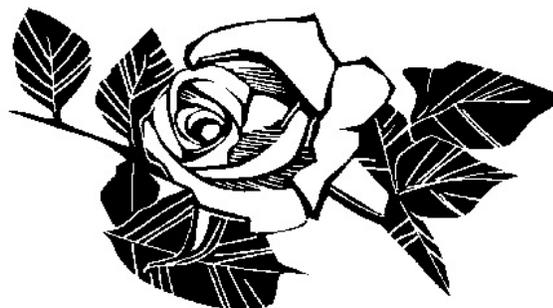


sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She
 where; True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
 sin and death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; Speyer *Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1, 2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934; st. 3, *The Hymnal*, 1940
 Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621



O Come, Divine Messiah!



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence
 2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
 long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
 cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
 deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to
 shall your God - head see.



earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -



si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.



Lift Up Your Heads



1. Lift up your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu -
 2. But not in arms or bat - tle dress, Al - le - lu -
 3. God brings a new face to the brave, Al - le - lu -
 4. God's match-less and ma - jes - tic strength, Al - le - lu -



ia! See how the King of glo - ry waits,
 ia! God comes, a child a - midst dis - tress,
 ia! God re - de - fines who best can save:
 ia! In all its height, depth, breadth, and length,



Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord of Hosts is draw - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! No might - y ar - mies shield the
 Al - le - lu - ia! Not those whose pow'r re - lies on
 Al - le - lu - ia! Now is re - vealed, its pow'r to



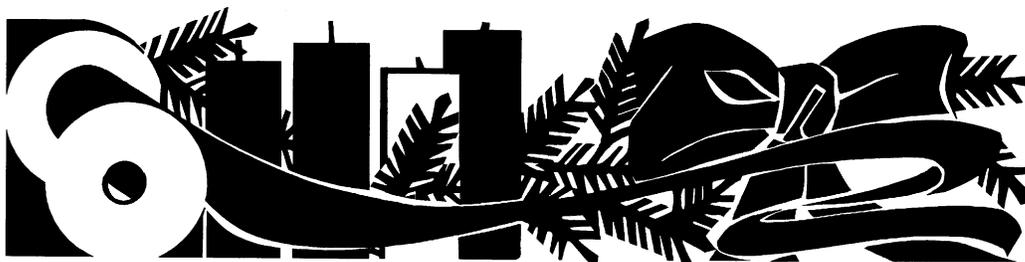
near, The Sav - ior of the world is here.
 way, On - ly coarse lin - en, wool, and hay.
 threat, Ter - ror or tor - ture, de - struc - tion or debt.
 prove, By Christ pro - test - ing "God is love!"



Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: George Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878; adapt. by John L. Bell, b.1949, © 2001, Iona Community,
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Tune: CH THREE, 8 8 8 with alleluias; John L. Bell, b.1949, © 2001, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent



Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



Lo! He comes with clouds de - scen - ding, once for fav - ored
 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold Him robed in dread - ful
 Yea, a - men let all a - dore Thee, high on Thine e -



sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - ten - ding
 ma - jes - ty those who set at naught and sold Him,
 ter - nal throne. Sa - viour take the pow'r and glo - ry:



swell the tri - umph of His train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 pierced and nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly wai - ling, deep - ly
 Claim the king - dom for thine own: O, come quick - ly! O, come



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 wai - ling, deep - ly wai - ling shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 quick - ly O, come quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, Come!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799; setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.

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Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice! Do not worry about anything - instead, pray about everything. *Philippians 4:6-7*

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