

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Introductory Rites



Text: Isaiah 40:9ff, Ezekiel 34:11, Matthew 11:28ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943 Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992, alt. © 1976, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP

Penitential Act

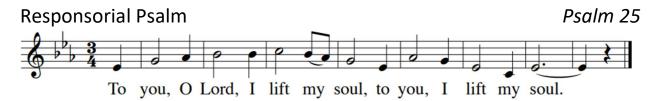
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a / 9

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.



- 1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
- 2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander, gently leading the poor and the humble.
- 3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14; Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL Music: Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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.





Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

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."

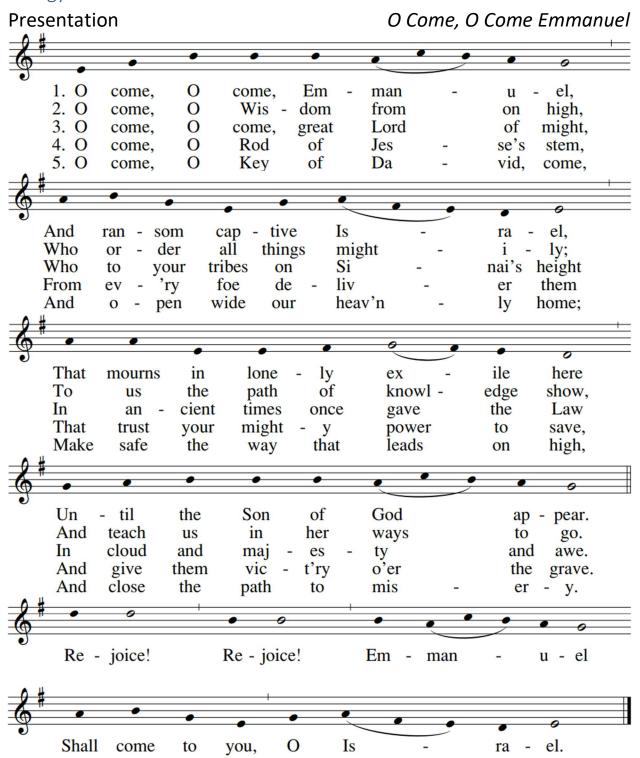
Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is 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.

Homily

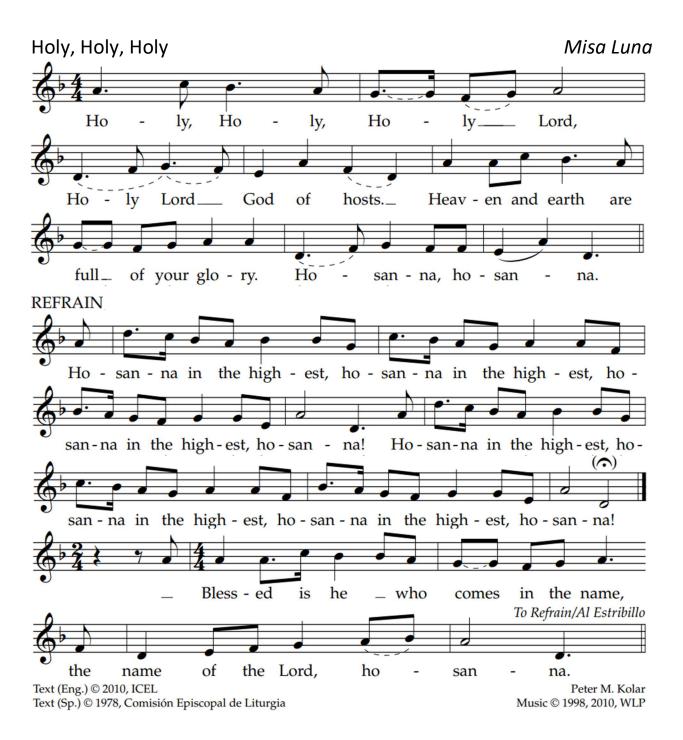
Profession of Faith

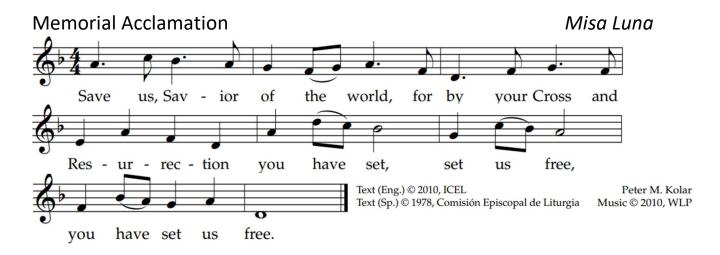
Prayers of the Faithful (Rx: Lord, Hear Our Prayer)

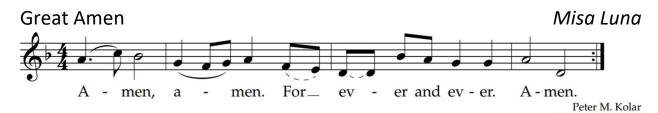
Liturgy of the Eucharist



Text: Veni, veni Emmanuel; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

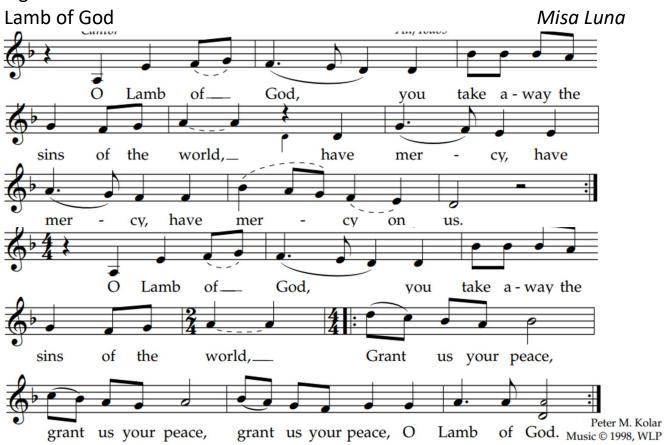






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Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace





- 4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage; we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain; open to us the pathway of your peace.
- 5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us; let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 1982, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

Blessing and Dismissal



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