SACRED HEART, TAMPA SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 8 December 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: Make Straight The Way (Blevins | Hansen)

V. 1 Cantor: Make straight the way for the coming Lord

All: Make straight the way for the coming Lord!

Cantor: Every valley high, every mountain low

All: Every valley high, every mountain low!

Cantor: Every crooked road, every winding path

All: Every crooked road, every winding path!

Cantor: Make straight the way

He will come at last

All: Make straight the way He will come at last!

Chorus:

Turn your heart to the King
Let His grace and mercy sing
In your heart let His justice flow
His righteousness endure! (Verse)

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Bridge:

Forevermore, forevermore, He is Lord. Forevermore, forevermore, He is Lord!

Chorus:

Turn your heart to the King
Let His grace and mercy sing
In your heart let His justice flow
His righteousness endure!

Ending:

Make straight the way for the coming Lord! (Repeat and end)

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Advent Penitential Rite – Sung All answer – Lord Have Mercy,... Christ have mercy,... Lord have mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85

(Common Psalm for Advent)

Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation!

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Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is

my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Gospel Greeting:

Alleluia, Hurry the Lord is near!

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near! (Repeat)

Verse 2:

Earth has longed for His approach,

Hurry the Lord is Near!

Straighten the road, smooth the path,

Hurry the Lord is Near!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near!

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Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod

was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

No Repeat of the Refrain after the Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.

Please be seated.

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

Response: "Loving God, hear our prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Even So Come (Tomlin/Ingram/Cates)

V.1 All of creation, all of the earth Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon!

V.2 Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation, shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon!

Chorus:

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church, ready for You
Ev'ry heart, longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
(Second time to bridge)

V.3 There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon! *(chorus)*

Bridge:

So we wait, we wait for You!

God we wait, You're coming soon!

So we wait, we wait for You!

God we wait, You're coming soon!

Chorus:

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church, ready for You
Ev'ry heart, longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come!
Even so come, Lord Jesus come!
(Repeat and fade)

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Communion Song 1: Only You

(Corwder/Solley/Dodson)

V.1 Take my heart, I lay it down
At the feet, of You who's crowned
And take my life, I'm letting go
I lift it up, to You who's throned

Chorus:

And I will, worship, You Lord, only You Lord
And I will, bow down, before You, only You Lord

V.2 Take my fret, take my fear
All I have, I'm leaving here
Be all my hopes, be all my dreams
Be all my delights, be my ev'rything

Ending:

And it's just You and me here now Only You and me here now And it's just You and me here now Only You and me here now

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Communion Song 2: Prepare the Way (Hall/Giglio)

Intro:

Prepare the way, prepare the way Prepare the way of the Lord!

(Repeat)

Chorus:

Je-sus, Je-sus, Jesus! Je-sus, Je-sus, Jesus!

V.1 You are the light of the worldYou are the light of the worldYou are the light of the world Jesus!(Repeat then to into)

Intro:

Prepare the way, prepare the way Prepare the way of the Lord! (Repeat)

Chorus:

Je-sus, Je-sus, Je-sus, Jesus! Je-sus, Je-sus, Je-sus, Jesus!

V.2 You are the King of the earthYou are the King of the earthYou are the King of the earth Jesus!(Repeat then to intro)

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CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song - Come To Us (Walton)

V. 3 Come Root of Jesse,
Come David's son
Come Star of Morning,
we come to praise You
Hope of creation, of all humankind
Reign over body, spirit and mind

Chorus:

Come to us O Lord of glory and shine, in our hearts
Come to us O Lord of glory and make, us anew
Lord we wait, for You, *(repeat 3x)*Come Lord of glory!

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