

SACRED HEART, TAMPA  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
22 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:**

Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his

God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

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:** Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for

me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 4:**

He is the mighty one, He is the word!

***Hurry the Lord is near!***

God everlasting, Prince of Peace,

***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 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you

who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

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: “Come Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.”**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Let It Be Done (Muglia)**

**V.1** When she heard the voice of God  
Calling her to be,  
the instrument He needed  
To bring our world, the King of kings  
She could not understand  
The wisdom of God's plan  
But still she answered  
Let it be. Let it be, done unto me!

**V.2** When he heard the voice of God  
Calling him to stand  
And take the virgin as his wife  
And teach her child to be a man  
He could not understand  
The wisdom of God's plan  
But still he answered  
Let it be. Let it be, done unto me!

**Chorus:**

And we say yes Lord!  
We're ready to receive.  
Yes Lord! We're ready to believe.  
Let it be. Let it be, done unto me!

**V.3** When we hear the voice of God  
Calling out our names  
Lord we pray You give us faith  
To answer You, in anything  
And we may not understand  
The wisdom of Your plan  
But we will answer  
Let it be. Let it be, done unto me!

**Chorus:**

And we say yes Lord!  
We're ready to receive.  
Yes Lord! We're ready to believe.  
Let it be. Let it be, done unto me!

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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: O Come, O Come* **Emmanuel** (Neale/ Helmore)**

**V.1** O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear! ***(chorus)***



## **Chorus:**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**V.3** O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all thing far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go! (***chorus***)

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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, Je-sus, Jesus!

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

**V.1** You are the light of the world

You are the light of the world

You 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 earth  
You are the King of the earth  
You are the King of the earth Jesus!  
***(Repeat then to intro)***

**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!

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## CONCLUDING RITE

### *Sending Forth Song - Emmanuel*

(Angrisano)

**Chorus** Come, come, Emmanuel

Son of God appear!

Heaven and earth rejoice

Salvation is drawing near,

Salvation is drawing near!

**V.4** O come Desire of nations bind

In one the hearts of humankind

Make all our sad divisions cease

And be for us the King of Peace! (***chorus***)

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