

**SACRED HEART, TAMPA
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
30 November 2025**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: Come To Us (Walton)

V. 1 Scattered and broken,
bent in our way
We are Your people,
gathered to praise You
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight
Come Lord of glory, come Lord of light

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,

Lord we wait, for You

Lord we wait, for You,

come Lord of glory!

V.2 Come Lord our dayspring,

come from on high

As we Your people, gather to praise, You

Unworthy to taste from,

Your heavenly vine

But Your word will heal us,

come light divine!

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,
Lord we wait, for You
Lord we wait, for You,
come Lord of glory!

Ending:

Lord we wait, for You,
come Lord of glory!

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Blessing of Wreath and **Lighting of First Candle**

Priest: May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord, and a symbol of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate the fruits of this Advent Season.

Priest or Deacon blesses the wreath.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed that all nations shall come to climb the mountain of the Lord. Instruct us that we may walk in the light of the world.

All: *Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, St Paul urges us to treat each day as though it were our last, to throw off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light.

All: *Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you tell us to stay awake, prepared for the day when the Son of Man will come again. Lead us from complacency to a state of alertness and waiting, for we do not know the hour of his coming.

All: *Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall

come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 122

**I Rejoiced, when I heard them say,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
(Repeat)**

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Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in

promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Greeting:

Alleluia, Hurry the Lord is near! (Sands)

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hurry the Lord is near!

Verse 1:

Sound the trumpet the Lord is near

Hurry the Lord is Near!

See He comes to save us all

Hurry the Lord is Near!

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Gospel:

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if

the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

No Repeat of the Chorus after the Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.
Please be seated.

Homily

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
 (all bow during the next two lines)
 who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day,
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Universal Prayer

**Response: “Come, Lord Jesus,
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)

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: Breathe (Barnett)

V.1 This is the air I breathe

This is the air I breathe

Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread

This is my daily bread

Your very word spoken to me

Chorus:

And I, I'm desperate for You

And I, I'm lost without You

Ending:

This is the air I breathe

This is the air I breathe

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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 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!

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)

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

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