SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Gaudete Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
Road to Bethlehem | Music & Prayer at 2:30 p.m. Sunday

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: The King Shall Come with Morning Dawns G 450

The King shall come when morning dawns, And light triumphant breaks; When beauty gilds the eastern hills, And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old, a little child To bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glory like the sun, That lights that morning sky

O, brighter than the rising morn, When He, victorious rose, And left the lonesome place of death, Despite the rage of foes;—

O, brighter than that glorious morn, Shall this fair morning be, When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, And we His face shall see.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last.

And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns, And light and beauty brings;—
Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy people pray
Come quickly, King of kings.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Psalm 146: Come, Lord, and Save Us (x2)

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Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Gospel Acclamation (Wright)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Homily

Universal Prayer / Creed / Renewal of Promises

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Come to Us. O Emmanuel G 469



Preparation of Gifts & Altar 10:30 a.m.: Comfort, O Comfort My People G 466

Comfort, comfort, O my people, Speak of peace, now says our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak unto Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the sins I cover, And that warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one who's crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance
Since the kingdom is now here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

O make straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain; Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad; And all flesh shall see the token That his word is never broken.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Misa Emmanuel G 419, 420, 421 (Holy - We Proclaim - Amen)

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of New Wine (Jakob)

Communion Song: There is a Longing G 720

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

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For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

Lord, save us, take pity, light in our darkness We call you (we call you) we wait (we wait) Be near, hear our prayer, o God

There is a longing in our hearts, o Lord for you to reveal yourself to us There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal Chant: Wait for the Lord G 456

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

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen God for 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 with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

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.

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