

**SACRED HEART, TAMPA
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
7 December 2025**

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

Priest: In today's gospel John the Baptist tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For the times we have not lived lives worthy of God's kingdom of justice and peace, let us ask for forgiveness . . .

Cantor: Lord Jesus, your forefather,
John calls us to rejoice for you are near:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Christ Jesus, you bring us forgiveness
for our sins and you baptize us with your Spirit:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the way,
the straight path leading to the Father:
Lord have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with

knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 72

**Justice shall flourish in His time,
And fullness of peace forever!**

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Second Reading:

Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may, with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the

Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

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! *(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!

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Gospel:

Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he

saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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: 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
(repeat as needed)

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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)

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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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