

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

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song: Emmanuel (Angrisano)**

**Chorus** Come, come, Emmanuel

Son of God appear!

Heaven and earth rejoice

Salvation is drawing near,

Salvation is drawing near!

**V.2** O come O Wisdom from on high

Who ordered all things mightily

To us the path of knowledge show

And teach us in her ways to go (***chorus***)

**Chorus** Come, come, Emmanuel

Son of God appear!

Heaven and earth rejoice

Salvation is drawing near,

Salvation is drawing near!

**V.3** O Come O Rod of Jesse's stem

From ev'ry foe deliver them.

That thrust your mighty pow'r to save

And give them vict'ry o'er the grave!

***(chorus)***

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## **Advent Penitential Rite**

**Priest:** The gospel today asks us what is it we come to see? Let us open our hearts to Jesus' coming in word and sacrament and prepare ourselves to receive him...

**Cantor:** Lord Jesus, our hearts are full of joy for you are near:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Cantor:** Christ Jesus, you come with good news of salvation for your holy people:  
Christ have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

**Cantor:** Lord Jesus, the power of your love brings us healing and forgiveness: Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are

feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146**

**Lord, Come! Come and save us!**

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**Second Reading:** Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of

hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 3:**

Go out to meet Him, shout His name,

***Hurry the Lord is Near!***

His mighty kingdom, shall never end,

***Hurry the Lord is Near!***

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## **Gospel:**

**Mt 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,



"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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: Light of the World** (Daigle/Duncan/Mabury)

**V.1** The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come, O come Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
O come, O come Emmanuel  
And can you hear, the angels singing

### **Chorus 1:**

Glory, to the Light of the world,  
Glory the Light of the world!

**V.2** The drought breaks  
with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry  
is the sound of love come down  
Come down Emmanuel  
He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah the Prince of peace  
Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel!

## **Chorus 2**

Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world!

### **Bridge:**

For all who wait, for all who hunger  
For all who've prayed,  
for all who wonder  
We wait for our King, wait for Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

### **Chorus 3:**

Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
We wait for our King, wait for Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

**Ending:** The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come, O come Emmanuel!

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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:*** **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)***

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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## ***Communion Song 2: 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

**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! **(2x)**

**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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## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### ***Sending Forth 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!

**Ending:**

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

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