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*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*DECEMBER 14, 2025*

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## Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

The candle will be lit before the liturgy begins at all Masses.

## Prelude Music


**“A Voice Cries Out”**

**Michael Joncas**

**Breaking Bread Book, Number 46**

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Verse 1



1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the



1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is



1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a




way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -

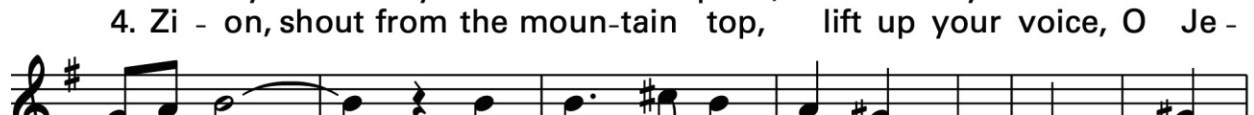


ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

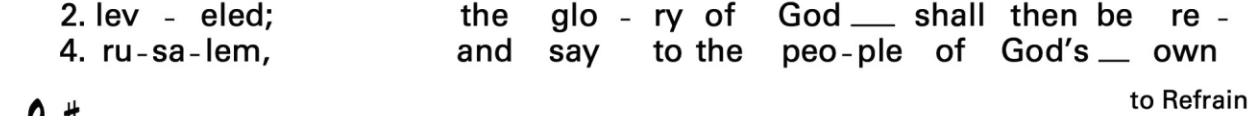
Verses 2, 4



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is  
4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -



2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God \_\_\_ shall then be re -  
4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's \_\_\_ own



2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.  
4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like  
3. grass and its flow-ers: the grass may with-er, the  
3. flow-ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er. to Refrain

Verse 5

5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his  
5. lambs in his arms, keep - ing his flock so  
5. close to his heart, lead - ing them all, old and young. to Refrain

## Introductory Rites

*Gathering Song*

*"There Is a Longing"*

*Anne Quigley*

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*Breaking Break Book, number 427*

*Advent Worship Aid, page 5*

Refrain

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-

veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses

love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,

- |                      |                           |                  |    |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. for free - dom,   | for mer - cy:             | hear our prayer. | In |
| 2. for cour - age,   | for com - fort:           | hear our prayer. | In |
| 3. for whole - ness, | for new life:             | hear our prayer. | In |
| 4. take pit - y,     | light in our dark - ness. |                  | We |

- |                 |           |                                    |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. sor - row,   | in grief: | } be near, hear our prayer, O God. |
| 2. weak - ness, | in fear:  |                                    |
| 3. sick - ness, | in death: |                                    |
| 4. call you,    | we wait:  |                                    |

SIGN OF THE CROSS / INTRODUCTION:

PENITENTIAL ACT

*The cantor leads the Penitential Act...The cantor leads the Penitential Act...*

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) *Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.*

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) *Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.*

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) *Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.*

**COLLECT**

**Liturgy of the Word**

*C.L.O.W. Dismissal (10:30 Only)*

**“The Word of God”**

*M. D. Ridge*

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Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,  
 may your ears be o-pened; may you see God’s light.  
 May the word of God be with you all your days: may it  
 find a home in your hearts.

*First Reading*

*Isaiah 35: 1 – 6a, 10*

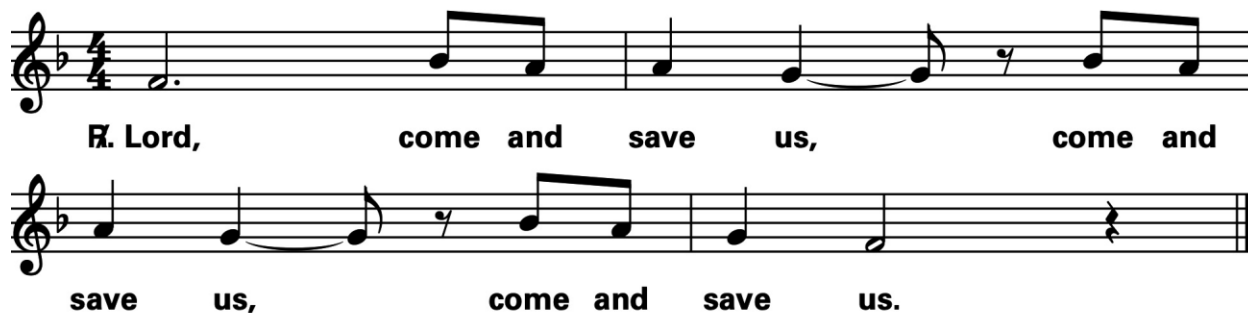
*Responsorial Psalm*

*Psalm 146:*

*Lord, Come and Save Us*

*Jeff Thomas*

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R. Lord, come and save us, come and  
save us, come and save us.

*Second Reading*

*James 5: 7 - 10*

*Gospel Acclamation*

Advent and Christmastide Gospel Acclamation

*Tony Alonso*

*Refrain based on BESANÇON, French Carol*

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*Cantor* *All*  
Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia. Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia.



*Cantor* *All*  
Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.



*Cantor* *All*  
Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Gospel*

*Matthew 11: 2 - 11*

*Homily*

## *Profession of Faith*

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**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*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*Preparation of the Gifts and Altar*

*Preparation Song*                      **“Say to the Frightened Heart”**

*Bob Hurd*

*Breaking Bread Book, number 75*

Refrain text based on Isaiah 35:4; verses text based on Isaiah 35:1-2, 2-3, 5-6a, 6b-7, 8a-9b, 10.  
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Refrain

Say to the fright-ened heart: have cour - age, do not fear, for

God whose love is ev - er - last - ing comes to save us.

Verses

- 1. ♪ Wil - der - ness and dry land will ex - ult, the
- 2. ♪ They will be - hold the ra - diance of God, the
- 3. ♪ Then will the lame ones leap like the deer, ♪
- 4. A path for the peo - ple of God shall ap - pear, a
- 5. ♪ En - ter - ing Si - on, they shall ex - ult, ♪

- 1. des - ert re - joi - ce and bloom, ♪ bloom with flow'rs in a -
- 2. glo - ry of the LORD. ♪ Say to those who are
- 3. then will the blind ones see. The ears of the deaf will be
- 4. road called the Ho - ly Way. The ran - somed shall pass a -
- 5. crowned with un - end - ing joy. No long - er will sad - ness

- 1. bun - dance, re - sound with songs of re - joi - cing.
- 2. fright - ened, fear not, be strong, and have cour - age.
- 3. o - pened, the mute will cry out with glad - ness.
- 4. long it re - turn - ing safe - ly to Si - on.
- 5. haunt them, all grief and sor - row will van - ish.

*Eucharistic Acclamations*

*from the Mass of St. Frances Cabrini*  
*Kevin Keil*

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*Holy, Holy*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*Memorial Acclamation*

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -  
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

*Amen*

A - men. A - men. A - men.

- Communion Rite*
- Lord's Prayer*
- Sign of Peace*

*Lamb of God*

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

All

1, 2. *mi-se-ré-re no - bis.*      *Mi-se-ré-re no - bis.*  
 3. *do-na no-bis pa - cem.*      *Do-na no-bis pa - cem.*

*Communion Antiphon*

*Steve Angrisano, Curtis Stephen, Sarah Hart*

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*Third Sunday Communion Antiphon*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not

fear. Be-hold, our God will come, and he will save us.

*Communion Song "Creator of the Stars of Night"*  
**CREATOR ALME SIDERUM/Carol Browning**

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verses




1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your  
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should  
 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You  
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All  
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re -  
 6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And



peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O  
 doom to death a u - ni - verse, You  
 came; but not in splen - dor bright, Not  
 knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All  
 deem us for e - ter - nal day; De -  
 God the Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise,




Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, We  
 came, O Sav - ior, to set free Your  
 as a mon - arch, but the child Of  
 things on earth with one ac - cord, Like  
 fend us while we dwell be - low From  
 hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From



*To next verse\**

pray you hear us when we call.  
 own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
 Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.  
 those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*To refrain* Refrain



Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O ra - diant  
 star, our hearts' de - light. O God - with - us, Em - man - u -



el, with your love, the dark dis - pel.

*Last time*

## *Announcements*

Prayer after Communion

## The Concluding Rites

Vocations Prayer

### Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today,  
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders,  
who will embrace Christ's mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Parish of St. Michael  
Poplar Springs, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons,  
and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better  
and open our hearts  
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Final Blessing

## Dismissal

## Sending Forth

## “People, Look East”

*BESANÇON, Eleanor Farjeon*

*BB43*

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1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast: Him who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.