

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Entrance Antiphon

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10



R. Lord, come and save us.

1. The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free. **R**
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers. **R**
3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. **R**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

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 Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R**

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.**

Profession of Faith

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, **(all bow)** 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.

Offertory Hymn Maranatha - Gerard Chiusano

Refrain

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your peace.

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your mer - cy. Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your com - ing, O God.

Verses

1. In your im - age you have fash - ioned us, in the
 2. In our weak - ness we have turned from you, turned from
 3. In your love — you have sent your Son, your sal -
 4. We a - wait your day of glo - ry, Christ —

1. gar - den you made — us; you have giv - en us your
 2. light to the dark - ness, ev - er long - ing for sal -
 3. va - tion for ev - 'ry-one; Word in - car - nate, God's com -
 4. Je - sus, re - turn for us. Gen - tle King, — Just De -

to Refrain

1. breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
 2. va - tion, O — Lord of light, O — Lord of light.
 3. pas - sion, hope for hu - man - kind, hope for hu - man - kind.
 4. liv - er - er, you will bring us home, you will bring us home.

Sanctus (Holy)

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in

ex-cél-sis.

Mysterium Fidei (Mystery of Faith)

Priest or

My - sté - ri - um fí - de - i. My - sté - ri - um fí - de - i.

All

Mor - tem tu - am an - nun - ti - á - mus, Dó - mi - ne, et tu - am

re - sur - re - cti - ó - nem con - fi - té - mur, do - nec vé - ni - as.



Amen



Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 35:4

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

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Communion Hymn Bread of Angels - Curtis Stephan



Recessional Hymn Let the Valleys Be Raised - Dan Schutte



Stewardship Prayer Prayer written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family, may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time, talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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