

# COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

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**GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
 We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

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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.

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 Tune: Russell Weismann, © 2014, GIA Publications, Inc.

(Choir - 10:30 a.m.)

Creator *Alme Siderum*  
 Richard Burchard (b.1960)

*Creator alme siderum,  
 Aeterna lux credentium  
 Jesu Redemptor omnium,  
 Intende votis supplicum.*

Creator of the stars of night,  
 Your people's everlasting light,  
 Jesus, Redeemer of us all,  
 We pray you hear us when we call.

*Qui daemonis ne fraudibus  
 Periret orbit, impetu  
 Amoris actus, languidi  
 Mundi medela fatus es.*

When man was sunk in sin and death,  
 Lost in the depth of Satan's snare,  
 Love brought Thee down to cure our ills,  
 By taking of those ills a share.

*Commune qui mundi nefas  
 Ut expiaries; ad crucem  
 E Virginis sacrario  
 Intacta prodis victima.*

Thou, for the sake of guilty men,  
 Causing thine own pure blood to flow,  
 Didst issue from thy Virgin shrine,  
 And to the Cross a Victim go.

*Cujus poteatas gloriae,  
 Nomenque cum primum  
 Et coelites et inferi  
 Tremente curvantur genu.*

So great the glory of thy might,  
 If we but chance thy name to sound,  
 At once all Heaven and Hell unite  
 In bending low with awe profound.

*Te deprecamur ultimae  
 Magnum diei Judicem,  
 Armis supemae gratia;  
 Defende nos ab hostibus.*

Great Judge of all ! in that last day,  
 When friends shall fail, and foes combine,  
 Be present then with us, we pray,  
 To guard us with thy arm divine.

*Virtus, honor, laus, gloria  
 Deo Patri cum Filio,  
 Sancto simul Paraclito,  
 In saeculorum saecula. Amen.*

To God the Father, and the Son,  
 All praise and power and glory be;  
 With Thee, O holy Comforter!  
 Henceforth through all eternity. Amen.

(Latin, 9th century)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*People, Look East*

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
 3. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look  
 nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo-ple, look  
 hum - ming Wtih the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo-ple, look

East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest is on the way.  
 East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose is on the way.  
 East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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 Tune: BESANÇON 87 98 87; French traditional



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 DECEMBER 2025



Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph!

As a designated Diocesan pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year,  
 we warmly welcome all visitors joining us for Mass this weekend.  
 May your time here be a moment of grace and renewal  
 as we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope.

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

1. Lift up your heads, O migh - ty gates; Be - hold, the  
 2. O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, Where Christ the  
 3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 4. Come, Sav - ior, come with us a - bid; Our hearts to

King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 rul - ler is con - fest! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
 you we o - pen wide: Your Ho - ly Spir - it

dra - wing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 hap - py homes To whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 guide us on, Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

Text: Based on Psalm 24; *Macht hoch die Tür*; Gerge Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
 Tune: TRURO, LM, Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelical*, 1789

## GREETING

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

*(All strike their breast as they say:)*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Cantor:* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *Assembly:* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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## COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The readings may be found at #1007 in the Worship hymnal.*

## READING I

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

## PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Lord, come and save us.

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## READING II

James 5:7-10

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

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

Music: Luke Mayernik, © 2007

## GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

## HOMILY

## 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 at these two lines.)*

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

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it  
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don  
4. So when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther

seems to say; "Cast a - way the  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all  
down from heav'n; let us haste, with  
wrapped in fear, may he with his  
and the Son, with the ev - er -

works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n.  
mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Latin, 6th century; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.  
Tune: MERTON, William Henry Monk, 1823-1889

## SANCTUS

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

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## MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

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## GREAT AMEN

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

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