3rd **Sunday of Advent** INTRODUCTORY RITES



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

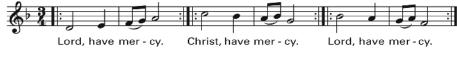
All: Amen.

GREETING

- Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And with your spirit.

PENETENTIAL ACT

All:	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,
	And, striking their breast, 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.
	The absolution by the Priest follows:
Priest:	May almighty God have mercy on us,
	forgive us our sins,
	and bring us to everlasting life.
All:	Amen.



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COLLECT

All:

Priest: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zehpaniah3:14-18a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Lector: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Luke 3:10-18

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The crowds asked John the Baptist,

"What should we do?"

He said to them in reply,

"Whoever has two cloaks

should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?"

He told them,

"Do not practice extortion,

do not falsely accuse anyone,

and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. **Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE CREED

All: 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, At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All: Hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SONG

People Look East

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

All: Blessed be God for ever (x2)

Priest:	Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
	that my sacrifice and yours
	may be acceptable to God,
	the almighty Father.
All:	May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
	for the praise and glory of his name,
	for our good and the good of all his holy Church.
Priest:	Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

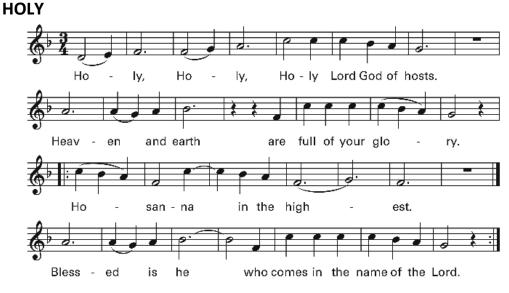
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And with your spirit.
- Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.



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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

- Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest:	Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
	Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
	but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity
	in accordance with your will.
	Who live and reign for ever and ever.
All:	Amen.
Priest:	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All:	And with your spirit.
Deacon:	Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION

- Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at lease spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

COMMUNION SONG

The Summons



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Priest: Through Christ our Lord.
- All: Amen

FINAL BLESSING

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And with your spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.



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