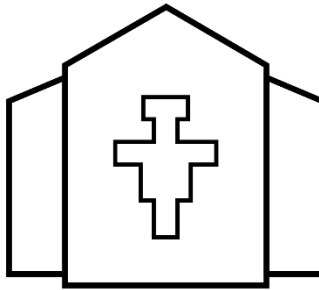


Celebration of the Eucharist

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM Sensory Friendly Mass



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C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

December 15th, 2024

Introductory Rites

OPENING HYMN

This is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power, of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory. The King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless, in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory. The King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life. That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me

Greeting (please stand)



CONFITEOR

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; 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.

Penitential Rite

Kyrie eleison (2)

Christe eleison (2)

Kyrie eleison (2)



Collect

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Everyone in Jerusalem and Judah, celebrate and shout with all your heart. You won't be punished now. The Lord has made your enemies retreat. The Lord is the king of Israel, and he is at your side. You don't have to worry about any more troubles.

The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

R: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

I trust the Lord to save me,
and I won't be afraid.

My power and my strength come from the Lord God,
and he has saved me. **R:**

Our Lord, we are thankful, and we worship only you.
We will tell the nations how glorious you are
And what you have done. **R:**

People of Jerusalem celebrate and sing.
The famous Lord God of Israel is here with you. **R:**

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4 – 7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here, Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.

With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and request to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

The Word of the Lord.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation- Alleluia (please stand)



Gospel

Luke 3 : 10 - 16, 18

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else."

When tax collectors came to be baptized, they asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" John told them, "Don't make people pay more than they owe."

Some soldiers asked him. "And what about us? What do we have to do?" John told them, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone. Be satisfied with your pay."

Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?" John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

In many different ways John preached the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All Respond:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(please be seated)



Homily



(listening)



Profession Of Faith

(Please stand)

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.

Prayers of the Faithful - Respond with '**Lord, hear our prayers.**'

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts (please be seated)



OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



Celebrant: it will become for us the bread of life.

All Respond: Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant: it will become our spiritual drink.

All Respond: Blessed be God forever.



(Please stand)

Invitation to Prayer

Celebrant: Pray Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All Respond: 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.

Preface Dialogue

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **All Respond:** and with your Spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **All Respond:** We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All Respond:** It is right and just.

The Sanctus

All Respond: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



(Please kneel)

The Mystery of Faith

All Respond: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



The Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

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.

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All Respond: For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.



Sign of Peace - Wish everyone "Peace Be with You"

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All Respond: and with your spirit.

Lamb of God

All Respond : Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
grant us peace.



(Please kneel)

Celebrant: 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 Respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

Because He Lives

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Post-Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, every fear is gone
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands

(Chorus) 2x

Because He lives

Blessing and Dismissal



It's Christmas - Medley

Verse 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head, the stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying
He makes, I love Thee Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky and stay
By my cradle `til morning is nigh

Chorus

It's Christmas!
The angels are singing
And I know the reason
The Savior is born
It's Christmas!
The bells are ringing
And I feel like shouting
Joy to the world!

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

Chorus

Verse 4]

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain that
Jesus Christ is born!

Chorus

***Next Sensory Friendly Mass will be on December 24th, 2024, at
4:00pm in the Chapel***