

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

## Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel #395

## Responsorial Psalm #998

Luke 1: My soul rejoices in my God,  
my soul rejoices in my God.

## Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

Like a Shepherd #402

As the Deer #2027

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

## Closing Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle. Be our  
protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil. May God  
rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O prince of the  
heavenly hosts, by the power of  
God, cast into hell Satan, and all  
evil spirits, who prowl about the  
world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## Readings

#998

First Reading:

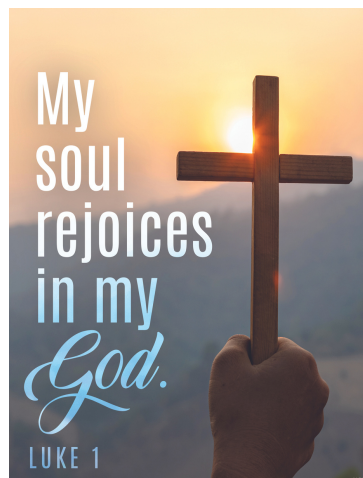
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel:

John 1:6-8, 19-28



# Opening Hymn

## 395 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



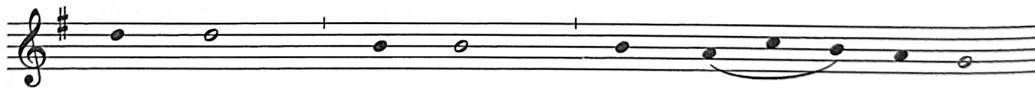
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



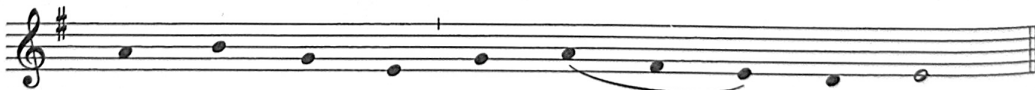
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
In an - cient times once gave the Law  
That trust your might - y power to save,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us our King of Peace.

# First Reading

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.  
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

# Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54*

My soul re - joic - es in my God,  
my soul re - joic - es in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will  
call me blessed: *R.*

The Almighty has done great things for  
me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation. *R.*

He has filled the hungry with good  
things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant  
Israel  
for he has remembered his promise  
of mercy. *R.*

# Second Reading

1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.  
Do not quench the Spirit.  
Do not despise prophetic utterances.  
Test everything; retain what is good.  
Refrain from every kind of evil.  
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will also accomplish it.

# Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.  
And this is the testimony of John.  
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests  
and Levites to him  
to ask him, "Who are you?"  
He admitted and did not deny it,  
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."  
So they asked him,  
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"  
And he said, "I am not."  
"Are you the Prophet?"  
He answered, "No."  
So they said to him,  
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?  
What do you have to say for yourself?"  
He said:  
"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"  
as Isaiah the prophet said."  
Some Pharisees were also sent.  
They asked him,  
"Why then do you baptize  
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"  
John answered them,  
"I baptize with water;  
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,  
the one who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."  
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

# Communion Hymns

## This Is Jesus

2071

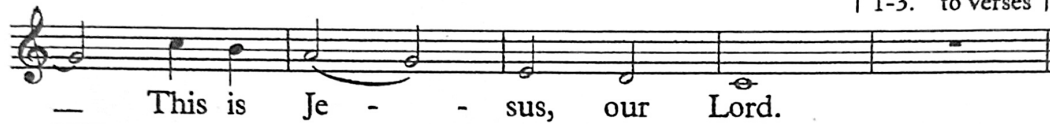
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### Refrain



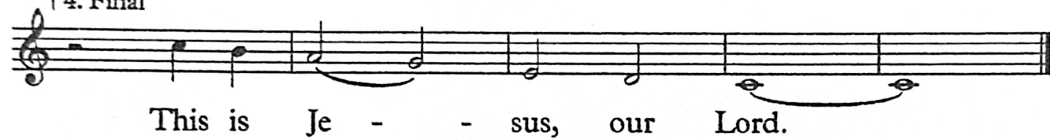
This is Je - sus, Em - ma - nu - el. God is with us,  
in this sa - cra - ment. Come, re - ceive Him. A - dore Him.

1-3. to Verses



This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

### 4. Final

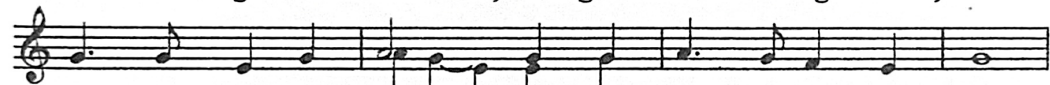


This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

### Verses



1. Bright Star of Da - vid, Ra - di - ance of God;
2. Drink of Liv - ing Wa - ters, flow - ing from the Lord.
3. Priest of high - est hon - or, King and Sov' - reign Lord, un -



now be - come the Li - ving Bread, the bo - dy of the Lord.  
Taste the cup of bless - ing par - take of pre - cious blood.  
blem - ished Lamb of Sac - ri - fice, Your ver - y life out - poured:



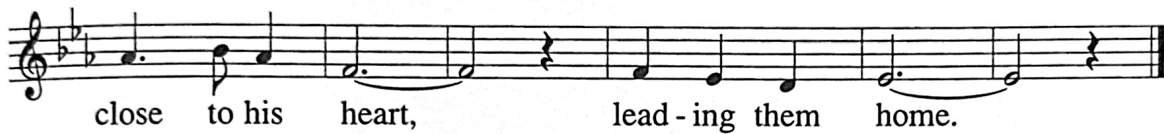
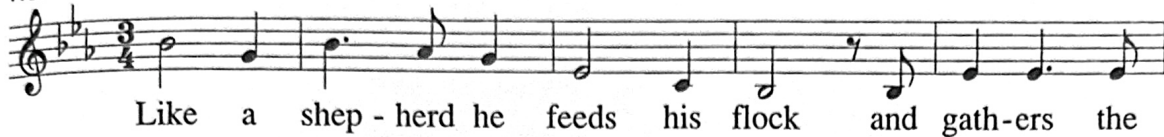
Come in a - do - ra - tion, re - ceive with trem - bling hands; the  
Riv - er of Sal - va - tion, ho - ly cleans - ing tide;  
roy - al pas - chal vic - tim, true be - got - ten Son,



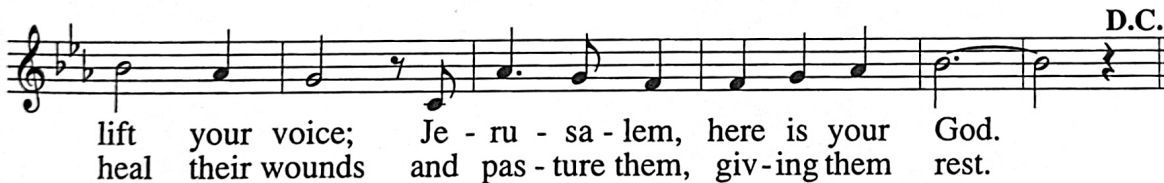
sa - cra - ment most ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb.  
Foun - tain of Re - demp - tion, flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side..  
of - fered as our ran - som by the Ho - ly One.

## Like a Shepherd 402

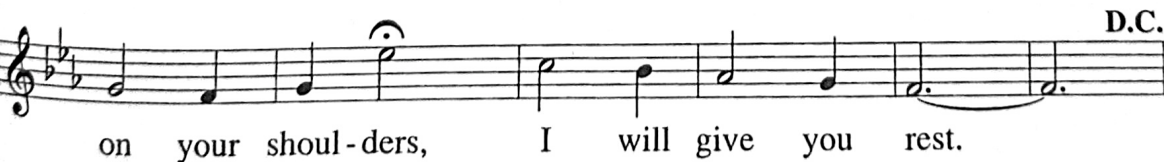
## Refrain



## Verses 1, 2



## Verse 3



# As the Deer

2027

Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa - ter, so my  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, e - ven  
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver; on - ly



soul long- eth af - ter Thee;  
though You are a King.  
You can sat - is - fy.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I  
I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much  
You a - lone are the real joy giv - er and the



long to wor - ship Thee.  
more than an - y - thing.  
ap - ple of my eye.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield. To



You a - lone may my spir - it yield.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I



long to wor - ship Thee.

# 909 Jesus, Hope of the World

## Refrain

Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our  
 dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.  
 Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:  
 Je-sus, hope of the world.

## Verses

*All:*  
 Come, Lord Je - sus!

*Cantors:*

1. Come to us, O Son of God!  
 2. Come to us, O Prom-ised King!  
 3. Come to us, O Ris-ing Sun!  
 4. Come to us, O Heart's De - sire!

Come, Lord Je - sus!

Come to us, O Son of Man!  
 Come to us, O Prom-ised Peace!  
 Come to us, O End-less Light!  
 Come to us, O Sav-ing Love!



# Closing Hymns

## 401 O Come, Divine Messiah!



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence  
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et  
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And  
long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -  
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.  
deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to  
shall your God - head see.



earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -



si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.