

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *Third Sunday in Advent*

December 13, 2020

***If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to sing the hymns. If you are with us at church, please refrain from singing out loud for everyone's safety.**

The Introductory Rites

OPENING HYMN

O Come, Divine Messiah

Verses

1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.

Refrain

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to 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.

Text by Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin. Tune: 16th Century French Carol

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 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.

PSALM

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

Joncas

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 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 ACCLAMATION

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John 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.

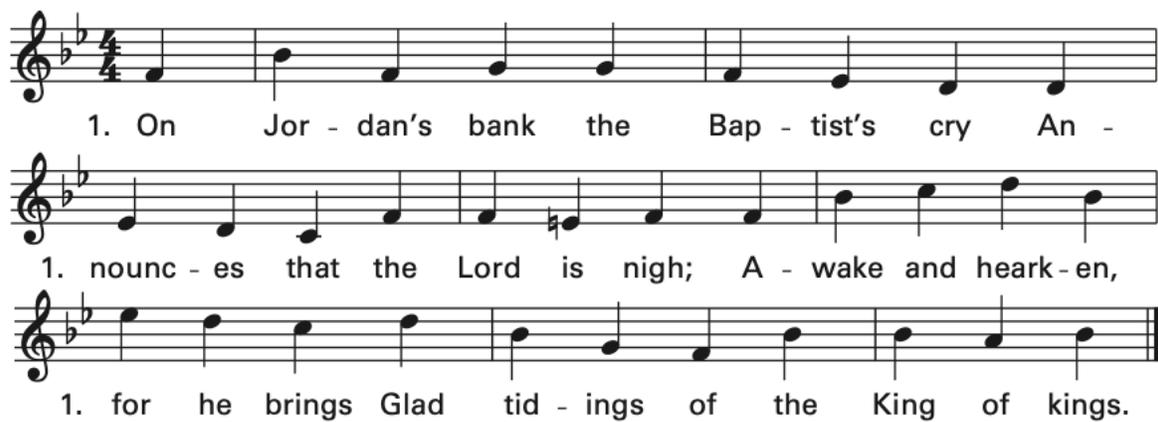
HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.

Text by Charles Coffin, Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping with us at home)

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Concluding Rites

DISMISSAL

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Mary's Song
NEW BRITAIN

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