



*THIRD Sunday of
Advent
DECEMBER 15, 2024*

Prelude Music

If you would like to sing our prelude, please turn to page 3 of the worship aid and join in singing the First Sunday of Advent Entrance Antiphon.

Third Sunday of Advent Entrance Antiphon

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Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; a - gain I say, re -
joice. In - deed, the Lord is near.

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Words of Welcome

***ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE MASS BEGINS
MADE BY MUSIC MINISTRY MEMBER
Announcing for all Masses...***

- *(Please choose the appropriate time of day...)*
Good morning/afternoon/evening!
- *(Please wait for the assembly's reply)*

Welcome to St. Michael Poplar Springs as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent – known as Gaudete Sunday – and we are reminded to REJOICE IN HOPE!

WELCOME VISITORS! Please stand or wave your hand so that we can see you and make sure to welcome you. Thank you for joining us to celebrate Mass!

Continue to pick up a worship aid as you enter church through Advent.

Today our presider will bless the Baby Jesus figure you have brought from your nativity set or crèche at home with the Bambinelli Blessing.

10:30 – WELCOME to all who join us for Mass via livestream! Thank you for being here with us. There is a worship aid you can access on our web page.

Today our Presider is ...

- **10:30 our pastor, Father Paul.**

He is assisted by Deacon Cliff.

Let us all take a moment to silence our mobile devices and come to a quiet awareness of God's presence here, remembering the needs of our loved ones and our world, and giving thanks for the many blessings we have received this week.

<Pause for 30 seconds>

Please stand and offer welcome to those around you.

Turn in the Worship Aid to page 5. We begin each of our weekend liturgies with “Wait for the Lord”...

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song
“Wait for the Lord”

“Wait for the Lord”
Jacques Berthier

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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The first line contains the melody for the first phrase, and the second line contains the melody for the second phrase. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Penitential Act **from *Mass of Saint Frances Cabrini***

Kevin Keil

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Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. Each invocation consists of a rest for the first measure followed by a melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Collect

Liturgy of the Word

C.L.O.W. Dismissal (10:30 Only) **“The Word of God”**

M. D. Ridge

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Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
 may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.
 May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
 find a home in your hearts.

First Reading *Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18a*

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:

Cry Out with Joy and Gladness

Josh Blakesley

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

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel Acclamation

Advent and Christmastide Gospel Acclamation

Tony Alonso

Refrain based on BESANÇON, French Carol

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in 6/8 time. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and 'All', with lyrics 'Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia. Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia.' The second staff is also marked 'Cantor' and 'All', with lyrics 'Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.' The third staff is marked 'Cantor' and 'All', with lyrics 'Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

Gospel

Luke 3: 10 - 18

Homily

Profession of Faith

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**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.

Universal Prayer
the Lord

We pray to

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI
Priest: Please come forward,
gathering here in front of the altar,
carrying your Bambinelli (your Baby Jesus
Figure).

Pause while people come forward.

Please hold up the Bambinelli...

**God, our Father
you so loved humankind
that you sent us your only Son Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.**

**We pray that with your Blessing +
these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of your presence
and love in our homes.**

**Good Father, give your Blessing to us too,
to our parents, to our families and
to our friends.**

**Open our hearts, so that we may be able
to receive Jesus in joy,
always do what he asks
and see him in all those
who are in need of our love.**

**We ask you this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son
who comes to give the world peace.
He lives and reigns forever and ever.** All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

Preparation Song 10:30

“Come, Lord! Maranatha”

Ricky Manalo

Breaking Bread, Number 66

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Verses

Week 1 1. Now is the time to wake from sleep; sal - va - tion is
 2. Cast off the deeds of the dark. Put on the
 3. Con - stant - ly watch, stay a - wake. No one can
 4. In - crease in faith; a - bound in love. Strength - en our

1. close at hand. Mov - ing from night
 2. ar - mor of light. Turn to the source
 3. know the time. Wheth - er at dusk
 4. hearts this day. So be on your guard and

1. in - to day, lift up your voic - es and pray:
 2. of the day. Lift up your voic - es and pray:
 3. or at dawn, we sing this prayer and song:
 4. stay a - wake. Come, lift up your voic - es and pray:

Refrain

Advent Weeks 1-3 Come, Lord! Ma - ra - na - tha! Come and bring us your
 Advent Week 4 Come now, Em - man - u - el! Come and bring us your

peace. Come, Lord, Ma - ra - na - tha! Come to us;
 peace. Come now, Em - man - u - el! Come to us;

set us free. Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.
 set us free. Come now and bring us your peace.

Week 3

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| <p>1. Come and rejoice, again, rejoice!
Here is the God who saves.
Now is the time, do not fear.
Sing out with voices and praise:</p> <p>3. Always rejoice; never cease
constantly giving thanks.
Always rejoice in the Lord.
Joyfully sing out this song:</p> | <p>2. Patience, my friends; wait and see.
Soon will the Lord appear.
Patience, my friends, from the start.
Let us rejoice from our hearts:</p> <p>4. Shout out with joy, O Israel.
Exult in your hearts, be glad.
The Lord, your God, is with you now;
cry out with gladness and song:</p> |
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Eucharistic Acclamations

from the Mass of St. Frances Cabrini
Kevin Keil

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Holy, Holy

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

Memorial Acclamation

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

Amen

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

Communion Rite
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Cantor
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
 All
 1, 2. mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
 3. do-na no-bis pa - cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Communion Announcement

Also found on the back page of this Worship Aid

Communion Song

"Come to Us, O Emmanuel"
Marty Haugen

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Come to us, O Em - man - u - el.

Come to us, O Em - man - u - el.

Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,

Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,

Announcements

...please allow silence before beginning...

- **If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, please meet the priest at the Reconciliation Room for the Anointing of the Sick after he greets parishioners.**
- **Prepare your heart for the celebration of the Lord's Birth with our Evening of Reconciliation this Wednesday at 7pm! We will have several priests available to hear confession.**
- **There is still time to join the Family Choir to sing for the 4:00 Mass in the Gym Christmas Eve. Join us at the 1:30 rehearsal today. Talk to Pat with any questions!**

5:00 and 8:00 ONLY

- **Help with Lunches for those in Need this weekend!
We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 8am Mass.**

ALL MASSES

- **Make sure to pick up a bulletin to read about all our holiday opportunities, including the Christmas Dinner Baskets this Friday and Saturday, Lunches for those in Need, and the Caring and Sharing Tree Gift Sorting on Sunday!**

Prayer after Communion

The Concluding Rites

Presider:

**Please join me in praying for vocations.
The prayer is found on the card inserted
in the Breaking Bread books...**

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today,
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit

to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders,
who will embrace Christ's mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Parish of St. Michael
Poplar Springs, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers,
Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING (for the Advent season)

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing

PRESIDER:

**May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming
of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again,
sanctify you by
the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.**

All: Amen.

**As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,**

joyful in hope and active in charity.

All: Amen.

**So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed
with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.**

All: Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son,
+ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you
and remain with you for ever. *All: Amen.***

Dismissal

Sending Forth 10:30

"Emmanuel"

Steve Angrisano

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Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and
earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. *(Fine)*