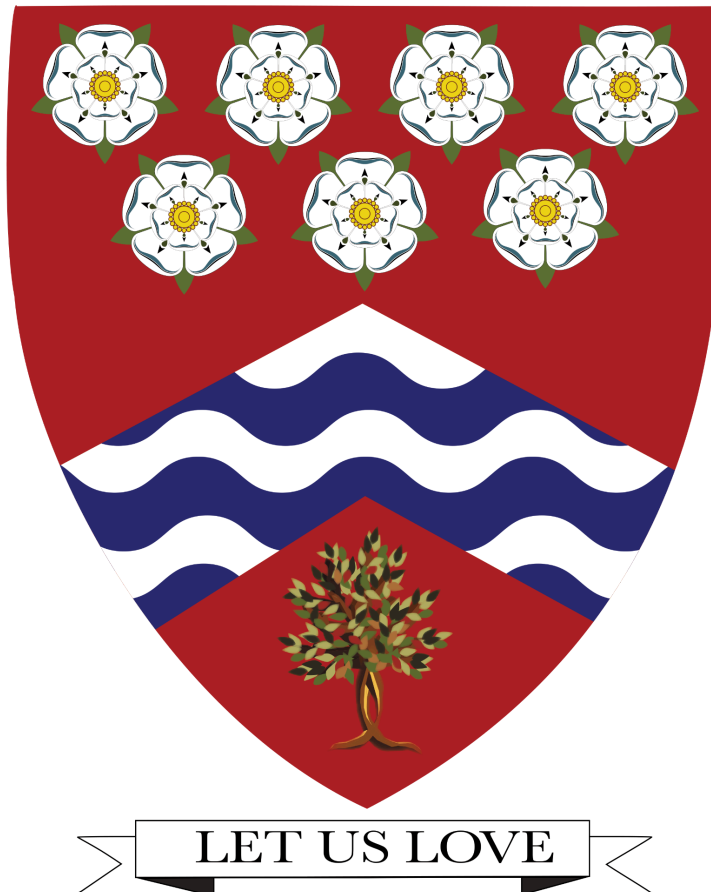


Church of the Little Flower
Berkeley Heights, NJ



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13-14, 2025

Entrance Hymn

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain/Estribillo




Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
¡Sé nues - tra luz, Cris - to Se - ñor, en las ti - nie - blas!

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EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and




earth, re-joyce! 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 - joyce! Em - man - u - el
Re - joyce! 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)

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First Reading
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10 (7) [*or:* Alleluia.]

Jeff Thomas

RESPONSE (♩ = ca. 80)

Capo 1: (Aadd9) B♭add9 (Eadd9) Fadd9 (C♯m7) Dm7

Melody

Tenor (8vb)

Alto Harmony

Lord, come and save us, come and save us, come and

(B sus4) C sus4

save us.

(D.C.) to Verses

Final (Aadd9) B♭add9

(D.C.) to Verses

Final

VERSES

(E/G#) F/A (Ama7) Bbmaj7 (B sus4) C sus4

1. The LORD God keeps faith for - ever, secures
 2. The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD
 3. The fatherless and the widow he sus - tains, but the

(C#m7) Dm7 (Aadd9) Bbadd9

1. justice for the op - pressed, — gives
 2. raises up those who were bowed down. The
 3. way of the wick - ed he thwarts. — The

(||:) (F#m7) Gm7 (E/G#) F/A (:||) (Ama7) Bbmaj7 (a tempo) (B sus4) C sus4 D.C.

1. food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.
 2. LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.
 3a. LORD shall reign for - ever; your
 3b. God, O Zion, through all gener - ations.

(||:) (:||) (a tempo) D.C.

Second Reading
James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.
You too must be patient.

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,
that you may not be judged.

Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters,
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

DECEMBER 14**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, cont. (3)**

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)

Steve Angrisano

(♩. = ca. 60)

§ ACCLAMATION

The musical score is for the song "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert, arranged for guitar and voice. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. The score consists of three staves: Melody, Tenor (8vb), and Alto Harmony. The guitar chords are indicated above the Melody staff: D, Gadd9, A sus4, D, Gadd9, A, Bm, G, A sus4, and A. The lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia." are written below the Tenor staff. The Alto Harmony staff features a double bar line with a repeat sign (⌘) in the middle. The Tenor staff has a double bar line with a repeat sign (⌘) in the middle. The Alto Harmony staff has a double bar line with a repeat sign (⌘) in the middle.

D Gadd9 A Bm G A 1 D Dsus4 D.S. 2 D to Verse
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. (The)

Gospel
Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.

Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

Nicene Creed

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,

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.

Preparation of the Gifts

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Michael Joncas

Verse 1



1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the



1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is



1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a



way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -



ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

Verses 2, 4



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is



4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -



2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God — shall then be re -

4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's — own



2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.

4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

to Refrain

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A VOICE CRIES OUT (CONT. 2)

Verse 3

3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like

3. grass and its flow-ers: the grass may with-er, the

to Refrain

3. flow-ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er.

Verse 5

5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold-ing his

5. lambs in his arms, keep-ing his flock so

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5. close to his heart, lead-ing them all, old and young.

HOLY

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Sarah Hart

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.

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

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Sarah Hart

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -

rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN

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A - men, a - men, a - men,
a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

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Sarah Hart

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion

CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen - dor of the morn - ing
 2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's
 3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on
 4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's
 5. Come, O Might - y Lord, mas - ter of the stars of
 6. Come, Em - man - u - el, cher - ished hope of Is - ra -
 7. Come, Lord Je - sus Christ, long a - wait - ed Prince of



1. light. Come, Sun of Jus - tice,
 2. tree. Come, Bough of Bless - ing,
 3. high. Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom,
 4. throne. Come, Key of Da - vid,
 5. night. Come, Strength of Pil - grims,
 6. el. Come, live a - mong us,
 7. Peace. Come, Hope of Na - tions,



1. turn a - way the pow'r of night.
 2. bloom for all the world to see.
 3. be our faith - ful friend and guide.
 4. o - pen wide the path - way home.
 5. keep us in your lov - ing sight.
 6. ev - er in our hearts to dwell.
 7. ev - er make our love in - crease.

Refrain



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -



round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts




with great thanks - giv - ing.

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WAITING IN SILENCE


Carey Landry



1-5. Wait - ing in si - lence, wait - ing in hope;



1. we are your peo - ple, we long for you, Lord.
 2. we are your peo - ple, we trust in your love.
 3. we are your peo - ple, Lord, we seek your truth.
 4. we are your peo - ple, we long for new life.
 5. we are your peo - ple, our hearts thirst for you.



1. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of Peace,
 3. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your way;
 4. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our hearts.
 5. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our midst.

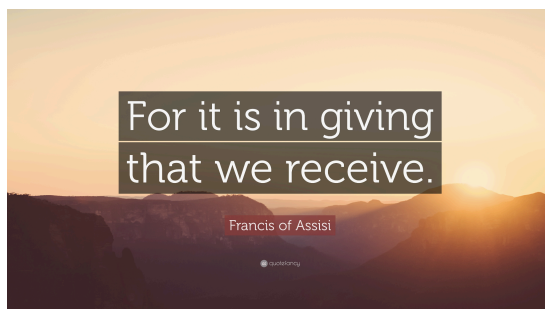


1. Come, — Lord Je - sus,
 2. Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 3. Show us the path of life,
 4. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 5. Make us your gar - den, Lord,

Ma - ra - na - tha!

Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.



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Recessional

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTT GART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in

1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in
4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -

1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

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