



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021

Parish Information: December 12, 2021

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM (**Live streamed**)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— in sign language

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday: 9:30 AM (**Live streamed**) 11:00AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour from 10AM to 8PM

Benediction & recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet:

First Fridays: St. John Church at 3PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

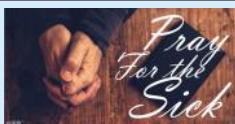
BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Mondays at 7PM in Faith Formation Center

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Prayer Requests

Those serving in the military:

Colin Bakey, USN, Eric Bakey, USA,
 Alex Coutinho, US Space Force, Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class
 US Army, Johnny A. Santiago, USA,
 1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN, USAF, Salena
 Silvaria, NAC/AW, Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
 Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN

Those who are sick: Baby Rowan Anderson, Baby Archer
 Reynolds, Nancy Barone, Denise Bell, Esther Benson,
 Jacob Bocchicchio, Ashley Boland, Bernadette Burke,
 Barbara Carrozza, Edward L. Charlton, Theresa Charlton,
 Marilyn Cipolone, Anthony Corrado, Baby Declan Costello,
 Todd Delany, Dean Dickel, Regina Gagne, Anne Flamer,
 Victoria Gilbert, Jamie Hankins, Cherie Hansen, Violet
 Harden, Brian Hart, Kathleen Hartnett, Bill Hower, Rosario
 Huarijara, Rick Jermyn, Teresa Jermyn, Chet Kasprzak,
 Rachel Kellmaier, Ali Kite, Wally Kimovich, William Kinee,
 June Kuntz, Nina Lopes, Nicholas Matyas, Matthew
 McCann, Mari Alice McVey, Terry Meloche, Colin Murray,
 Christopher Pronio, Martha Shaw, Richard Shoenborn,
 Frank Tiefenthaler, Michael Travis, Lyibov Ukhanska,
 Dominick Venafr, Marie Vesper, Barbara Vollrath, Marie
 Wann, Wear Family, Myra Worrell

*Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into strength,
 suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into
 comfort for all those listed here. Let them be filled with
 patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your
 healing touch. As you heal and renew your servants, Lord,
 may they be blessed and praise you. This we ask especially
 for our parishioners and our friends.*

**Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and
 those to whom they minister.**



Saturday, December 11

4:00 Jerome Sheehan r/b his Family
 In thanksgiving for many blessings r/b Arline
 Barski

Sunday, December 12

8:00 Wallace and Joseph Families r/b the Family
 Olleck and Page Families r/b the Family
 9:30 Carolyn Rita Maroccia r/b Domenic Pucci
 Frank M. Giorgione r/b Domenic Pucci
 Elizabeth Panetta r/b the Hall Family
 11:00 Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
 Anne Marie Furey r/b the Gunning Family
 Peter Pryzbylowski r/b his Wife, Children Grand
 children & Great-Grandchildren
 For the intentions of Barbara and Frank Stone
 r/b Fr. Yvans

Monday, December 13

9:00 Intentions of Pascale Viel r/b Fr. Yvans Jazon
 Michael Cippola r/b STC Rosary group

Tuesday, December 14

9:00 Anthony N. Terranova r/b Paul and Diane
 Heerford
 Bob Barbato r/b Margaret Way

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 Intentions of Marie D. Jean r/b Fr. Yvans Jazon

Thursday, December 16

9:00 Peter Pryzbylowski r/b his Wife, Children Grand
 children & Great-Grandchildren
 Intentions of Frank and Barbara Stone r/b Fr.
 Yvans Jazon

Friday, December 17

9:00 Ed McPeak r/b Ed and Sharon Charlton
 John Quaranta (1st Anniv.) r/b Vincent and
 Lisanne Quaranta

Saturday, December 18

4:00 Juliette Barbato r/b Margaret Way
 Katherine A. Baird r/b John McIntyre, Jr.

Sunday, December 19

8:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
 9:30 Mary VanNote r/b her Husband and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connell r/b Ellie Connell
 Linda Pucci-Rucci r/b Dominic Pucci and Denise
 11:00 Brendan T. Murphy r/b Richard Smith
 Monica Whitehead r/b Francisca Ferrante
 Dolores F. Latta r/b the McCormick Family
 Celebration of the wedding of Zachary and Ingrid
 Kennedy

Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

Christmas is coming and you might be wondering what today's Gospel has to do with Christmas, but it is very simple. The people were excited because the Messiah was in their midst, but they did not know who it was. They suspected John the Baptist or possibly Elijah might be that Messiah. There was an strong feeling that Salvation was going to happen very soon, as in a few weeks or months, and they wanted to do their best to be ready for Him.

Here is where the Christmas message comes in. Think about what John is telling them to do. If you have two cloaks or more than enough food, give some to someone else who needs it. Isn't this what we do at Christmas? We give gifts to each other. At Christmas we also invite people over for parties and meals.

He tells the tax collectors to stop cheating the people and making them pay more taxes than they owed and to treat people with respect and fairness. He tells the soldiers to stop falsely accusing people of crimes. These were very common corrupt practices. He also tells them to be content with their wages, to have gratefulness, to be thankful for what they have.

These are the things we stress around Christmas and just as in the Gospel, all are to be done with a happy heart. Isn't this supposed to be the happiest time of the year? You have to remember that the Jews were longing for their Savior. They had been waiting a long time, hundreds of years, so the excitement was building day by day, kind of like us getting ready for Christmas but not knowing the exact date of when it was. There was a real sense of urgency and excitement. John was not the Messiah but he was a prophet! He was the last prophet. His message was consistent with all the other prophets before him: repent and turn back to God; and just like all the other prophets, he died before seeing the glory of the Lord.

The happiness these people felt was beyond words. They had no savior, no redemption, but they always had hope. Now this hope was being realized. Can you imagine the world today if there was a prophet - a real prophet, not like someone on TV- and he or she had credible evidence that the Savior was alive in human form and walking among us? What would this be like? Would this be all we would see on TV? Would we not be following the same practices that John told the people? I'm not sure. We all know how corrupt the world is right now, but we also know that the majority of people have good hearts, longing for peace and comfort—or since this is Christmas time— comfort and joy.

For us this Christmas: do what John is prescribing, and I suggest one other thing that John did not say in the Gospel but I am sure he stressed all the time. With true repentance, forgiveness is very important. This is the best time of year to come to terms with the people who have fallen out of your life or people you might have wronged, or have wronged you.

As I am writing this, the date I am writing this is the same as the date of my father's death. My father and I had a strained relationship with many differences, and when my parents got divorced, it only aggravated the issue. I did not see my father much, maybe three or four times a year at best. But a few weeks before he died and he died very unexpectedly, I was at his house and we had a very nice time. We sort of came to terms with each other that night. When I left we were at peace with each other.

At the same time as my father's death, I was bringing communion to a man I got along with very well and became close to him and his daughter. He passed away about the same time as my dad, and his daughter and I still keep in contact.

That is what we should do at Christmas: come to terms with our family and our friends who have fallen away. Kindness, compassion and understanding are just as important as all the things John prescribed and go much further than any gift you could give. We are Christians with everything a happy heart; we have every reason in the world to be happy! God loves us! Think about that. It's amazing, with all our faults, He loves us! Our love for others should always mirror the love God has for all of us.

Deacon Leo



*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW": follow the prompts.

December 5: \$10,181.18

Collection for Retired Religious:

Electronic Givers: October: \$17,772.02/ 140 givers

**NEW WAY TO GIVE!
Scan this QR code with your
smartphone for easy, secure
on-line giving.**



*Thank you for your continued support of our
parish! May God bless you and those you love!*

Join us!

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for our next meeting on Monday, December 13 in McLaughlin Hall, immediately following the Parish Advent Mission by Richard Lane. Come join us and Richard Lane for a very brief meeting, followed by pizza, cheesesteaks, beverages, and socializing. For more information, please contact Josh Wiener (609-502-3539) or email us at stteresamensclub@yahoo.com.



**Please Don't Forget:
Our Parish Mission for Advent
Is this Coming Week.**

The renowned Catholic evangelist, Richard Lane, is coming from Michigan to St. Teresa of Calcutta to conduct a Mission.

Each of the four consecutive dates we've saved will feature a new, dynamic presentation. To accommodate all schedules, every session will be given TWICE a day – at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM:

Monday, December 13 is "Witness";

Tuesday, December 14 "Hope";

Wednesday, December 15 "Love";

Thursday, December 16 "Joy & Peace".

Presentations at St. John's Church (809 Park Ave., Collingswood) will last one hour, with time for questions and discussion. Set aside a little time for yourself – after all, why prepare for the Prince of Peace by stressing out over the season?

Bring a friend; everyone is welcome!

This year, there will NOT be a Communal Penance Service as we have had in the past, but there will be 4 priests available from 6 to 7PM each night for those who wish to go to confession.

***The Mission is being sponsored by the
STC Men's Club.***

Special Collection This Weekend Retired Religious

The second collection this weekend will be for the retired religious. Many of us were well-educated by these dedicated men and women and have reaped spiritual as well as academic benefits from their words, teaching, and example. You are always so generous to this special collection and the religious men and women who receive assistance from this collection are very grateful.

Parish Ministries

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Intention for the Week of December 12-18

December 12-18: Bless dear Lord, the sacristans who perform their duties with love and attention to every detail in their daily responsibilities. May the hands and hearts of our sacristans continue to work for your good, and the good of all parishioners.

Sacristan Ministry



Adoration Schedule

ALL ARE INVITED:

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church
10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM –7PM
- Rosary and Benediction 7PM—8PM



Adoration will be from 11AM to 4:00 PM on December 16 because of the Parish Mission.

It's Not Too Late!

Please participate in our Special Intention Christmas Tree.



The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's intentions in prayer; they were the **beginning**. Not everyone could attend; that's why, at the back of each church, you will find ornaments with hooks inside, slips of paper, and pens. Take a moment to jot down your intention, place the paper inside an ornament, snap it together, and hang it on the tree. While you're at it, pray for everyone else's intentions.

Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

Special thanks to Fr. Yvans, the Tree-Lighting Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the musicians, choir and all who participated who helped make this such a joyful parish community experience and a prayerful event.



St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Christmas Giving Trees are displayed in both churches. This year there are three choices for gifts. Tags identify the organizations and/or people who will receive gifts. **All gifts need to be returned on or before Tuesday, December 14.**

- **1st Way:** counseling and referral service for young mothers: Gifts for infants (**unwrapped**)
- **Catholic Charities:** gifts distributed to individuals from infants to age 18 years old (**unwrapped**)
- **Angel Tree:** provides specific gifts requested for children of prisoners (**wrapped**)
 - ♦ **Tags must be securely attached to all gifts.**
 - ♦ **Do not wrap gifts for 1st Way & Catholic Charities.**
 - ♦ **Wrap gifts that go to Angel Tree.**

For those who would like to donate but are not yet going to church, you can either pick up a tag at the parish office or bring your gift to the parish office with a home-made tag specifying which group gets your donated gift.

RCIA



Our parish RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center. Please see page 7 of this bulletin for additional information.



In case you missed it ...

The prayer service and presentation by **Dr. Bethany Welch on the Laudato Si Action Platform** that was held on November 29th has been recorded and is available on Facebook to be viewed at your convenience. To access this event on Facebook, type "**Teresa Calcutta video**" and scroll down to find the Laudato Si Action Platform dated 11/29/2021.

You are encouraged to become informed about this global faith journey of prayer, education and action as our Church moves forward towards ecological conversion and sustainability.

December 18-19

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	S. Campbell	D. Leo	S. Campbell
8:00	L. Franck	D. Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	G. Principato	M. Rausch	M. Mercer
11:00	R. Coutinho	J/A Casale	L. Roseboro-Brown

Memorial Ornaments

Ornaments from the memorial Mass have been removed from the trees and put in baskets in front of church. Family members are welcome to take your ball home as a remembrance.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice.

Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, December 20 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches.

Sandwiches made in Oct.: 750 for Cath. Kitchen & Joseph House

Discussion Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, December 21 at 7PM: Faith Formation Center. Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. If you need help, please call Michelle. Everything is strictly confidential. **Delivery persons are desperately needed.**
More Info.: Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:
Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM

Staples put into each bag:

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

*I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism...***Cardinal John Henry Newman**

RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming people who want to be full members of the Catholic faith community. This includes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other

Christian denominations, and baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is not a “class” but rather a journey of faith. In the company of a group of faith-filled parishioners who serve as the RCIA team and with other people inquiring about the Church, and through experiences of prayer, faith-sharing, instruction, and discussion, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God as you discover how your faith could be nurtured with the Catholic tradition. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please call Father Yvans.

Faith Formation Schedule

*Sunday 9:30-10:45, Grades K-7
Dec 12, 19*

*Tuesday 3:30-4:45, Grades 1-6
Dec. 14, 21*

*Confirmation Prep
(In St. John Church)
Sunday December 19, 6:30-8:00PM
Sponsors and Candidates attend*

Make Advent Special this Year!

*We invite you to take part in the many
events
offered during this holy season*

Family Mass and Service Activity

Sunday December 12
Family Mass at 11AM followed by coffee, donuts,
and a service activity.

Parish Mission

**Monday December 13 through Thursday
December 16**

Speaker: Richard Lane
Presentations will be at 9:30 AM or 7PM each day.

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve

The 4PM mass on Christmas Eve will be our Children's mass. Youth of the parish will sing in the choir, be our lectors, and help Fr. Yvans proclaim the Gospel as actors in the nativity story. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pat Lipperini (plipperini@stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org).



Youth Choir Practice

Our Youth Choir is open to anyone from grades 1 through high school. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument we would love to have you participate. We will be singing at the Family Mass on December 12 and the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4PM.



Offerings at Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ

• College Age Retreat

Dates: January 7-9, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

• Young Adult Retreat

Dates: February 11-13, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

Christ Life Program: Discovering Christ

9 weeks/Zoom/Videos/Discussions

Dates/Times: Thursdays 6:30—8:00 PM

January 6—March 3, 2022

Register: Call 856-429-1330 or email your name
and phone number to:

evelyn@holyeucharistcherryhill.com

Sponsored by Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill

New Life Charismatic Prayer Meetings Two Times Every Week

**Join us on Sunday evenings in St. Rose of Lima
Lounge**

New Time: 6:30-8:00 (so you can come after Mass)

*Masks are required.

Join us on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 on ZOOM

If interested, email cswheeler45@gmail.com



Roses for Life

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Roses for Life after all Masses next weekend, December 18 and 19. Funds collected are used for the bus to the March for Life in Washington DC each year and for donations to Pro-Life causes.

*Proudly wear your rose to show that you have said
"Yes" to life!*

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Santa Maria Council #1443 invites young parishioners ages 5 to 14 to participate in our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. By engaging their talents, we hope they can learn the true meaning of Christmas. Winning entries advance through a series of district, regional, state, and international competitions. Posters should reflect "Keep Christ in Christmas" and be 11" x 17" maximum in size and submitted no later than Thursday, December 16, 2021. Include the poster creator's Name and Age on the back.

*Please contact Mr. Rolland Coutinho
if you wish to participate:*

* Cell: 856-220-9989

* Email: rcc1266@yahoo.com



Bishop Eustace Assembly: Knights of Columbus

Annual 50/50 Christmas Raffle

Tickets: \$5.00 each

Drawing: Wednesday, December 15

Purchase Tickets:

In Person: Call John Pajawis at 856-854-2440

By Mail: Send check payable to *Bishop Eustace Assembly* to John Pajawis at 153 Cuthbert Blvd., Haddon Twp., NJ 08107. Tickets will be mailed to you.

3rd Sunday of Advent : Stewardship Sharing

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to live Stewardship by gratefully and generously sharing ourselves and our goods with others.



Call to Worship

Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.



FIRST READING: 9 Zep. 3: 14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you; he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 10-18



The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's ever lasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came. O Savior to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.

3. When this old world drew on toward night
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

5. Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe

6. To God Creator, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

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Maranatha

Westphal

Refrain

***Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus.
Give your people hope.
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus,
And lead your people home.***

1. O Lord of Light, fill the night.
Many have lost their way.
O Rising Dawn, shine upon,
Darkness shall be no more.

2. O King of Kings, love you bring.
The world is made anew.
O Prince of Peace, make us free.
Justice for humankind.

3. O Comforter, rescue us.
Destroy our sinfulness.
O Counselor, mighty Lord,
Teach us what we must know.

4. Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Promised so long ago.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God is with us at last.

Final Refrain

***Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus.
Give your people hope.
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus,
And lead your people home,
And lead your people home.***

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

SOON AND VERY SOON

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King; } Hal-le-

1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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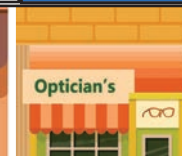
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