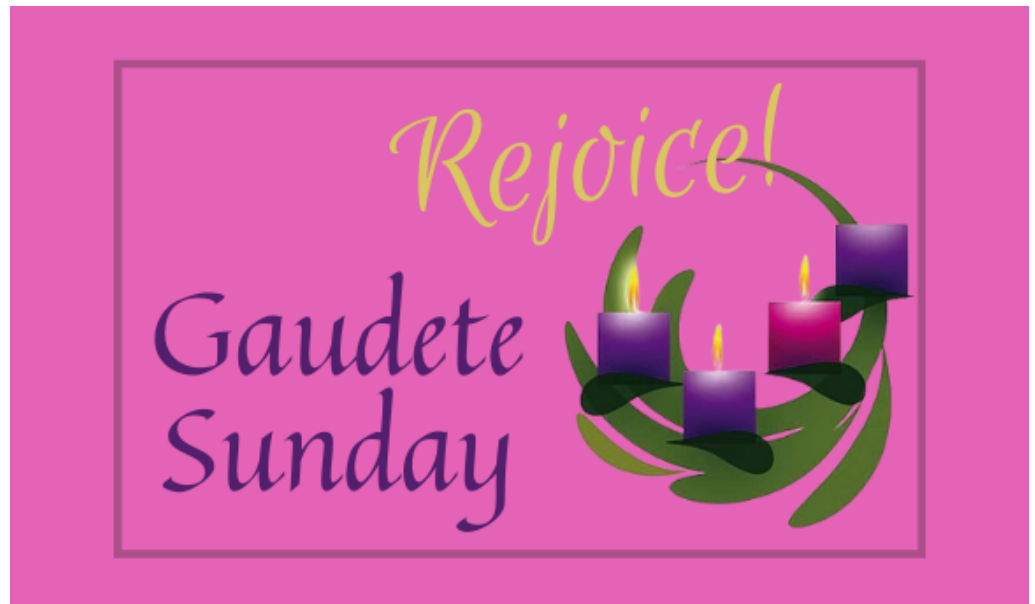


OITC SUNDAY MASS
Third Sunday of Advent
15th December 2024

Welcome and Opening
meditation



Music

O come, o come Emmanuel (Enya)

Blessing of Advent candle

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son.
As the light from this candle,
may the blessing of Christ come upon us,
brightening our way and guiding us by his truth.
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Third Week

O Key of David, Jesus Christ,
the gates of heaven open at your command,
come and show us the way to salvation.

Gloria

Peruvian Gloria

Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed
from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good.

Let the fire of your Spirit
purge us of greed and deceit,
so that, purified, we may find our
peace in you
and you may delight in us.

Grant this through him whose
coming is certain,
whose day draws near:
you Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen

**A reading from the prophet
Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the
judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in
your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with
gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud
singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for
it.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Is. 12

*Sing and shout for joy for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,

he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise
to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to
the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.

**A reading from the letter to the
Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness
be known to everyone. The Lord is
near. Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to
God. And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 3:10-18**

The crowds asked John, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord

Music

*My soul is longing for your peace –
Lucien Deiss, instrumental*

Lectio

Advent Creed

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience,
who is not afraid of silence,
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,

whose silence overpowered their
words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet
Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews
and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious
power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a
whisper.

We believe in one God
who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.

Intercessions

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn

Prayer for the Road Ahead

There's a Dream (Carmel Bracken)

There's a dream in my soul that
wants to live
a dream of oneness with all that is
a dream of love that can heal a
wounded world.
Can you dream this dream with me?

It will take you to places that are torn
broken apart by war
places filled with pain and hopes that
seem lost
where colour is but a memory.

Can you trust that you'll never be
alone
that there is a pattern to it all
that we are evolving into a better
way
and each one has a role they must
play.

Can you give the best of who you are
unfolding with the mystery of it all
trusting our earth will soon begin to
heal
when all of us awake to who we are.

There's a dream in my soul that
wants to live
a dream of oneness with all that is
a dream of love that can heal a
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Can you dream this dream with me?

Blessing

Rejoice in the Lord always,
show gentleness to all,
do not be anxious,
make your needs known to God
by prayer, with thanksgiving;
and may the peace of God
guard your heart and mind
in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**