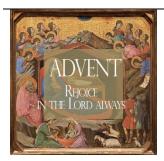
# GAUDETE SUNDAY

## EUCHARIST LITURGY 14 DEC 2025



What is Gaudete Sunday? Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, has a long history dating back to the 9th century. The name "Gaudete" comes from the Latin word for "rejoice," derived from the opening word of the Liturgy's introit, Gaudete in Domino semper ("Rejoice in the Lord always," Philippians 4:4). It marks a moment of joyful anticipation in the midst of Advent's penitential season, as it signifies the nearness of Christ's

birth. Traditionally, the liturgical color for Advent is purple, symbolizing penance, but on Gaudete Sunday, rose-colored vestments are often worn to signify a break in the somber tone, encouraging the faithful to rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

CALL TO WORSHIP, AND THE LAW Standing

People, of God – please, stand for worship.

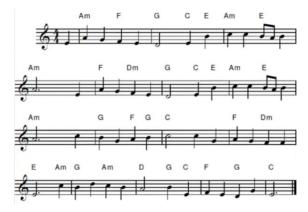
Surely the Lord cometh quickly;

\*Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

\*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

ASCENSION | PROCESSION
HOW SHALL I FITLY MEET THEE
(Tune O Sacred Head Now Wounded)



How shall I fitly meet thee, and give thee welcome due? The nations long to greet thee, and I would greet thee too! O fount of light, shine brightly upon my darkened heart, that I may serve thee rightly, and know thee as thou art.

#### Kneeling

\*OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

\*ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister stands and the congregation remains kneeling

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

\*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write this thy law in our hearts, we beseech thee.

#### TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. 3X Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages amen. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

\*O ALMIGHTY LORD, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

# LITURGY OF THE WORD - CONSECRATION

Standing

The Lord be with you. \*And with thy Spirit

#### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORY be to God on high, \*and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, \*we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, \*that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, \*receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, \*have mercy upon us.

\*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Old Testament lesson is taken from the prophet, Isaiah chapter 35 beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

- <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees.
- <sup>4</sup> Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you."
- <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- <sup>6</sup> Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.
- <sup>7</sup>The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.
- <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.
- <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there*,
- <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord \*Thanks be to God

Standing

## PSALM 146 LAUDA, ANIMA MEA

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord \*yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
- 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man \*for there is no help in them.
- 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth \*and then all his thoughts perish.
- 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help \*and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is \*who keepeth his promise for ever; Amen \*Amen

#### Sitting

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

JAMES 5:7-20

THE portion of Scripture appointed for the Lesson from the Epistle of St. James chapter 5 beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. <sup>8</sup>Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. <sup>9</sup>Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. <sup>10</sup>Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. <sup>12</sup>But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

<sup>13</sup> Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup> Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: <sup>15</sup> and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. <sup>16</sup> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. <sup>17</sup> Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

<sup>19</sup> Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; <sup>20</sup> let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord \*Thanks be to God

#### PSALM 146 CONT

- 6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong \*who feedeth the hungry.
- 7 The Lord looseth men out of prison \*the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
- 8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen \*the Lord careth for the righteous.
- 9 The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow \*as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
- 10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore \*and throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning \*is now and will be forever, amen.

Remain Standing for the Gospel Reading

# THE GOSPEL LESSON

### MATTHEW 11:2-19

⊕THE Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 11 beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse. \*Glory be to Thee, O Lord

<sup>2</sup> And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." <sup>7</sup> As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' 11" Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear! <sup>16</sup> "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, <sup>17</sup> and saying: 'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."

Here endeth the Holy Gospel of our Lord \*Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH- NICENE CREED

\*I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection + of the dead and the life of the world to come.

### GLORIA PATRI

\*Glory be to the + Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now and every shall be; world without end. Amen.

Sitting or Kneeling

HOMILY - LITURGICAL CALENDAR, JOY

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thanksgiving Prayer – Deacon | Warden shall hand the Offerings to the Presbyter REMEMBER the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. St. Matt. 5:16. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. St. Matt. 6:19, 20. \*All things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chron. 29:14.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world:

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all officers in Thy holy Church, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. AND to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

AND we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen. \*Amen

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

\*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 St. John 1:8, 9

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Kneeling

\*ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us; most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life;

In the name of the + Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, your sins are forgiven. Therefore, take heart, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. \*Amen

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matt. 11:28. So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. St. John 3:16. Amen \*Amen

Standing

# The Sign of Peace

#### TAKEN FROM THE DIVINE LITURGY OF JAMES THE APOSTLE

Let us stand well, let us stand reverently, let us stand in the fear of God, and not with compunction of heart. In peace, let us pray to the Lord: \*For God of peace, mercy, love, compassion, and loving-kindness art Thou, and Thine only begotten Son, and Thine all Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen Peace be to all! \*And to Thy Spirit Let us salute one another with a holy kiss.

Continue Standing

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT - HOLY COMMUNION

All who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, who have been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, are affectionately invited to this Eucharist meal.

SURSUM CORDA (LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS)

Lift up your hearts. \*We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. \*It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, (+ - at Blessed is he...)

### SANCTUS (ALT VERSION)

Holy! Holy! Lord, God of hosts. Heaven 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!

Sitting

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

#### INVOCATION

SO NOW, we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this as a

memorial of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, as a memorial of me. WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen. \*Amen

Said or Sung

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been offered up for us.

\*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Standing

LORD'S PRAYER SUNG

OUR FATHER \*who art in heaven...

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

\*WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### Standing

#### THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; \*have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; \*have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; \*grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Note: eat the host when you receive it and drink the wine when you receive it.

BREAD: Accept Father, through Christ, our Great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. Lord God, King of the Universe, who gives seed to the Sower and bread to the eater. Through your goodness we have received this bread, which by your good providence the earth has given, and human hands have made. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. \*Amen.

Sing while coming forward to receive the Body of Christ

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted Thy holy Name within our hearts.

Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, didst give man food for all his days, giving in Christ the Bread eternal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

We will start serving as soon as this verse ends

+ THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

WINE: Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe who brings forth food from the earth and wine made for Kings which makes the heart of man glad. Through your goodness we have received this wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, and through Your surpassing mercy You have given us the blood of Your son. Blessed be God for ever. Amen. \*Amen

Sing while coming forward to receive the Blood of Chirst

2 Watch o'er Thy church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still. Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto Thy will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands Thy church be gathered into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

- + THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.
- \*ALMIGHTY and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear

Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

MISSA (SENDING)
Standing
BENEDICTION HYMN (PG 14)

LET us pray: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. \*Amen

NOW: May Almighty God make you faithful to his calling, joyful in his service, and fruitful for his kingdom. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — be upon you and through you with all those to whom He sends you, now and always. Amen. \*Amen

DOXOLOGY (TUNE OLD ONE HUNDREDTH)

\*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen





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# Church Calendar

Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sun-Dec 14

Fourth Sunday in Advent – Dec 21

Christmas Eve – Dec 24

Christmas Day – Dec 25

12 Days of Christmas begin on the Eve of Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Stephen, First Martyr 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Christmas - Of Dec 26

St John Apostle & Evangelist 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Christmas – Dec 27

The Innocents' Day (Childermas) 4th Day of Christmas – Dec 28 (Remember the

laughter of the Children in Bethlehem by King Herod)

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

 $\sim Habakkuk 2:14$