

# Pulpit Announcements for the Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Welcome to all who are here today on this 3rd Sunday of Advent. Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Our Youth group SMYLE is smiling with the response you our parishioners have given to their project to collect items for Unity Square at all Masses these past weekends, ending today. Thank you for your generosity and support. All teens are invited to help us assemble the donation bags after the noon Mass **tomorrow / today**.
- The Christmas Trees are attracting lots of visitors from near and far. The rains have created some problems with the connections and we are sorry that some rows were not lit. Every attempt is made to rectify the situation.
- **Tomorrow / Today** is the last day to return the gifts for the Giving Tree that is set up in our church. Thank you to all those who responded generously to help someone in need during this Christmas season. **Tomorrow / Today** is the last day to return the gifts.
- The Christmas Season Mass Schedule is in the back of the Church and in the bulletin. Please note the dates.
- You are welcome to join many of our parishioners at Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evening - any time between 6-8 pm.

*The joy of Christmas is already very evident to us wherever we go. Today the Church invites us to rejoice - in anticipation of the joy of the birth of our Savior. Let us be more conscious of his presence in our lives and see Him in one another with eyes of faith and smiles of acceptance of one another. Let us joyfully enter into the celebration of the Eucharist now...*

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**December 15, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near...Philippians 4:4-5*

**Gathering Hymn – O Come o Come Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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

# Prayer of the Faithful

## The Third Sunday of Advent

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**Our response is: “Lord of Peace, Hear Our Prayer.”**

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...give them the courage of John the Baptist to fearlessly point the way to Jesus and to eternal salvation, we pray. . .
2. For world, national, and civic leaders, especially those in our own country . . . in their work as public servants, help them to foster dialogue, harmony, and understanding within their communities, we pray. . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . . bring us into right relationship with our brothers and sisters as we share generously of our many gifts and blessings, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, those on our sick lists, and we pray especially for all those suffering from anxiety, that they receive peace of mind and the assurance that Jesus is with them. May they receive guidance from their family and friends and the courage to ask for help. May they surrender all their worries to God, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died believing in the promise of resurrection, especially **Fr. Leo Gariazzo, Catherine A. Havey, and Joseph D. DuPont, Jr.** . . . let them now rejoice in the eternal reward of heaven, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, as we watch and wait for Jesus, we pray. . .

***The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:***

**5 PM:** Repose of the Soul of Marie DeFeo / Jill Szabo

**8 AM:** Josephine Printon

**10 AM:** Sr. Sonia

**12 PM:** Intention of Parishioners

## Preparation of the Gifts - Christ Circle Round Us

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. Come, O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of the morning light.  
Come, Sun of Justice,  
turn away the pow'r of night.

**Christ, circle round us.  
Christ, may your light surround us.  
Shine in our living.  
Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.**

2. Come, O Flow'r of Love,  
holy branch of Jesse's tree.  
Come, Bough of Blessing,  
bloom for all the world to see.
3. Come, O Word of Truth,  
font of knowledge from on high.  
Come, Holy Wisdom,  
be our faithful friend and guide.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope,  
holy door of heaven's throne.  
Come, Key of David,  
open wide the pathway home.
5. Come, O Mighty Lord, master of the stars of night.  
Come, Strength of Pilgrims, keep us in your loving sight.
6. Come, Emmanuel, cherished hope of Israel.  
Come, live among us, ever in our hearts to dwell.
7. Come, Lord Jesus Christ, long-awaited Prince of Peace.  
Come, Hope of Nations, ever make our love increase.

## Communion Hymn – Bread of Life

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.**

1. Be with your people, Lord,  
send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness,  
come among us now.

2. Bring to our world of fear  
the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages,  
come to save us now.

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## Closing Hymn - Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn

1. Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,  
For angels herald its dawning,  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
Behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
To bring all hearts together,  
He opens wide the heav'nly door  
And lives now inside us for ever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
His humble song is quiet and near,  
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
Music to heal the broken soul  
And hymns of loving kindness,  
The thunder of his anthems roll  
To shatter all hatred and blindness.
3. In darkest night his coming shall be,  
When all the world is despairing,  
As morning light so quiet and free,  
So warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
The lame shall leap in wonder,  
The weak be raised above the strong,  
And weapons be broken asunder.
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
The rising sun shall crown you with light,  
Be strong and loving and fearless;  
Love be our song and love our prayer,  
And love, our endless story,  
May God fill ev'ry day we share,  
And bring us at last into glory.

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.**

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

God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel!

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