

**1st Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Ridgewood, NJ
November 27, 2022**



**Emmanuel
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**Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

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

Penitential Rite

I Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord

II Reading Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Homily

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray to the Lord – **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

God Of All People

God of all places: present, unseen;
Voice in our silence, song in our midst.
We are your people, knowing, unsure.

Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord until you come again, until you come
again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace
into the world.

Beyond the Moon and Stars

Dan Schutte

Refrain

**Beyond the moon and stars,
as deep as night,
so great our hunger, Lord,
to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home
beneath your wing.
So may we come to rest
where angels sing.**

Our eyes have longed to see
your loving face,
to live within your courts for all our days.

Your roads have led us, Lord,
'cross desert sand.
We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.

Upon our darkness, Lord,
a light has shone.
You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

People Look East

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

TODAYS READINGS

1. Isaiah 2: 1-5

Living in a world of constant conflict, shifting political alliances, fear and weariness, the prophet speaks a word of hope. As the oracle begins, Isaiah's words constitute a vision of better times, when the nations would recognize that God's ways and God's instructions were the true path to life and fulfillment. The nations, making their way to Jerusalem, the highest mountain where God's instruction is to be found, will discard the weapons of war and destruction, turning them into implements that build rather than destroy. For all this to happen, all must submit to God and His wisdom.

2. Romans 13: 11-14

It is not enough to hope for better times. Though the disciple is saved only by the grace of God that comes in Jesus Christ (the first chapters of Romans), he/she must actively put that grace into practice. The believer is empowered by the Spirit to live by faith, already sharing in the blessings of justification, peace, reconciliation, redemption and salvation. The anticipated future salvation already provides a model for their identity and behavior right now. (Advent may be a time of waiting for the coming Christ, but not of waiting to face the challenges of living as Christ).

3. Matthew 24: 37-44

As we begin our year of readings from the Gospel of Matthew, the reflections begin with reference to the end – the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ. And what is the message – the need for vigilance. Whether the example of Noah (business as usual for most), the men in the field, or women at the mill (in each case, one ready, one not), or the thief in the night, the message is the same, being prepared is a full-time way of life. No signs, no strange happenings, no wild speculation. Only daily living, faithfully, fully committed, witnessing to the Good News in word and deed.

Reflections for the Week

1. As the first line from Isaiah says, "living in a world of constant conflict, shifting political alliances, fear and weariness," do you have hope? Where do you find it? Think of as many places as possible? Is God in there?
2. In this Advent season of "waiting," what are you really waiting for (in terms of Jesus Christ)?
3. In what ways do you concretely long for the reign of God?