

1st Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Ridgewood, NJ
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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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
To You O Lord I Lift My Soul, To You I Lift My Soul

II Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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**

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
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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.

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TODAYS READINGS

1. Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Jeremiah preached to a Jerusalem that was shaky and insecure, principally because the kings who ruled sought protection in earthly alliances and not in the God of Israel. As a result, Jeremiah's oracles are generally warnings of doom and destruction for the

kingdom and its people. But today's excerpted reading is from those few chapters when the prophet look ahead to a brighter future, based on God's faithfulness promised long ago to King David, promising a king who is right and just, one close to the Lord, for whom God will secure justice.

2. 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4:2

In this work, the earliest Christian writing, Paul looks forward to the final coming of Jesus, a grand entrance with all who lived holy lives and have become saints. This is the task for all who have accepted Jesus as Lord – to become more like Him and grow in love, both for the community and for the world.

3. Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

On this 1st Sunday of Advent, the Church begins reading from the Gospel of Luke, Cycle C, which continues (for the most part) throughout the year. Today's excerpts come from the chapter (21) which focuses on the events that will surround Jesus' final coming. When using the title, Son of Man, the Gospel almost always refers to Jesus' role as judge and this final coming represents the ultimate consummation of God's plan. This coming will be ushered in by cosmic signs, never seen before and so dramatic as to be recognizable by all. Because it clearly will not be soon (Luke seems to be the first of the Synoptics to hold this position), complacency becomes a real problem. Luke warns against allowing this to develop. Preparedness and readiness should be the watchwords for the faithful.

Reflections for the Week

1. How have I accepted Paul's prayer to "increase and abound in love for one another and for all"?
2. Have I become "drowsy," in this pandemic, especially when it comes to in-person worship, even as I'm going about with the rest of my life?
3. Will I have the strength to "stand before the Son of Man"? If He comes today? Tomorrow?



