

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**St. Stephen's Parish**  
**December 13, 2020 - 9:30 AM**



**Entrance: Come, Lord! Maranatha (Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP)**

*Come and rejoice, again, rejoice!  
Here is the God who saves.  
Now is the time, do not fear.  
Sing out with voices and praise:  
  
Come, Lord! Maranatha!  
Come and bring us your peace.  
Come, Lord, Maranatha!  
Come to us; set us free.  
Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.*

**Kyrie Eleison: Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Bob Hurd)**

*We praise you, O Lord, Dawn from on high: Lord, have mercy.*

***Kýrie, Kýrie, Kýrie eléison.***

*We praise you, O Lord, Alpha and Omega: Christ, have mercy.*

***Christe, Christe, Christe eléison.***

*We praise you, O Lord, Emmanuel: Lord, have mercy.*

***Kýrie, Kýrie, Kýrie eléison.***

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1 (Luke Mayernik)**

***"My soul rejoices in my God."***

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### ALLELUIA

Christopher Walker



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## **Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,*

*'make straight the way of the Lord,'*

as Isaiah the prophet said. Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Presentation of the Gifts: Maranatha (G. Westphal)**

*Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.  
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.*

*O Lord of Light, fill the night. Many have lost their way.  
O Rising Dawn, shine upon, darkness shall be no more.*

*Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.  
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.*

*O King of Kings, love you bring. The world is made anew.  
O Prince of Peace, make us free, justice for humankind.*

*Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.  
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.*

*O Comforter, rescue us. Destroy our sinfulness.  
O Counsellor, mighty Lord, teach us what we must know.*

*Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.  
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.*

## **Holy: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)**

*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: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)**

*Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

## **Amen: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)**

*Amen, Amen.*

## Lamb of God: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

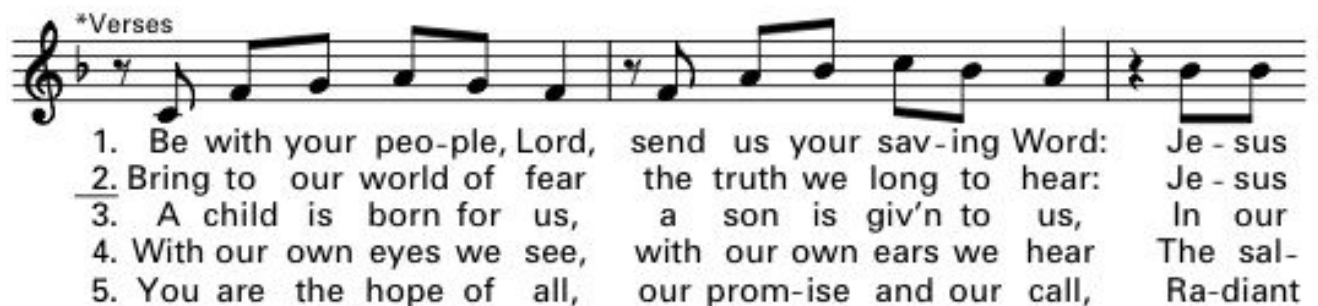
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## Communion Song

### BREAD OF LIFE (ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SETTING)

Bernadette Farrell



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## **Closing Song: Ready The Way (Bob Hurd)**

*“Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!”  
A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Ready the way of the Lord!”*

*“Let ev’ry valley be filled. Let ev’ry valley be filled.  
Let ev’ry mountain be humbled; let ev’ry valley be filled.”*

*Here is your God, coming with your vindication.  
Look and behold the saving power of God.*



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