

# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

~ A Jesuit Apostolate in New York City since 1847 ~

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

Opening Rites: Call to Worship, Song of Gathering and Advent wreath lighting,  
Opening Prayer

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Split the wood or turn the stone

from the Gospel of Thomas

by Laura Ruth and Darlene Franz

5 Split the wood or turn the stone, there I AM, find me there.

8 I am the light, I am the light shin - ing with - in all things.

12 Ev' - ry thing comes forth from me, in - to me, all re - turns.

I am the light, I am the light shin - ing with - in all things.

## SONG OF GATHERING

## Lead Us to Your Light

Carol Browning

Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.

5  
Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**1. CHILD OF THE LIGHT AND LOVE BEYOND ALL TELLING  
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH WONDER AND PRAISE. REFRAIN**

**2. LORD, YOU ARE HOPE AND HEALING FOR OUR WORLD;  
COME, NOW, AND BRING US YOUR GOOD NEWS. REFRAIN**

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY

**3. COME, O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL.  
COME WITH US ON EARTH HERE TO DWELL. REFRAIN**

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## OPENING PRAYER

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

*Zephaniah 3: 14-18a*

## Isaiah 12: Cry Out With Joy

Refrain

Cry out with joy and glad-ness, for the Lord is in your  
midst, the ho - ly one of Is-ra-el, cry out, cry out with joy.

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen; refrain adapt. by Diana Kodner  
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Second Reading:

*Philippians 4: 4-7*

## Hallelujah

Advent 3

Leonard Cohen

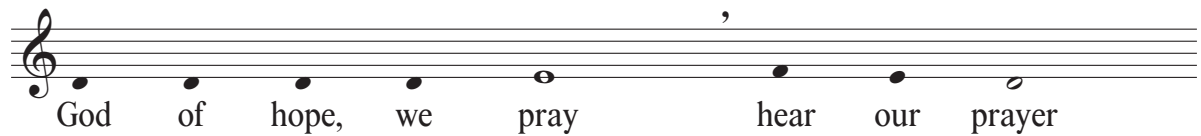
Moderately slow  $\text{♩} = 72$

REFRAIN  
Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

7 VERSE  
Hal - le - lu - ia. 1. The Spi-rit of God is u -  
13 pon me, God has a-noin - ted me \_\_\_\_\_ to bring glad ti - dings to the poor.  
19 The Spi-rit of God is u - pon me, God has a-noin - ted me \_\_\_\_\_ to bring glad  
25 REFRAIN  
ti - dings to the poor. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le -  
32 lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

Homily:

Prayer of the Faithful:



*LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*

Emmanuel

UNKNOWN

Vs. 2, 3, and 5 by Ed Throm

Vs. 4 by John Uehlein

1. Em - man - u - el,                      Em - man - u - el,                      his name is  
 2. Pre - pare the way,                      pre - pare the way,                      a voice cries  
 3. He brings good news,                      he brings good news,                      the Son of  
 4. The mute shall sing,                      the lame shall leap,                      the deaf shall  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia,                              al - le - lu - ia,                              al - le - lu -

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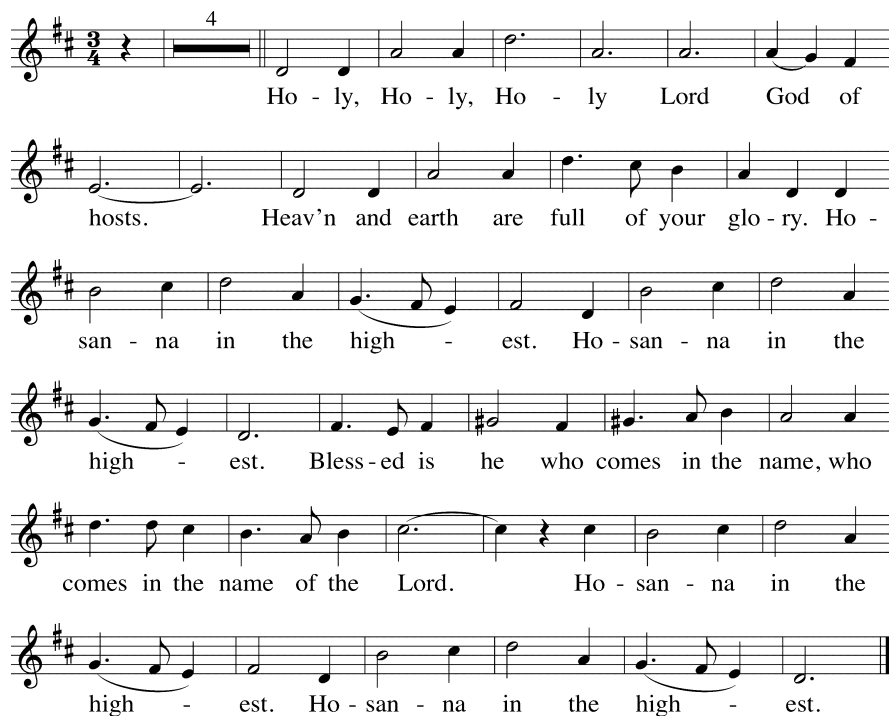
called                      Em - man - u - el.                      God with us,  
 out                              pre - pare the way.                      A des - ert voice,  
 God,                              he brings good news.                      The reign of God  
 hear,                              the blind shall see.                      In God's own time  
 ia,                                      al - le - lu - ia.                              Em - man - u - el,

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re - vealed in us,                      his name is called                      Em - man - u - el.  
 "Make straight his paths,"                      a voice cries out                      Pre - pare the way.  
 is now at hand,                      The Son of God,                      he brings good news.  
 a child will come,                      his name is called                      Em - man - u - el  
 Em - man - u - el,                      his name is called                      Em - man - u - el.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Save Us, Savior of the World

*Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rec-tion you have set us free.

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## Lamb of God

*Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

*Cantor:* *All:*



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
 2. *Second trope*  
 3. *Third trope*  
 us. us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
 grant us peace.

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## Communion Procession

*Low gluten hosts are available by the pillars in the front of the church  
to the left of the center aisle in front of the ambo*

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel, Mode 1*

*Text: Latin 9<sup>th</sup> C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God Appear

**REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.**

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. **REF**

O come, O come great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty and awe. **REF**

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. **REF**

O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **REF**

O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. **REF**

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind;

O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for use our King of Peace. **REF**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel .

That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God Appear. **REF**

Prayer, Blessing & Sending Forth

## Church of St. Francis Xavier Pledge for Racial Justice

As a Christian and a child of God . . .

- I support the dignity and worth of every human being as the Gospel demands and will work every day to treat each person as I want to be treated.
- I strive to dismantle white privilege and white supremacy and to understand the injustice and suffering caused by them.
- I commit myself to eliminating prejudice from my thoughts and actions so that I can promote the racial justice needed in our church, our nation, and our world.

### *Proclaim the Joyful Message*

*Words and Music by James V. Marchionda, O.P., b. 1947*

*Based on Isaiah 11: 2,4,6, 7, 9*

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Pro-claim the joy-full mes-sage\_\_ that our God is com-ing to earth.\_\_\_ Let the



val -leys be filled and the moun-tains made low, pre -par -ing for his ho - ly birth.



1. He will come in the spi - rit of wis - dom\_\_ To bring the world  
2. Soon God's crea-tures will all live to - geth - er.\_\_\_ The wolf will be  
3. Soon the moun-tain of God will be ho - ly.\_\_\_ All war and de-



jus - tice and right.\_\_\_ The poor and the low - ly will know him\_\_  
guest of the lamb.\_\_\_ The calf will walk next to the li - on\_\_  
struc-tion will cease.\_\_\_ The earth will be filled with the wis - dom\_\_



\_\_\_ For the Lord\_\_\_ will be their light.\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ And be led by the Child's\_\_\_ hand.\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Of the come - ing Prince of peace.\_\_\_

Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lessons and Carols

*Breath of Heaven*  
*The Portal to Jesus*

7:00PM in the Main Church

Home-made Christmas cookie reception to follow  
Featuring the Xavier Choir, Xavier Campanologist, Xavier Player and Xavier Dancers

*IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THOSE AT OUR LITURGIES WHO . . .  
preside at prayer ~ welcome God's people ~ proclaim God's Word ~ lead & inspire us in song  
prepare our liturgies & worship space ~ minister the Holy Eucharist to us,  
and for all who pray and celebrate with us this day.*

*Presiders: Rev. Ricardo da Silva, SJ ~ Sat 5; Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ ~ Sun 9;*

*Rev. Sam Sawyer, SJ ~ Sun 11:30; Rev. CY Kao, SJ ~ Sun 5*

*Cantors: Melyn Saenz ~ Sat and Sun 5; Theresa Gardner ~ Sun 9 and 11:30*

*Director of Music: John Uehlein*

*The Family Faith Choir under the direction of Jacqueline C. Perez ~ Sun 9*

*The Choir of the Church of St. Francis Xavier ~ Sun 11:30*

*The Xavier Bell Choir ~ Sun 11:30*

*The Xavier Players ~ Sun 5*

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