

# *Third Sunday of Advent*

## Mass of Appreciation



December 13, 2020

10:00 a.m. EST

Mount Sacred Heart Chapel

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rev. Msgr. James A. Shanley

*Celebrant and Homilist*

Introduction

Sr. Colleen Smith, ASCJ

Processional

*Let the King of Glory Come*

Michael Joncas

Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches:  
Let the King of glory come!  
Lift up your hearts and sing, you people:  
Let the King of glory come!

Who is the King of glory? Our God, holy and strong!  
Who is the Lord of majesty? Our God, mighty and strong!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

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 to 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      All: **Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

*R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

*R. My soul rejoices in my God.*

The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

*R. My soul rejoices in my God.*

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

*R. My soul rejoices in my God.*

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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      All: **Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia

*Litany for Advent*

Bernadette Farrell

Word of justice, Alleluia, Come to dwell here. Maranatha!

Word of mercy, Alleluia, Live among us. Maranatha!

Word of power, Alleluia, Live within us. Maranatha!

Word of freedom, Alleluia, Save your people. Maranatha!

## Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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      All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Homily

Rev. Msgr. James A. Shanley

## Creed

## Universal Prayer

### Preparation of Gifts

*A Voice Cries Out*

Michael Joncas

Console my people, the ones dear to me:  
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:  
the time of your mourning is ended now,  
the Lord of life will come.

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

“Prepare a way for the Lord!”

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

“Make straight a highway for God!”

Ev'ry valley is made a plain,  
ev'ry mountain is leveled;  
the glory of God shall then be revealed,  
and the nations will sing in praise.

### Communion

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death now save us,  
And share our ev'ry load.

**Sending Forth**

*O Come, Divine Messiah*

Venez, Divin Messie

O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

Dear Savior, haste!  
Come, come to earth  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

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May the Sacred Heart continue to bless you, your family, and all your loved ones,  
especially during this Advent and Christmas season.  
You remain in our daily prayers.