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ELEVENTH ANNUAL PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Lift Up Your Heads:
God's Word of Hope Sung in Advent

Saturday, November 28, 2020



10:00 AM **First Conference**
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Isaiah 40:1-11

12:00 Noon **Votive Mass of Our Lady in Advent**
with the Blessing of the Advent Wreath

3:00 PM **Second Conference**
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Matthew 25:1-13





10:00 AM — FIRST CONFERENCE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Isaiah 40:1-11

THE PROMISE OF SALVATION *New American Bible* *Lesson of Advent II B (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)*

1. Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
2. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; Indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins.
3. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
4. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.
5. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
6. A voice says, “Cry out!” I answer, “What shall I cry out?” “All mankind is grass, and all their glory like the flower of the field.
7. The grass withers, the flower wilts, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it. (So then, the people is the grass.)
8. Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever.”
9. Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!
10. Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.
11. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.





HYMN: GENERAL INFORMATION

Text: Johannes Olearius (1611-1684), from *Geistliche Singe-Kunst*, Leipzig, 1671
original German trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
alt. in *Chorale Book for England*, 1863
written originally for Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
based on Isaiah 40:1-8

Tune: GENEVA 87.87.77.87
Pseumes octante trois de David, (Geneva Psalter), Geneva, 1551
attrib. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

POEM

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.
2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
And the hills bow down to greet him.
3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er the earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That his word is never broken.

HYMN

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth In the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

1. Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing 'neath their sor-row's load.
 2. Bid-ding all men to re-pent-ance Since the king-dom now is here.
 3. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits his ho-ly reign.

1. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 2. O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 3. For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

1. Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
 2. Let the val - leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
 3. And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.



12:00 NOON — VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Chosen Daughter of Israel

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (OFFICIUM) *Rorate caeli desuper* *Isaiah 45:8*

Chant, mode i

Drop down dew, you heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain the just;
let the earth be opened
and bud forth a Savior.

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

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Roman Missal Mass

COLLECT

O God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, foremost among the poor and humble, to be the Mother of the Savior, grant, we pray, that, following her example, we may offer you the homage of sincere faith and place in you all our hope of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or

O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, the noble daughter of Zion, grant that we may follow her example, for her humility was pleasing to you and her obedience profitable to us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Revelation 22:1-7*

John said: An angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the street, on either side of the river grew the tree of life that produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month; the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations. Nothing accursed will be found anymore. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.” “Behold, I am coming soon.” Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book.

GRADUAL (RESPONSORIUM) *In sole posuit Psalm 18 (19):6, 7*

Chant, mode v

He has set his tabernacle in the sun;
and as a bridegroom coming out of his bridal chamber.

∇. His going out is from the end of heaven,
and his circuit even to the end thereof.

ALLELUIA *Virga Jesse floruit cf. Numbers 17:8, Isaiah 11:1*

Chant, mode vii

Alleluia, alleluia.

∇. The rod of Jesse has blossomed;
a virgin has brought forth God and man;
God has restored peace,
in himself reconciling the lowest with the highest.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 21:34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Ave Maria Luke 1:28, 42*

Chant, mode viii

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, these offerings, and by your power change them into the Sacrament of salvation, in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers, is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son, born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Roman Missal Mass

MYSTERY OF FAITH

AMEN

COMMUNION RITE

PATER NOSTER, SIGN OF PEACE, AND AGNUS DEI

Roman Missal Mass

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ecce virgo concipiet Isaiah 7:14*

Chant, mode i

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Refreshed, Lord God, by this life-giving Sacrament, we call out to you and pray that as we see in Christ, born of the Virgin, the promise to Israel fulfilled, so in his Second Coming we may attain the joyful fulfillment of all our hope. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



3:00 PM — SECOND CONFERENCE

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Matthew 25:1-13

PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS *New American Bible*

Gospel of Sunday XXXII A

1. Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,
4. but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.
5. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7. Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.
8. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9. But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'
10. While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.
11. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
12. But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13. Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

HYMN: GENERAL INFORMATION

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
original German trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins: Matthew 25:1-13

Tune: WACHET AUF Irregular (89.8 D. 66.4.88)
Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)





POEM

1. Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!

Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!

Thy lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care thyself prepare,
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;

For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come!

Now come, thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call we answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall.

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore thee,
Let men and angels sing before thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.

Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round thy radiant throne.

No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to thee.

HYMN

1. "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"
2. Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing;
3. Now let all the heav'ns a - dore thee,

1. The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing;
2. And all her heart with joy is spring - ing;
3. Let men and an - gels sing be - fore thee,

1. "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
2. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom;
3. With harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



1. Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es
 2. For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious,
 3. Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal,

1. And at the thril - ling cry re - joic - es:
 2. The strong in grace, in truth vic - to - rious,
 3. Where, dwell - ing with the choir im - mor - tal,

1. "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 2. Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
 3. We gath - er round thy ra - di - ant throne.



1. The Bride - groom comes, - a - wake! Thy
 2. "Now come, thou Bless - ed One, Lord
 3. No vi - sion ev - er brought, No

1. lamps with glad - ness take! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. Je - sus, God's own Son, Hail! Ho - san - na!
 3. ear hath ev - er caught, Such great glo - ry;

1. With bri - dal care thy - selves pre - pare To
 2. The joy - ful call We - an - swer all And
 3. There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly Sing

1. meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 2. fol - low to the nup - tial hall."
 3. hymns of praise and joy to thee.