



A MAN NAMED JOHN  
 WAS SENT FROM  
 GOD. HE CAME FOR  
 TESTIMONY, TO  
 TESTIFY TO THE  
 LIGHT, SO THAT ALL  
 MIGHT BELIEVE  
 THROUGH HIM.  
 — JN 1:6-7

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
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## Gathering Song

### On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make  
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
 4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And  
 5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## 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.

## Psalm

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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



My soul re - joic - es in my God,



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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.*

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

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

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

Israel  
 for he has remembered his promise  
 of mercy. *R.*

## 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.



## 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.

## Preparation of Gifts and Altar

### Instrumental

### Communion



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
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

### Communion Song

#### CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

*To refrain*      Refrain

Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O ra-diant  
star, our hearts' de - light. O God-with-us, Em-man-u -  
el, with your love, the dark dis - pel.

*Last time*



**St. Michael the Archangel Prayer**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Sending Forth**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 In an - cient times once gave the Law  
 That trust your might - y power to save,  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 And teach us in her ways to go.  
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. 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.
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of humankind;  
 O bid our sad divisions cease,  
 And be for us our King of Peace.