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The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CELEBRATION OF OUR 150TH YEAR OF MINISTRY
The Reverend Sully Guillaume-Sam, Rector**

Sunday, December 18, 2022

150TH ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Solemn Procession Hymn

He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)

1

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter His courts with praise

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made

I will rejoice for He has made me glad

Ref

He has made me glad, He has made me glad

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

He has made me glad

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The Introit Hymn (H66)

1

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Acclamation

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop then continues

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Let us pray.

The Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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The Sequence Hymn (H 57)

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing

Deeply wailing
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
O come quickly!
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

THE CONFIRMATION

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.

Presenters: I present *Nadia Martinez-McKay, Tiffanie Martinez-McKay, Pamela Parker, Alexandria Overstreet, O'tavia Berridge, Ashlee Vidal, Eshana Vidal, Rhyanna Cash, Vashti Young, and Cyralene Bishop* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

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The Bishop addresses the congregation

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confirmation and Laying of hands

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. **Amen.**

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The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace is then exchanged

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Peace

I've got peace like a river Lev

1
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.

I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul

3
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

The Announcements

The Choir Anthem:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Offertory Hymn (H 525)

1
The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

2
Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3

Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

5

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in
creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and
above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate

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from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

"After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with **Saint Thomas** and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Bishop: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion Hymns

Communion I (LEV 154)

Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

2

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

3

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

Communion II (H 304)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends;
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord;
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Communion III (LEV 148)

1

I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.

2

I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.

3

I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven,
I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.
I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven,
I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.

4

I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.
I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

Communion IV (H 335)

1

I am the bread of life
They who come to me shall not hunger
They who believe in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the Father draw them.

[Refrain]

And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
On the last Day!

2.

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And they who eat of this bread
They shall live forever,
They shall live forever! [Refrain]

3.

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood
You shall not have life within you,
You shall not have life within you. [Refrain]

4.

I am the resurrection
I am the life
They who believe in me
Even though they die
They shall live forever. [Refrain]

5.

Yes, Lord, we believe
That you are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world. [Refrain]



Communion V (H 335)

165

Higher Ground



1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a



1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,



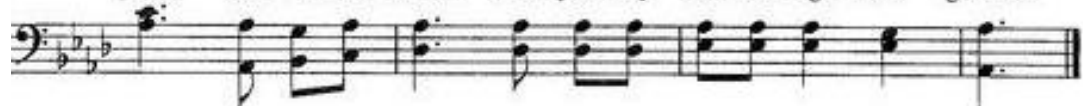
1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
3. The song of saints on high - er ground,
4. "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."



up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er



plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.



Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948)
Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)

Liturgical Dance

The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn (LEV 12)

1

Come, We That Love The Lord,
And Let Our Joys Be Known,
Join In A Song Of Sweet Accord,
Join In A Song Of Sweet Accord,
And Thus Surround The Throne,
And Thus Surround The Throne.

We're Marching To Zion,
Beautiful, Beautiful Zion,
We're Marching Upward To Zion,
The Beautiful City Of God.

2

Let Those Refuse To Sing
Who Never Knew Our God,
But Children Of The Heavenly King,
But Children Of The Heavenly King
May Speak Their Joys Abroad,
May Speak Their Joys Abroad.

We're Marching To Zion,
Beautiful, Beautiful Zion,
We're Marching Upward To Zion,
The Beautiful City Of God.

3

The Hill Of Zion Yields
A Thousand Sacred Sweets
Before We Reach The Heavenly Fields,
Before We Reach The Heavenly Fields
Or Walk The Golden Streets,
Or Walk The Golden Streets.

We're Marching To Zion,
Beautiful, Beautiful Zion,
We're Marching Upward To Zion,
The Beautiful City Of God.

4

Then Let Our Songs Abound
And Every Tear Be Dry;
We're Marching Through Immanuel's Ground,
We're Marching Through Immanuel's Ground
To Fairer Worlds On High,
To Fairer Worlds On High.

We're Marching To Zion,
Beautiful, Beautiful Zion,
We're Marching Upward To Zion,
The Beautiful City Of God.

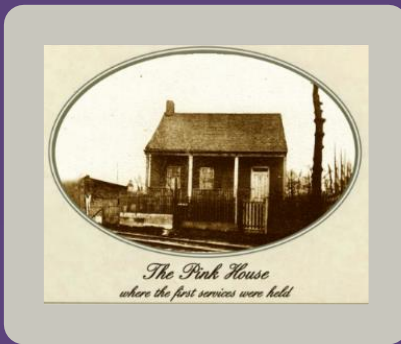
THE RIBBON CUTTING AND BLESSING OF THE ELEVATOR

Bishop Let our prayers rise like incense.
People **The lifting up of our hands like an evening sacrifice.**

Bishop Lord our God, you walk on the wings of the wind and the heavens declare your glory. We pray, that this elevator will serve to spread your praises and contribute to the well-being of those who use it. Through your blessing + may its passengers more easily gather with your people as together we offer our prayers and praises.

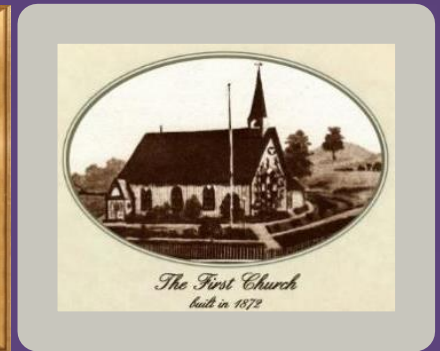
We give thanks for everyone who made this possible, the architects, the workers and those good stewards.

People We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Rooted in Faith, Honoring our Legacy and Building our Future for All who Believe
 "All things are possible for the one who believes." Mark 9:23
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We are multicultural, multilingual and multigenerational. We are a Parish family unified in giving thanks and praise to the Lord for his blessings. We celebrate through prayer, bible study, education, music and food.



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