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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Sunday 13 December 2020

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| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **65 ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **60 MARANATHA, MARANATHA**  **W*eek 3***  **Today, as we gather on the third Sunday of Advent, we light the third of the candles, remembering how God’s love was made manifest through the ministry and preaching of John the Baptist.**  ***Maranatha! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!***  **COLLECT**  O God, who see how your people  faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity,  enable us, we pray,  to attain the joys of so great a salvation  and to celebrate them always  with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  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**    **FIRST READING** Is 61:1-2,10-11  *He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord*  The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  for the Lord has anointed me.  He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  to bind up hearts that are broken;  to proclaim liberty to captives,  freedom to those in prison;  to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  ‘I exult for joy in the Lord,  my soul rejoices in my God,  for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  like a bride adorned in her jewels.  ‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, | so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.’  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **RESP PSALM**  Lk 1:46-50,53-54  **R.** *My soul rejoices in my God.*  My soul glorifies the Lord,  my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**  The Almighty works marvels for me.  Holy his name!  His mercy is from age to age,  on those who fear him. **R**  He fills the starving with good things,  sends the rich away empty.  He protects Israel, his servant,  remembering his mercy. **R**  **SECOND READING** 1 Thess 5:16-24  *May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*  Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.  Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.  May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 4:18  Alleluia, alleluia!  The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  Alleluia! | **GOSPEL** Jn 1:6-8,19-28  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John  Glory to you, O Lord.  *'There stands among you the one coming after me'*  A man came, sent by God.  His name was John.  He came as a witness,  as a witness to speak for the light,  so that everyone might believe through him.  He was not the light,  only a witness to speak for the light.  This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied:  a voice that cries in the wilderness:  Make a straight way for the Lord.’  Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the Prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** |

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| **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the  dead;  He ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy catholic Church,  the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body,  and life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the bread we offer you:…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the wine we offer you:  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  that my sacrifice and yours  may be acceptable to God, The almighty Father.  **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,**  **for our good** **and the good of all his holy Church.** | **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **33 CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  be offered to you unceasingly,  to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  Through Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  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.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  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.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. | For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **39 GOD IS DWELLING IN MY HEART (see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  We implore your mercy, Lord,  that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  and prepare us for the coming feasts.  Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  **FINAL SONG**  **73 GO TELL EVERYONE (see the words on the third page)** |