

3rd Sunday in Advent - December 12th & 13th

St. Jude

Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hope. Please intercede on my behalf. Make use of that particular privilege given to you to bring hope, comfort, and help where they are needed most. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven as I work with my challenges, particularly (here make your request). I praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Let the King of Glory Come

Michael Joncas

Refrain

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!

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

2. Come, O come, Emmanuel: come and dwell with us! Come, O come, you Lord of might: banish death and fear!

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IS 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.

LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

1 THES 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.

Alleluia

JN 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.

Come, Lord Jesus

M.D. Ridge

1. When the darkness closes in, Come, Lord Jesus! Courage fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Jesus, come! Clear the shadows from our sight; set our troubled world aright. Fill our eyes with radiant light. Lord Jesus, come!

2. Wise and foolish, still we wait. Come Lord Jesus! Is our Bridegroom at the gate? Lord Jesus, come! At his voice, our hearts have stirred, list'ning for his healing word, Confident our cries are heard. Lord Jesus, come!

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Beyond the Moon and Stars

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger, Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So may we come to rest where angels sing.

1. Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, to live within your courts for all our days.

2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand. We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.

3. Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

4. With shining star at night, and cloud by day, you brought us here to see your love's display.

5. When life's great journey ends, and day is done, then may our eyes behold your Holy One.

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Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Marty Haugen

(Cantor) All

1. (Come, O God of all the earth:)
Come to us, O Righteous One;
(Come, and bring our love to birth:)
In the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

2. (Come, O God of wind and flame:)
Fill the earth with righteousness;
(Teach us all to sing your name:)
May our lives your love confess.

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Prayer to St. Joseph

Good St. Joseph, As you led the Holy Family, watch over our families. Help our family and all families to know and share God's love. In our family relationships, may we find healing and seek to be holy. May our fathers help us to become faithful disciples of Jesus who share our love for Him. As foster father of Jesus, watch over all who serve as spiritual fathers. In a special way, bless our Holy Father, our Bishop,

and our priests. May they follow your humble example in their fatherly care for the people of God, the Church. With Mary, you raised Jesus the High Priest. You know our need for priests. Please raise up good and holy priests from our families to serve the people of our diocese. May our children and grandchildren hear and say “yes” to the call of Jesus, just as you and Mary did. Good St. Joseph, pray for us.

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