

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of...

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot ✦ Staten Island, New York 10312 718-984-0593

## Served By

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Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! We care for each other and want to worship and serve our Lord and one another.

## † The Eucharist †

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening ..... 4:00 & 5:30 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am,  
 12:30 & 7:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday ..... 9:00 am

### Holy Day Masses

Eve of Holyday ..... 7:00 pm  
 7:00, 9:00 am, 12 Noon & 8:00 pm

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations and God's blessings as you plan your wedding with us. Kindly call the rectory office to schedule an appointment to meet with our priest or deacon regarding your wedding. The usual time slots for weddings are:

Friday: 2:30 pm (when no school), 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
 Saturday: 1:00 pm & 2:15 pm  
 Sunday: 4:00 pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Welcome to our Religious Education Program. To register a child, please contact the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. The child's Baptismal certificate (*and Communion certificate if applicable*) is required.

Grades 1 & 2 ..... Wednesday ..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Grades 3 & 4 ..... Tuesday ..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Grades 5 & 6 ..... Thursday ..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Grade 7 ..... Monday ..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Grade 8 ..... Tuesday ..... 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
 Special Needs ..... Thursday ..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm

*Evening Classes for Grades 2 - 7 meet Wednesdays  
 6:30 to 7:30 pm*

### BAPTISM: Sunday 2:00 pm

With a joyful heart we welcome you as you plan the baptism of your child. Kindly call the rectory office to schedule an appointment to meet with our priest or deacon with a copy of the birth certificate of the baby. Please attend the Baptism Preparation session, in person or online.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday through Thursday from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm in our Chapel.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the rectory to make arrangements. Sacrament is designed for those who are seriously ill, the elderly and the sick who request it.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new parishioners and ask that they complete the form in the bulletin and drop it off to the Rectory Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Church** ..... 5411 Amboy Road  
**Parish Office** ..... 5371 Amboy Road  
**Parish Website** ..... [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org)  
**Phone** ..... 718-984-0593  
**Fax** ..... 347-838-6858

**School:** 5411 Amboy Road  
**Phone:** 718-984-5750  
**Religious Education Office:**  
 5411 Amboy Road  
**Phone:** 718-984-1885

**OLSS WEBCAM:** Available for 11:00 am Mass on Sunday and 9:00 am Masses on weekdays, Monday through Saturday. Go to [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org) to view the Mass.

**INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING?** Visit our website at [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org) and click "Donate Online."

**FLOCKNOTE:** OLSS is now able to communicate with parishioners by using Flocknote, a text and email based messaging program. You may sign up by either texting "OLSS" to the number "84576", or by going to [www.flocknote.com/OLSS](http://www.flocknote.com/OLSS) and providing your email address. Please sign up in order to receive our Parish Updates!

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, December 4**

**4:00PM** Deceased Members of the DiAntonio, Gersualdi & Samaritano Families

**5:30PM** Joseph DeMarco

**Sunday, December 5**

**8:00AM** Joseph Ennis

**9:30AM** Daniel Podvesker

**11:00AM** Christopher Ramos

**12:30PM** Deceased Members of the Reynolds & McSorley Families

**7:00PM** Florence Rubin

**Monday, December 6**

**9:00AM** John F. Luzzi

**Tuesday, December 7**

**9:00AM** Edward Munks

**7:00PM** Rose & Salvatore Pennacchio

**Wednesday, December 8**

**7:00AM** Joseph & Sophie Iorio & Jane & John Graziano

**9:00AM** Luigi Pietanza

**12:00PM** Judith Fusillo

**8:00PM c** Ellen Heuser & Lucille Famularo

**Thursday, December 9**

**9:00AM** MaryEllen Gorman

**Friday, December 10**

**9:00AM** Aproniano Butalid

**Saturday, December 11**

**9:00AM** Frank D'Alcamo

**4:00PM** Joseph DeCandia

**5:30PM** Ida & Salvatore DiMarco

**Sunday, December 12**

**8:00AM** Rita & Salvatore Cama

**9:30AM** Thomas Leddy

**11:00AM** John & Cecila Smith, Frank & Julia Bortle & Benedict, Viola & John Saldana

**12:30PM** Deceased Members of the Delia, Molinari & Marcellino Families

**7:00PM** John & Pauline Orfano

**Sunday collection for the week of 11/21/2021:**

**\$10,222.00**

**Second collection – Debt Reduction:**

**\$2,887.00**

**God bless you for your generosity!**

**Thank You to Boy Scouts & Holy Name Society**

As a parish family we would like to thank our boy scouts and troop leaders for decorating the Advent/Christmas tree in the vestibule of our Church. The tree is so elegant and inspires us with sentiments of the season.

Heartfelt thanks to the Holy Name Society who worked tirelessly in organizing and planting the Christmas trees in front of our Church and the premises. We would like to especially thank Robert Cermeli and Peter Cappellino for the festive Christmas atmosphere with the names of our loved ones on our Church grounds.

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
In Loving Memory of:  
**Pablo Monzon**  
With Love From Barbara

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, December 11**

4:00PM F. Monte

5:30PM C. Messina

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 11**

4:00PM B. Palomba, S. Sutera, F. Monte

5:30PM C. Messina, **2 Lectors Needed**

**Lectors – Sunday, December 12**

8:00AM P. Zoltowski

9:30AM C. Greaney

11:00AM E. Newborn

12:30PM J. Zinsley

7:00PM A. Medeiros

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 12**

8:00AM S. Monteforte, P. Zoltowski, C. Rosato

9:30AM A. Maffeo, C. Greaney, **1 Lector Needed**

11:00AM C. Ordy

12:30PM MA. Russo

7:00PM A. Medeiros, C. Barone, **1 Lector Needed**

**Pray for the Sick**

Ricia Augusty, Ileana Brewer, John Bymes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Patricia Carey, Marcos Castano, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Salvatore DiStefano, Virginia Duffy, Brian Firing,, Debra Friscia, Joseph Friscia, Richard Friscia, Mario Garafola, John Gerace, Linda Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Alex, Theresa & Thomas Guglielmo, Michael H., Susan Hanna, Michael A. Hitchcock, Amy M., Lorenzo Marinelli Jr., Steven Morvillo, Barbara Murphy-Fogarty, Santo Nicotra, Virginia Novaro, Alex Ortiz, Elaine Parks, Anthony Pelle Jr., Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie & Lisa R., Linda Ranallo, Gaspare Randazzo, Alexa Rigney, Scott Rofofsky, Emma Rondinelli, Caesar Russo, Jerry Scotti, Gina Sears, Lynn Sherman, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White, George Kerchhoffer.

Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.

**Sincere Condolences**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

**Patrick Vento, Linda M. Gibbons, Gloria Carbone,  
Ralph Coppola, Helen Marzinke**

**Banns of Marriage**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Jordan Shatilla & Joseph Capparelli**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Claire Furio & Christopher Doukas**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Melanie Cama & Joseph Spagnola**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Victoria Strange & Cory Hutson**

# PARISH NEWS

## Sponsor Certificates

It is an honor and privilege to be chosen as a sponsor for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. You may be required to obtain sponsor certificates from your home parish prior to the ceremony. Parishioners may contact the rectory office for more information, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 4PM.

## RCIA— Come Experience God's Love

Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For more information, please contact Joe at [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 917-750-0462 or call the Parish Office, 718-984-0593

## PRE-CANA Classes

The Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes. To register, click the link:

<https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

## Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **January 23** immediately following the 7pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select wedding music at this time.

## Communion for the Homebound

Please call the rectory office and we will make arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to visit homebound parishioners.

## This Week's Readings

### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

### **Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

## NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME

If you are new to our parish and would like to register, please fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or return to the rectory. Envelopes will be mailed to you in 4 to 6 weeks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of household members: \_\_\_\_\_

## OLSS School News

\* Our Annual Toy Drive, to benefit *Where to Turn* will take place on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. New and unwrapped toys will be accepted until 10am on December 14<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduled pick up time.

\* Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for November. The value for November was *justice* and was awarded to: Noah El-Sherif, Fiona Rauch, Matthew Nierenberg, Jemma Varacalli, Nicholas Logozzo, Jaclyn, Testaverde, Christopher Mitrovich, Daniel Byrnes, Marc Bianchi, Joseph Congiusta, Isabella Gugliucci, Elianna Lazzara, Timothy Wilson, Giovanna Coria, Victoria Ragaini, Madison Connors, Michael Duta, Francesca Costablie, Patrick Golden, Marianna Faiello, Connor Kukal, James Kulik, Madelyn Graziano, Christian Rea, Makayla Batelman, Ian Jamieson, Francesco Petrunaro, Anthony Corrao, Angelia Caruso, Stella Conte, and Christopher Iannici.

## Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses will be:

Tuesday 12/6 (Eve of the Immaculate Conception): 7PM

Wednesday 12/7: 7AM, 9AM, 12 Noon & 8PM

The 9AM Mass will be livestreamed on [olssparish.org](http://olssparish.org) under "Live Video"

## Communal Anointing Mass

As a parish family we will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the 5:30pm Mass on December 11, 2021. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is an opportunity to invoke God's blessings for physical, emotional, spiritual healing and strength in our lives.

# PARISH NEWS

## Advent Candles Memorialized

This year's advent candles are donated In Memory of Rosaria and Salvatore Perdichizzi



## Parish Happenings

### Stella Maris Rosary Makers Group

Will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the OLSS Rectory Basement.. For more information, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

### Ave Maria Crochet & Knitting Group

The Ave Maria Crochet & Knitting Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

### Legion of Mary

All are welcome to attend a meeting of the Legion of Mary which meets on Monday at 3:30pm in the Chapel. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium".

### Seton Sunday Raffle Drawing

The Seton Sunday Raffle Drawing will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021 with \$5,000 Grand Prize. If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Seton Foundation for Learning at 718-982-5084 or you can email Stephanie at Stephanie6766@aol.com

### Bereavement Ministry Update

If you are in pain and just the sound of your loved one's name moves you to tears there is hope "blessed are they who mourn they shall be comforted." The bereavement group meetings have started at an outside location due to COVID. Please call Veronica Peterson 347-620-8484 to register and obtain information.

## Giving Baskets

In lieu of gifts, the Parish will be accepting gift cards for the families & charities we help during the Christmas Season. If you would like, please purchase a gift card from a designated retailer (or Mastercard or Visa). Please attach the tag you have taken to the envelope or box containing the gift card. We are also accepting gift cards from supermarkets.

Requests we have received from the charities & families include: Kohl's, Target, TJ Max, Marshall's, Macy's, Old Navy, & Bath & Body Works.

The tags will be available on the weekends of November 27 and 28, December 4 and 5. Cards should be returned the weekends of December 4 and 5 and December 11 and 12.

**Please return your gift card no later than December 12 so that the gift cards can be distributed to the charities & families in time for Christmas. Contact Donna Ferrei (646-932-3030) with any questions. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.**



## WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

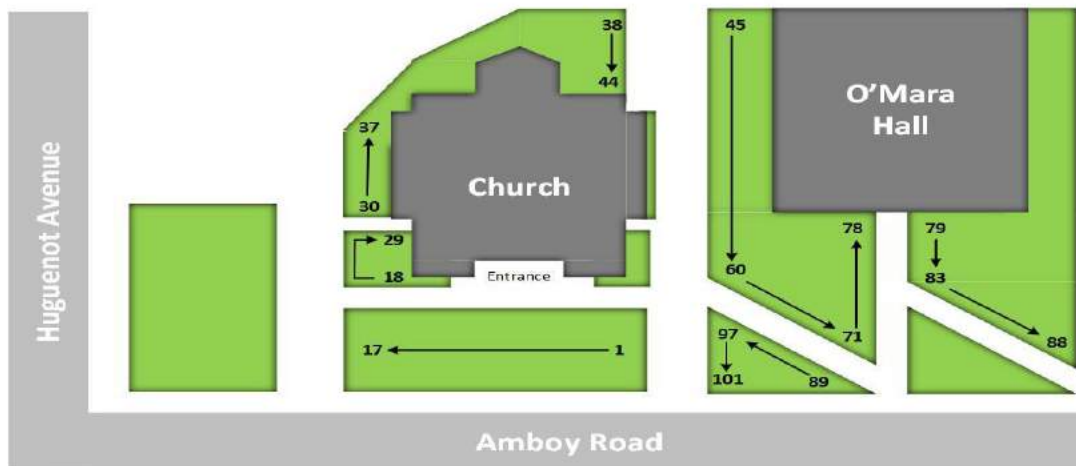
For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

*We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.*

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260 [olssparish.churchgiving.com](http://olssparish.churchgiving.com)

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## 2021 Christmas Tree Site Map



### Program List

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|---|---|--|
| 1. Annette LaBarbera                            | 36. G Cristadoro & Mike Andrea & Michael Roder      | 69. The Villani & DiGiallonardo Families       |
| 2. The Lazzara & Scalzo Family                  | 37. Lori Ann Vierno                                 | 70. Tracey Tobacco                             |
| 3. The Lazzara Family                           | 38. Theresa Luciano                                 | 71. Ronnie Addington                           |
| 4. Catherine & Frank Argano                     | 39. Debbie Emigholz                                 | 72. Kathleen & Tom Bradley                     |
| 5. Paula Freundlich                             | 40. Carmella DiStefano Graybow                      | 73. Dominick & Linda Fusillo                   |
| 6. Barbara & Vincent Puleo                      | 41. Melissa Pinto                                   | 74. The Ferlisi and Kennedy Families           |
| 7. Roger White                                  | 42. Mrs. Patricia Pinto                             | 75. Nicole Cardillo                            |
| 8. Nancy Puglisi                                | Helen and Paul Dipaolo                              | 76. McVeigh Family                             |
| 9. Lauriann Stephano                            | 44. Dianne Lopardo                                  | 77. Frances Bierster                           |
| 10. Ginger Petrocelli                           | 45. Judy Ducey                                      | 78. Amanda Insinga                             |
| 11. Ginger Petrocelli                           | 46. Andrea Maffeo                                   | 78A. Matthew Mahoney                           |
| 12. The Tramutola Family                        | 47. Angela Cordaro                                  | 79. Pat Parrelli                               |
| 13. Frances Camiolo                             | 48. John, Jackie and Jada Montemarano               | 80. The Kingsley Family                        |
| 14. Doreen Carillo                              | 49. Legion of Mary                                  | 81. Gordon Rugg                                |
| 15. Veronica Ruggiero                           | 50. Angelo Deliso                                   | 82. The Giglia Family                          |
| 16. Eileen & Bob Purelis                        | 51. Mr. & Mrs. Gregory & Leonarda Petrozza & Family | 83. He Rapacciuolo Family                      |
| 17. Denise Labrit                               | 52. Elaena Calamia                                  | 84. Frances DeMarco                            |
| 18. Vincent Colucci                             | 53. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Castellano                      | 85. Lucille Hinz                               |
| 19. Renee & Rick Dixon                          | 54. Ray Beshara                                     | 86. Joanne Graziano                            |
| 20. Marianna Randazzo                           | 55. Joseph Dellaria                                 | 87. Joe Limeri                                 |
| 21. Kim Drake                                   | 56. Mr. & Mrs. R. Noia                              | 88. Eileen O'Connor                            |
| 22. Sparandera                                  | 57. Stephanie Fiordilino                            | 89. OLSS Itty's Cheer                          |
| 23. B Columbo                                   | 58. Damon Testaverde                                | 90. Diane Amendola                             |
| 24. Joseph Pisano                               | 59. Dana Musetti                                    | 91. Ed Newborn                                 |
| 25. Robert Casanovas                            | 60. Dana Musetti                                    | 92. J Montagna                                 |
| 26. Donna Tabacco                               | 61. Lynda Lamanna                                   | 93. Thomas Consolmagno                         |
| 27. The Pelle Family                            | 62. Debbie Mattered                                 | 94. The Donahue Family                         |
| 28. Joseph Romagnolo                            | 63. Karen Tarantola                                 | 95. Michele Gangemi                            |
| 29. Christine Pepe                              | 64. Warren Johnsen                                  | 96. Edie and Vinny Caggiano                    |
| 29. A. Frances Flanigan                         | 65. Pisapia Family                                  | 97. Georgia Melnick                            |
| 30. Mr. and Mrs. David Michael Baran and Family | 66. Colleen Greaney                                 | 98. C. Montalbano                              |
| 31. Susan and Jim Semerad                       | 67. Dolores McMahon                                 | 99. The Cappellino, Cermeli, & Grasso Families |
| 32. Elena Catalano                              | 68. Susan and Vincent Angelico & Family             | 100. The Sorrentino Family                     |
| 33. Mr. & Mrs. Sebastian Angelico               |   | 101. OLSS Biddies RED                          |
| 34. Gail & William Decker                       |   |  |
| 35. Jean & Richard Fazio                        |   |  |

# READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## First Reading

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: Wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,  
We were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things with us;  
We are glad indeed.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
Like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Although they go forth weeping,  
Carrying the seed to be sown,  
They shall come back rejoicing,  
Carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

## Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

# THE GOSPEL

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sion's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty power to save,  
And give them victory o'er the grace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

## **Preparation: Come, Lord Jesus**

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 the Bridegroom at the gate?  
Lord Jesus, come!  
At his voice, our hearts have stirred, listening for his  
healing word, Confident our cries are heard.  
Lord Jesus, come!

3. Come to us, O living Lord,  
Come Lord Jesus!  
Come with justice like a sword.  
Lord Jesus, come!  
Come in word and wine and bread; come again that we  
poor be fed.  
Raise your servants from the dead.  
Lord Jesus, come!

## **Communion: A Voice Cries Out**

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the  
heart of Jerusalem; the time of your mourning is ended  
now, the Lord of life will come.

2. Every valley is made a plain, every mountain is leveled;  
the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations  
will sing in praise.

3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?  
All flesh is like grass and its flowers; the grass may wither,  
the flowers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever.

4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O  
Jerusalem, and say to the people of God's own land,  
"Behold, behold your God!

5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd, holding his lambs  
in his arms, keeping his flock so close to his heart, leading  
them all, old and young.

## **Recessional: Let the Valleys Be Raised**

### **Refrain:**

Let the valleys be raised and the mountains made low.  
Every meadow and field overturn.  
Make the pathway straight and the highway run smooth  
for the coming of Godwin our day.

1. God, you come to your people as you promised of old.  
You have raised up a Savior in the sight of us all.

2. You, little child, go before him like the prophets of old,  
bringing news of his coming by the mercy of God.

3. God, you come like the morning on the darkness of  
night, as a light to the people, like the breaking of day.



