

Songs for December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn: “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

Come, O long ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set your peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re-lease us; Free us from cap-tiv-i-ty.

Is-rael’s strength and con-so-la-tion, You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear de-sire of ev-’ry na-tion, Come, and save us by your birth.

Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us for ev-er, Now your grac-ious king-dom bring.

By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;
By your all suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to your glo-rious throne.

Responsorial Psalm 72: “Justice Shall Flourish”

Refrain: “Justice Shall Flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.”

Preparation of the Gifts: “A Voice Cries Out”

Refrain.

A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness: Pre-pare a way for the Lord!

A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness: Make straight a high-way for God!

Con-sole my peo-ple, the ones dear to me: speak to the heart of Je-ru-sa-lem:
the time of your mourn-ing is end-ed now, the Lord of life will come. **Refrain.**

Ev-’ry val-ley is made a plain, ev’ry moun-tain is lev-eled the glo-ry of
God shall then be re-vealed, and the na-tions will sing in praise. **Refrain.**

Communion: “Now In This Banquet”

Refrain.

God of our journeys, day-break to night; Lead us to jus-tice and light.

Grant us com-pas-sion, strength for the day, Wis-dom to walk in your way.

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. **Refrain.**

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. **Refrain.**

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way. **Refrain.**

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gentle” and “Kind.” **Refrain.**

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again. **Refrain.**

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "On Jordan's Bank"

On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry An-noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;
A-wake and heark-en, for he brings Glad tid-ings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev-'ry heart from sin; Make straight the way of God with-in,
And let each heart pre-pare a home Where such a might-y guest may come.

For you are our sal-va-tion, Lord, Our ref-uge, and our great re-ward;
With-out your grace we waste a-way Like flow'rs that with-er and de-cay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And bid the fal-len sin-ner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light re-store Earth's own true love-li-ness once more.

All praise the Son e-ter-nal-ly, Whose ad-vent sets his peo-ple free;
Whom with the Fa-ther we a-dore And Spir-it blest for ev-er-more.

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