

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Invitation: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, here present,
that I have sinned through my own
 fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, here present,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has
taught us:

Lord's Prayer:

Communion:

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to His
supper.

*Lord, I am not worthy that You
should enter under my roof.,*

*but only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.*

The body of Christ.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

Father,
may the food we receive in the
Eucharist
help our eternal redemption.
Keep within us the vigour of Your
Spirit
and protect the gifts You have
given to Your Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus
the Lord

Amen

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit. **Amen**



15.12.2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



Communion to the Sick & Housebound Elizabeth Catholic Parish



*“An inclusive Eucharistic Community in the
Catholic Tradition united in Jesus reaching out to
all”*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall
return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for
the precious fruit of the ground until it has
had the autumn rains and the spring rains!
You too have to be patient; do not lose
heart, because the Lord's coming will be
soon. Do not make complaints against one
another, brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is already
to be seen waiting at the gates. For your
example, brothers, in submitting with pa-
tience, take the prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ
was doing and he sent his disciples to ask
him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or
have we got to wait for someone else?'
Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John
what you hear and see; the blind see again,
and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and
the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to
life and the Good News is proclaimed to the
poor; and happy is the man who does not
lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus
began to talk to the people about John:
'What did you go out into the wilderness to
see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?
Then what did you go out to see? A man
wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who
wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces.
Then what did you go out for? To see a
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more
than a prophet: he is the one of whom

scripture says: Look, I am going to send my
messenger before you; he will prepare your
way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the
children born of women, a greater than John
the Baptist has never been seen; yet the
least in the kingdom of heaven is greater
than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

