

## 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**



## 11.12.2022 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”*

## First Reading : -

### First Reading: - 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.

## Responsorial 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.



## Second Reading:-

### Second Reading:- 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 patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel:- 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 ever been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

These things I have spoken to you  
that My Joy may remain  
in yOu, and that  
your JoY may be full.  
John 15:11

