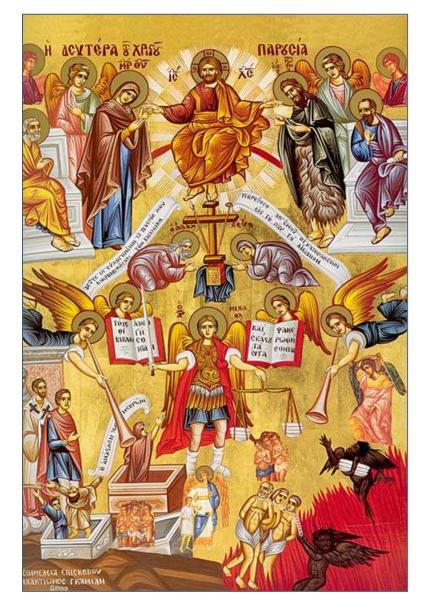
First Sunday of Advent



" 'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.'"

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Creator Alme Siderum



Greeting

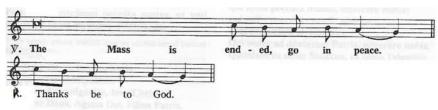
 \dot{V} . In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Ř. Amen.

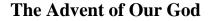
 \tilde{V} . The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

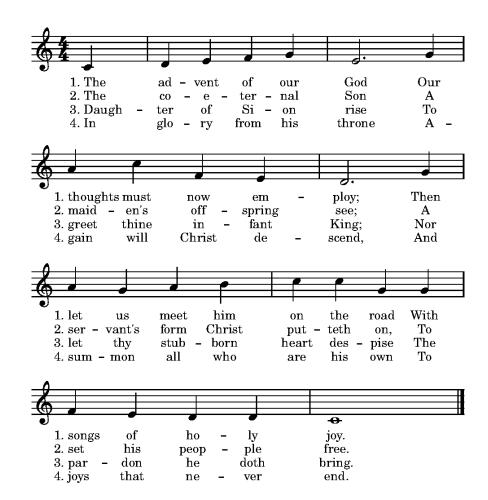
R. And also with you.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn





Prayer after Communion

Father,

may our communion teach us to love heaven. May its promise and hope guide our way on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ř. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (1)

 \dot{V} . The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

You believe that the Son of God once came to us; you look for him to come again. May his coming bring you the light of his holiness.

Ř. Amen.

May God make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life.

Ř. Amen.

You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man. When he comes again in glory, may he reward you with endless life.

Ř. Amen.

 $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Ř. Amen.

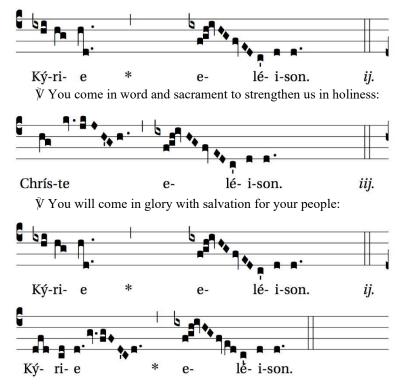
PENITENTIAL RITE

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

 \tilde{V} To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

 \tilde{V} Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:



∛ May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

The Gloria is not said during the Sundays of Advent

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,

our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.

Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Ř. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (Jer 33:14-16)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

 \tilde{V} . This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Communion Meditation

Advent Begins in the Darkness of Night



Exchange of Peace

 \dot{V} . The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

 \tilde{V} . Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

 \tilde{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Ř. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

 \dot{V} . The body of Christ.

Ř. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14)



Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

Ř. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Ř. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

Ř. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reading 2 (1 Thes 3:12-4:2)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

 \tilde{V} . This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (PS 85:8)



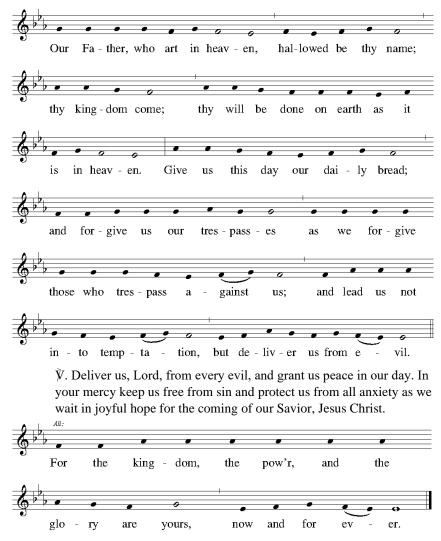
Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.



COMMUNION LITURGY

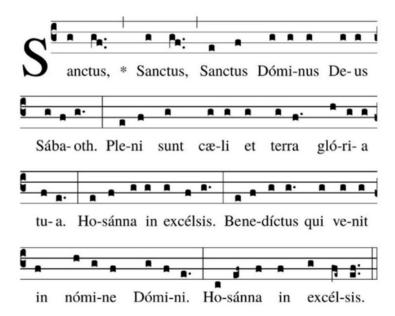
The Lord's Prayer

 \tilde{V} . We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



 \tilde{V} . Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

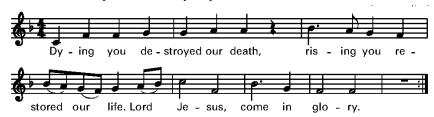




Eucharistic Prayer (I)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

 \dot{V} . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

V. Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



Gospel (*Lk* 21:25-28, 34-36)

 \dot{V} . The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

 \tilde{V} . A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

Ř. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

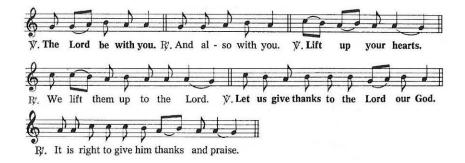
 \tilde{V} . This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Ř. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily



Preface and Sanctus (Advent I)



The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man, he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

 \tilde{V} . Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Ř. Blessed be God for ever.

 \tilde{V} . Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Ř. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

 \tilde{V} . Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Ř. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Father,

from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Ř. Amen.

tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti- a di- e, se-cúndum Scriptú-ras. Et ascéndit in cae-lum: se-det ad déxte-ram Pa-Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri- a, iu-di-cá-re tris. vi-vos et mórtu- os : cu-ius regni non e- rit fi- nis. Et in Spí-ri-tum Sanctum, Dómi-num, et vi-vi-fi-cántem : qui ex Patre Fi-li- óque pro- cé-dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí-li- o simul ad-o-rá-tur, et conglo-ri- fi-cá-tur : qui lo-cú-tus est ... per Prophé-tas. Et unam sanctam cathó-li-cam et a-postó- li- cam Ecclé- si- am. Confi- te- or unum ba-ptísma in remissi- ó-nem pecca-tó- rum. Et exspécto re-surrecti- ó-nem mortu- ó-rum. Et vi- tam ventú-ri saé-cu- li. men.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: All bow at these two lines by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."



Blessing of the Advent Wreath

∛ Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

🕅 Amen.