

# 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



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse  
3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,  
4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light;  
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
As drew the world to e - ven - tide,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all  
Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,  
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine  
All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.  
To cure and save our ru - ined race.  
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.  
And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone. A - men.

## Greeting

∇. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R̄. Amen.**

∇. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R̄. And also with you.**

# PENITENTIAL RITE

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

Ÿ 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.*

Ÿ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom:



Ký-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. ij.

Ÿ You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:



Chris-te e- lé- i-son. iij.

Ÿ You will come in glory with salvation for your people:



Ký-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. ij.



Ký- ri- e \* e- lé- i-son.

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

**Ā 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.

**R̄. 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.”

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R̄. Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

### **Ṛ. 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.

### **Ṛ. 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.

### **Ṛ. 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.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** (*PS 85:8*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

☩. The Lord be with you.

**℟. And also with you.**

☩. 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.*

**℟. 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.”

☩. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

# Nicene Creed

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V

**C** Redo in unum De- um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,  
 factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bí-li-um ó-mni- um, et in-  
 vi-si-bí- li-um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie-sum Christum,  
 Fí-li- um De- i u-ni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na- tum ante  
 ómni- a saé- cu- la. De- um de De- o, lumen de lúmi- ne,  
 De- um ve- rum de De- o ve- ro. Gé- ni- tum, non fa- ctum, con-  
 substanti- á- lem Patri : per quem ómni- a fa- cta sunt. Qui  
 propter nos hómi- nes, et propter nostram sa- lú- tem descén-  
 dit de cae- lis. Et incarná- tus est de Spí- ri- tu Sancto ex  
 Ma- rí- a Vírgi- ne : Et homo factus est. Cru- ci- fí- xus  
 ét- i- am pro no- bis : sub Pónti- o Pi- lá- to passus, et se- púl-



tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti- a di- e, se-cúndum Scri-  
 ptú-ras. Et ascéndit in cae- lum: se-det ad dèxte- ram Pa-  
 tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri- a, iu-di-cá-re  
 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- po-  
 stó- li- cam Ecclé- si- am. Confi- te- or unum ba- ptis- ma  
 in remissi- ó- nem pecca- tó- rum. Et expécto re- surre-  
 cti- ó- nem mortu- ó- rum. Et vi- tam ventú- ri saé- cu- li.  
 A- 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**

Ÿ 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.

**Ÿ Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offering of the Gifts

☩. 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.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

☩. 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.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

☩. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

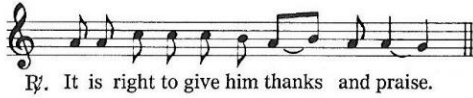
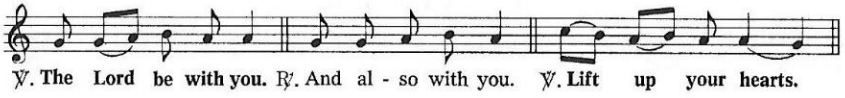
**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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.

**℟. Amen.**

## 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:

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*



**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a  
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

## Eucharistic Prayer (I)

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

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Ÿ. 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.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

# COMMUNION LITURGY

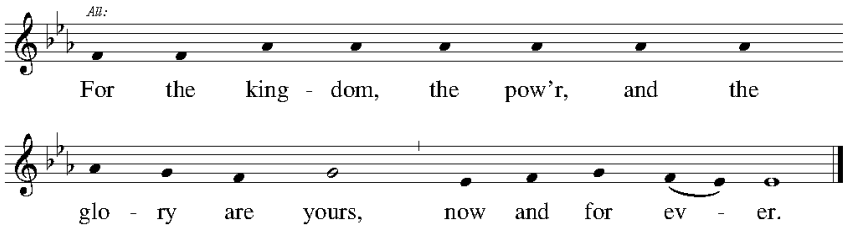
## The Lord's Prayer

Ÿ. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Ÿ. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

Ÿ. 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.

**R. Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ṛ. And also with you.

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*



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**A** -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-  
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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

Ṛ. 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:*

Ÿ. The body of Christ.

Ṛ. Amen.



# Communion Meditation

## Advent Begins in the Darkness of Night



1. Ad - vent be - gins in the dark - ness of night,  
2. Ad - vent be - gins with our dreams yet de - ferred.  
3. Ad - vent be - gins in op - pres - sion's do - main,  
4. Ad - vent goes on till the prom - ised dawn breaks,



wait - ing and watch - ing for signs of a light,  
Love sounds ri - dic - u - lous; prayer seems ab - surd.  
marked by the cries of con - fu - sion and pain.  
ty - rants are top - pled and God's dream a - wakes.



walk - ing in faith that the path will ap - pear,  
But in the midst of life's cen - ter - less maze,  
Yet hope is kin - dled where jus - tice is done,  
Hope is per - fect - ed and faith is made sight.



dar - ing to fol - low in spite of our fear.  
we lift to - geth - er our pro - test of praise.  
mer - cy is nur - tured and peace is be - gun.  
Love is our cen - ter and Christ is our light.

## 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.

**R̄. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing (1)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. 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.

**R̄. Amen.**

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

**R̄. Amen.**

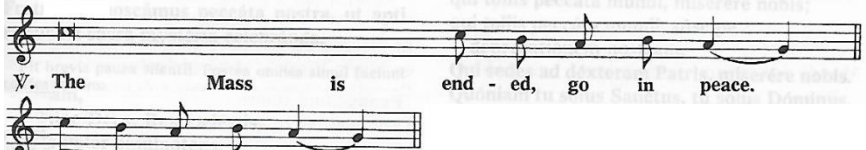
You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man.  
When he comes again in glory,  
may he reward you with endless life.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R̄. Amen.**

## Dismissal




V. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.


R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn


### The Advent of Our God




1. The ad - vent of our God Our  
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A  
3. Daugh - ter of Si - on rise To  
4. In glo - ry from his throne A -



1. thoughts must now em - ploy; Then  
2. maid - en's off - spring see; A  
3. greet thine in - fant King; Nor  
4. gain will Christ de - scend, And



1. let us meet him on the road With  
2. ser - vant's form Christ put - teth on, To  
3. let thy stub - born heart des - pise The  
4. sum - mon all who are his own To



1. songs of ho - ly joy.  
2. set his peop - ple free.  
3. par - don he doth bring.  
4. joys that ne - ver end.