

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

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

R. Amen.

Ÿ. 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.

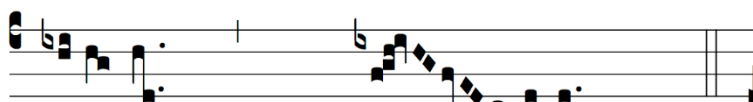
PENITENTIAL RITE

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.

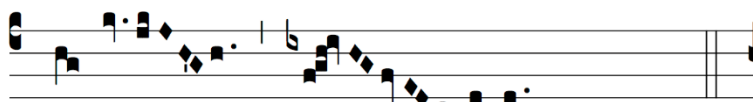
Pause for silent reflection.

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.

R Amen.

The Gloria is not said during the Sundays of Advent

Opening Prayer

Let us pray
in Advent time with longing and waiting
for the coming of the Lord.

Pause for silent 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.

R. 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.”

✠. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. 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.

℟. 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.

℟. 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.

℟. 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*)



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



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

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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 dēxte-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-cán-tem: qui ex
 Patre Fi-li-ó-que 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-ptisma
 in remissi-ó-nem pec-ca-tó-rum. Et exspécto 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.

R 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.

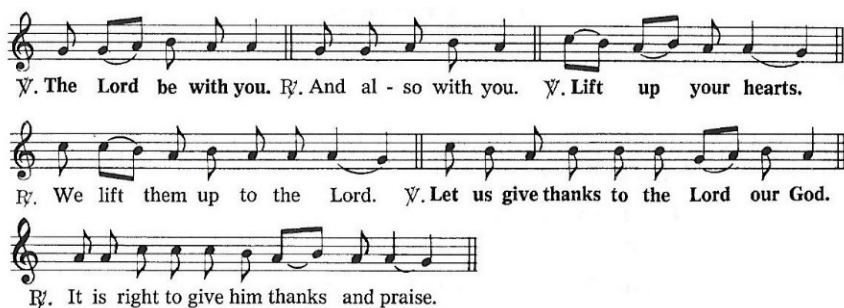
**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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)



Three staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the text: "V. The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. V. Lift up your hearts." The second staff contains: "R. We lift them up to the Lord. V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff contains: "R. It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord. V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, * 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 nómi-ne Dómi-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

℣. 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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the last staff ends with a double bar line.

℣. 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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music, each with a treble clef. The melody continues from the previous section. The first staff begins with the word 'All:' above it. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

℣. 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.

℟. Amen.

Exchange of Peace

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

Ř. 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:

A XII. s.
-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.

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:

Ÿ. The body of Christ.

Ř. Amen.

Communion Meditation

Advent Begins in the Darkness of Night



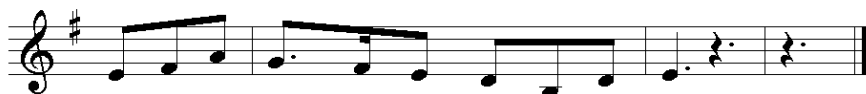
1. Ad - vent be - gins in the dark - ness of night,
2. Ad - vent be - gins with our dreams yet de - ferred.
3. Ad - vent be - gins in op - pres - sion's do - main,
4. Ad - vent goes on till the prom - ised dawn breaks,



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.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (1)

℣. 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.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

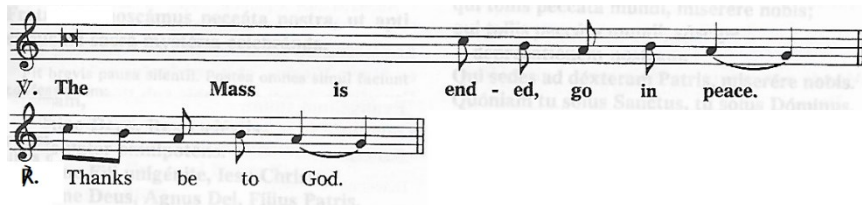
You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man.
When he comes again in glory,
may he reward you with endless life.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

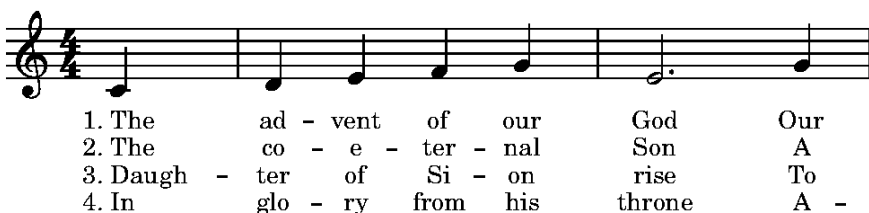
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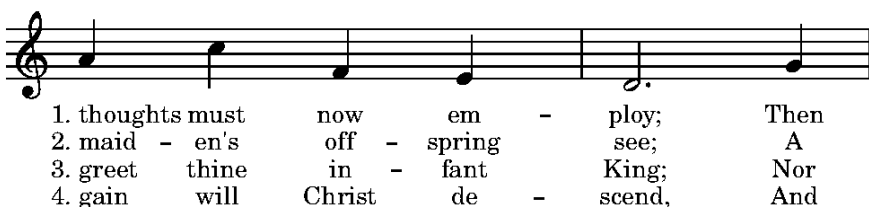
Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.
 R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

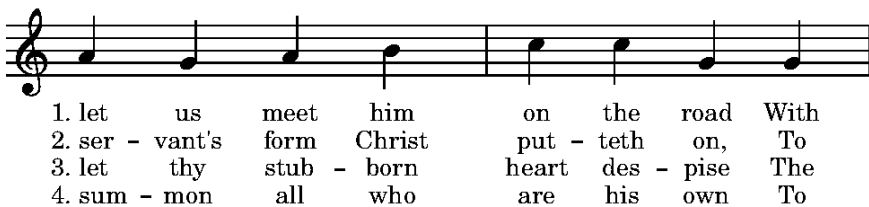
The Advent of Our God



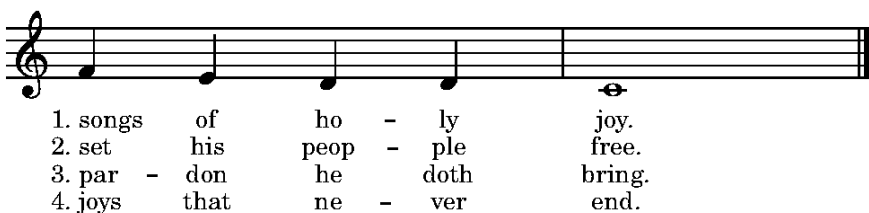
1. The ad - vent of our God Our
 2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A
 3. Daugh - ter of Si - on rise To
 4. In glo - ry from his throne A -



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.