

Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."*

(Cycle B)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man



1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.



Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O



come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when



hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.



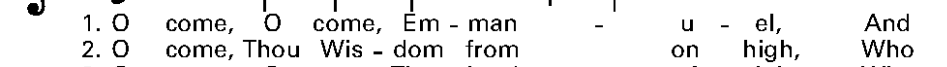
Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emanuel (Verses 1-3, 7)

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In




1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our



Refrain



1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



Prayer after Communion

Lord,
in this sacrament
we receive the promise of salvation;
as Christmas draws near
make us grow in faith and love
to celebrate the coming of Christ our Savior,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People (3)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,
may all Christian people both know and cherish
the heavenly gifts they have received.

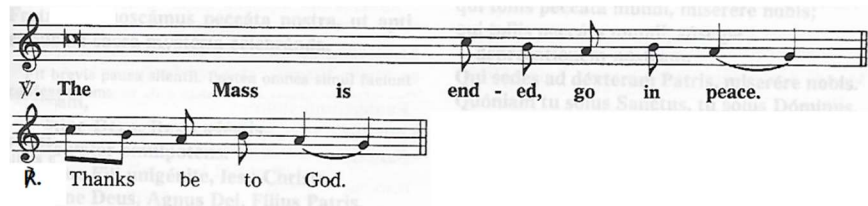
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

Ÿ. And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Ÿ. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 (C4)


(Kyrie XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

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 reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:



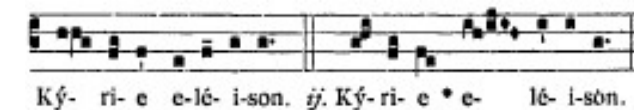
K Y- ri- e * e- lé- i-son. iij.

Ÿ Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:



Christe e- lé- i-son. iij.

Ÿ Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with the Father:



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

Father, all-powerful God,
your eternal Word took flesh on our earth
when the Virgin Mary placed her life
at the service of your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope
to hear the voice which announces his glory
and open our minds to receive the Spirit
who prepares for his coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16)

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”
Nathan answered the king,
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you.”
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”

“It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.

Communion Meditation

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him



1. Be - hold a Vir - gin bear - ing him Who comes to
2. Be - hold our hope and life and light, The prom - ise

1. save us from our sin; The proph - ets cry: “Pre -
2. of the ho - ly night. We lift our prayer and

1. pare his way!” Make straight his path to Christ - mas Day.
2. bend our knee To his great love and maj - es - ty.

Exchange of Peace

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

℞. 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.

℞. 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.

℞. Amen.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

Andante

1 will ce - le - brate your love for-ev - er Yah - weh,

3 Age on age, my words pr-claim your love.

5 For I claim that love is built to last for - ev - er

7 Foun - ded firm your faith - ful - ness.

9 I have made a co - ve - nant with my cho - sen
He will call to me, "My Fa - ther my God!" For

11 Gi - ven my ser - vant my word.
I make him my first - born Son.

13 I have made your name to last for - ev - er
I can - not thake back to my gi - ven pro - mise I've

15 built to out - last shine like all the time sun.

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.

℣. 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.

℣. 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.

(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)



Eucharistic Prayer (IV)

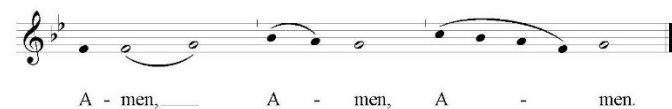
The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



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.



Reading 2 (Rom 16:25-27)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.

Amen

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (IS 61:1)



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.



Gospel (LK 1:26-38)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

Ÿ. 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.

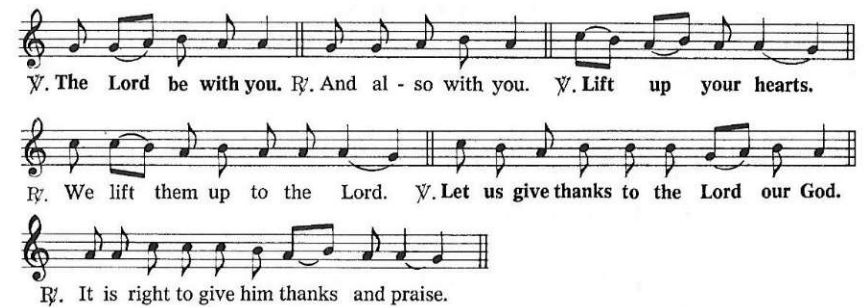
The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."
But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent II)



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.

His future coming was proclaimed by all the prophets.
The virgin mother bore him in her womb with love beyond all
telling.

John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ has filled us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

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

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

Ÿ. 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.

Ÿ. 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

Ÿ. 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.**

Lord,
may the power of the Spirit,
which sanctified the mother of your Son
make holy the gifts we place upon this altar.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

C ^v 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
ó-mni- 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 ó-mni- 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 dexte- 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 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."*

Ma - ra - na - tha! Come, O Christ the Lord.