

# Fourth Sunday of Advent



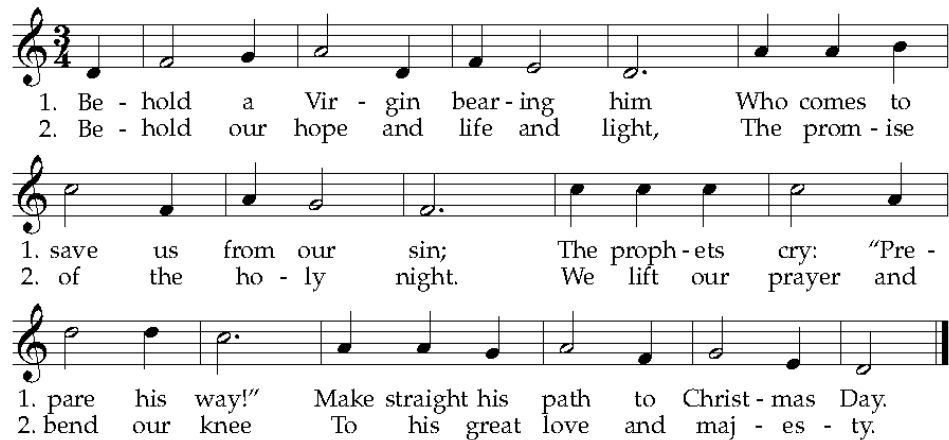
*"Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*

(Cycle C)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### 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.

### Greeting

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

℟. 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.


℟. And also with you.

## Closing Hymn

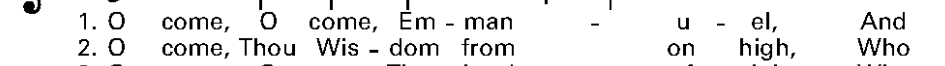
### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

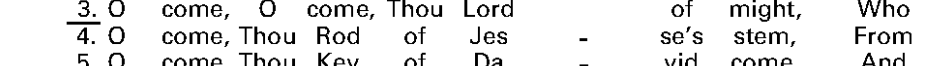
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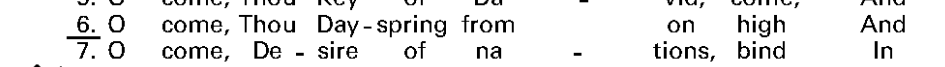
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of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




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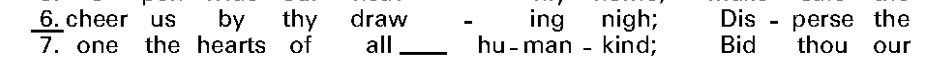
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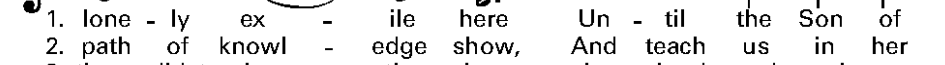
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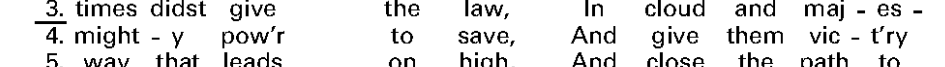
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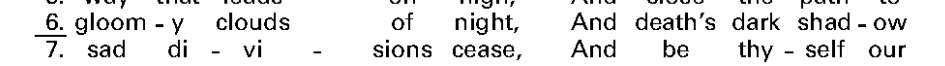
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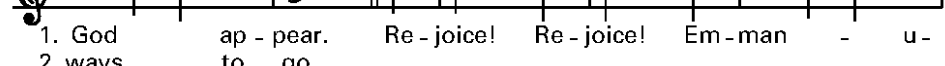
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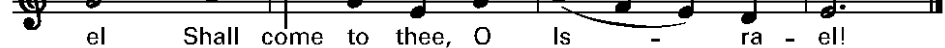
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## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

✠ 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.*

✠ Lord Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:




Ký-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. ij.

✠ Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

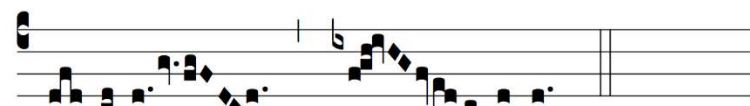


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✠ You will come in glory with salvation for your people:



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

✠ Amen.

*The Gloria is not said during the Sundays of Advent*

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray as Advent draws to a close  
for the faith that opens our lives  
to the Spirit of God

*Pause for silent 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 (*Mi 5:1-4a*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

Thus says the LORD:  
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time  
when she who is to give birth has borne,  
and the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the children of Israel.

## 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)

Y. 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.

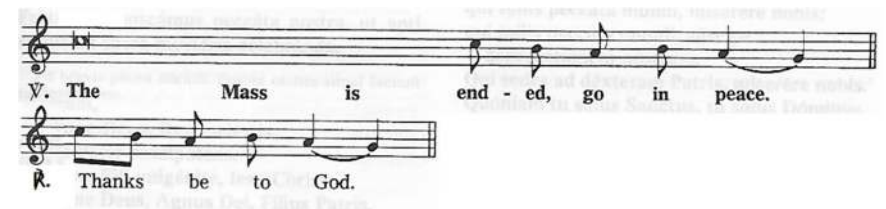
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R. Amen.**

Y. 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



## Communion Meditation

### When, to Mary, the Word



1. When, to Mar - y, the Word From the throne of the  
2. At the sound of her voice Did her cous - in re -  
3. Like our Moth - er, we should Give our neigh - bor our  
4. And as John sure - ly knew, Al - though hid - den from



Lord Made the jour - ney to earth on that day,  
joice, While the babe in her womb danced a - round;  
good, As with - in us the se - cret is hid;  
view, That the Lord was in - deed with them there,



Mar - y turned not with - in But, with haste, to her kin;  
For when Je - sus, the Lamb, Spoke his si - lent "I AM,"  
For, in truth, then will show For all oth - ers to know  
So may we with de - light Take with - in our own sight



She set out for a land far a - way.  
Proph - et's ears filled with joy at the sound.  
All the won - ders that God for us did.  
Je - sus, liv - ing in souls ev - 'ry - where.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock  
by the strength of the LORD,  
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;  
and they shall remain, for now his greatness  
shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
he shall be peace.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.*)



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

℞. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

℞. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

℞. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we

## Reading 2 (Heb 10:5-10)

A reading from the first letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

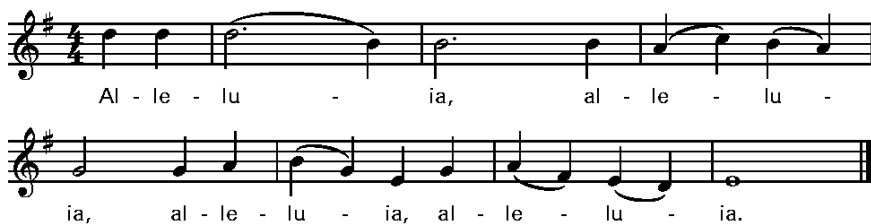
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.  
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,  
holocausts and sin offerings,  
you neither desired nor delighted in.”  
These are offered according to the law.  
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”  
He takes away the first to establish the second.  
By this “will,” we have been consecrated  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

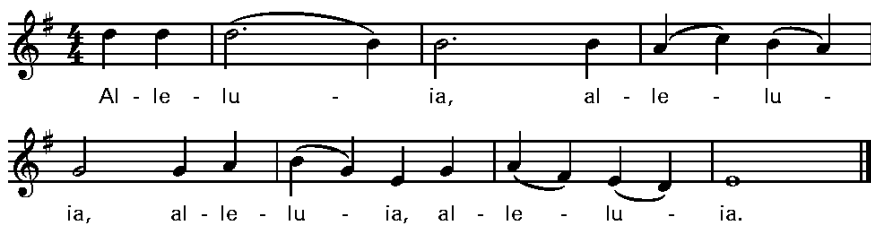
Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (Lk 1:38)



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



## Exchange of Peace

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

**R.** 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:*



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

**R.** 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.

**R.** Amen.

## COMMUNION LITURGY

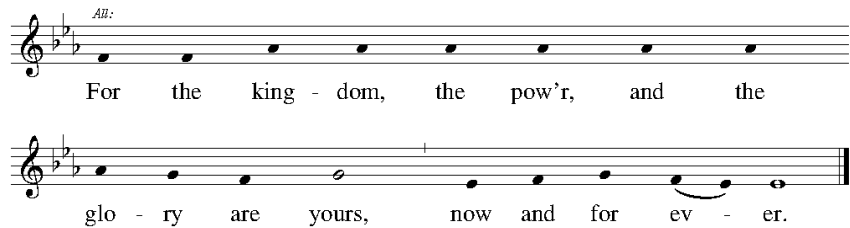
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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.

### Gospel Lk 1:39-45)

℣. 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.

Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.  
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Homily



## Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

**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 Je-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 hó-mi-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 Ví-rgi-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-

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-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 (IV)

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

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dy-ing you de-royed 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.



## Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent II)

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: *Ps.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And al - so with you. *Ps.* Lift up your hearts. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: *R.* We lift them up to the Lord. *Ps.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: *R.* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

*R.* We lift them up to the Lord. *Ps.* 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.

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:

Twelve staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: *tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti- a di- e, se-cúndum Scri- ptú- ras. Et ascéndit in cae- lum: se-det ad délixte- 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-ptisma 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."*



### 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.**

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.**