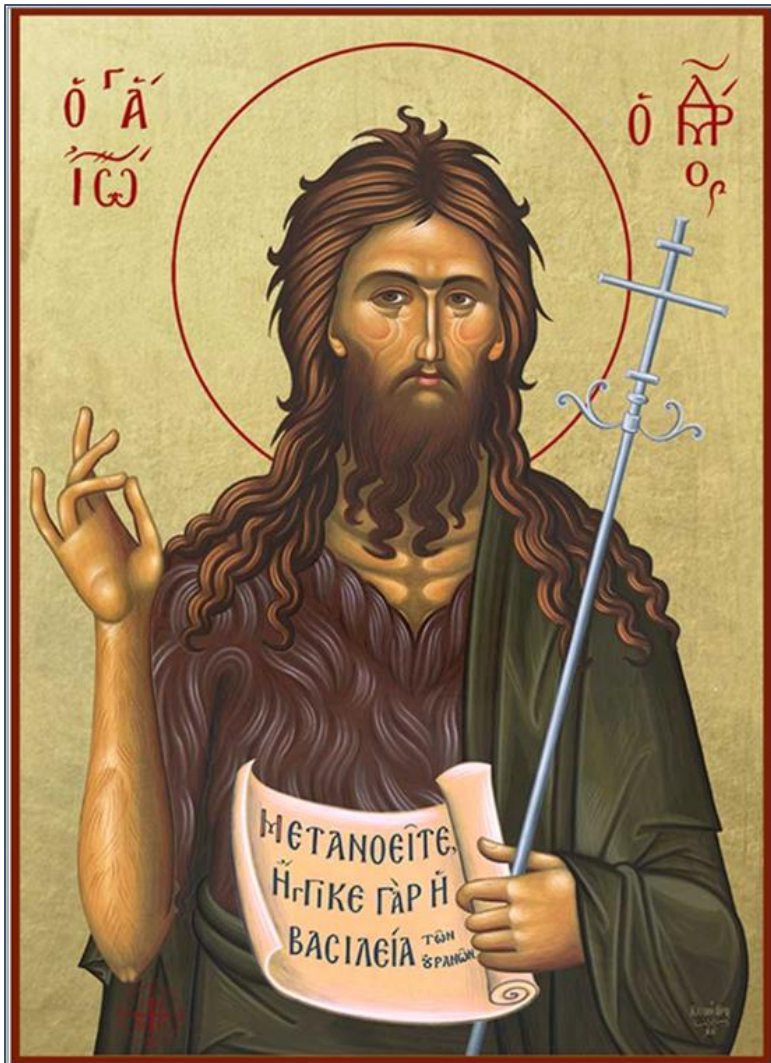


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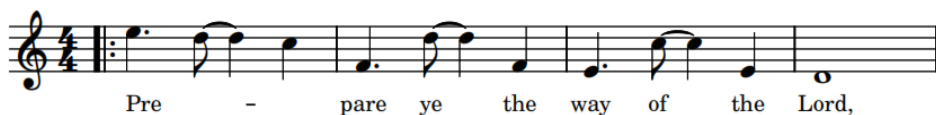
*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

(Cycle B)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



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.

PENITENTIAL RITE (C2)

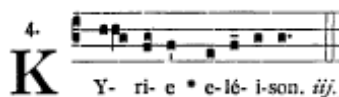
(Kyrie XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

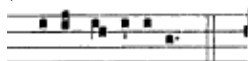
Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our faults and failings
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy
for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

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

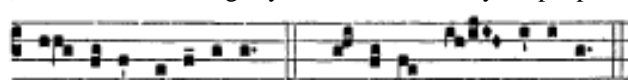


Ÿ You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:



Christe e- lé- i-son. iii.

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

Father in heaven,
the day draws near when the glory of your Son
will make radiant the night of the waiting world.

May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy
which moves the hearts of those who seek him.
May the darkness not blind us
to the vision of wisdom
which fills the minds of those who find him.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*IS 40:1-5, 9-11*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out
 and say to the cities of Judah:
 Here is your God!
 Here comes with power
 the Lord GOD,
 who rules by his strong arm;
 here is his reward with him,
 his recompense before him.
 Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
 in his arms he gathers the lambs,
 carrying them in his bosom,
 and leading the ewes with care.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14*)



I will hear what God proclaims;
 the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
 Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
 glory dwelling in our land.

R. Console my people, console them says your God.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
 justice and peace shall kiss.
 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
 and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Console my people, console them says your God

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
 our land shall yield its increase.
 Justice shall walk before him,
 and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Console my people, console them says your God.

Reading 2 (2 PT 3:8-14)

A reading from the second letter of Saint Peter:

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,”
but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.
But according to his promise
we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (LK 3:4, 6)



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.



Gospel MK 1:1-8)

✠. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

✠. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

*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.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

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 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-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 pec-ca-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, we are nothing without you.
As you sustain us with your mercy,
receive our prayers and offerings.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent I)



℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.

℞. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞. 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 (II)

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

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

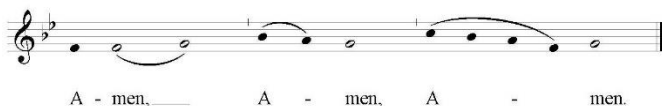


Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -

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

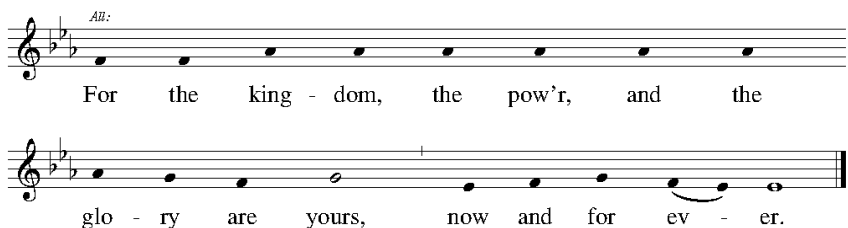
The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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.

℣. 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.

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

The Advent Herald



1. Wel - come the wild one, the des - ert de-
 2. Cam - el - hair coat - ed, un-kempt and un-
 3. Hear from the her - ald the king who s ex-
 4. See now the young one who ling - ers and
 5. Gasp - ing - ly drenched by the peo - ple s bap-
 6. Wel - come God's Love - Child, a - noint - ed, in -



claim - er, Ur - gent - ly, awe - some - ly,
 bend - ing, Liv - ing off grass - hop - pers,
 pect - ed, World - end - ing wrath is the
 lis - tens, Stand - ing in - tent in the
 tiz - er, Drowned in the grief of our
 vest - ed, Des - ert - im - pelled by the



cry - ing his news: "Now, lis - ten now!
 hon - ey and briars, Knee - deep in wa - ter,
 power he de - scribes: God s own a - noint - ed,
 buzz of the throng, Wait - ing in line
 groan-ings and cries, Bow - ing be -neath God's
 Spir - it with - in. World - mak - ing love,



There is One who comes af - ter! I am un-
 7 he hails the im - pend - ing Flame - giv - ing
 7 out - spo - ken, un - cen - sored, Judg - ing the
 on the brink of de - ci - sions, Seek - ing the
 7 un - fet - tered out - sid - er, Ris - ing en -
 shin-ing, tem-pered and test - ed, Now is at



fit - ted to fas - ten his shoes."
 Spir - it's en - vel - op - ing fires.
 pal - ace, the priests and the scribes.
 Spir - it that beck - ons through John.
 vi - sioned, he o - pens his eyes.
 hand— let sal - va - tion be - gin!

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.

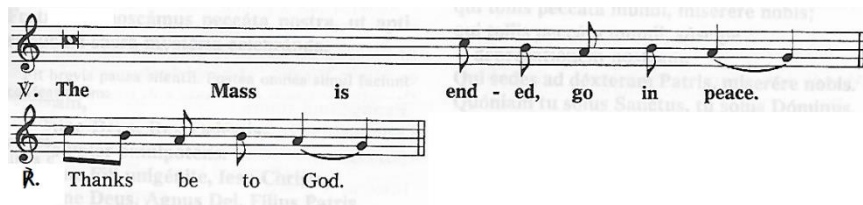
You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man.
When he comes again in glory,
may he reward you with endless life.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

Dismissal




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

R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.