

Third Sunday of Advent



*"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.""*

(Cycle B)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Rejoice the Lord is King



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king-dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re - joice in glo-rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more:
2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:
3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: } Lift up your
4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home: }



- 1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Greeting

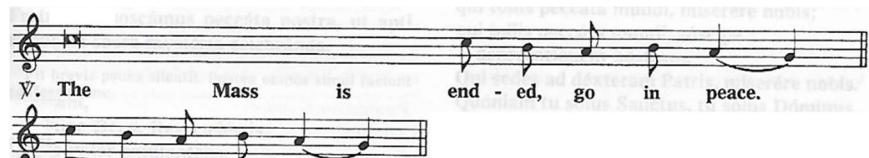
℣. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. 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.

Dismissal

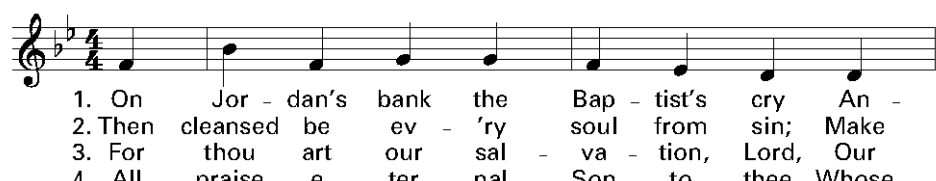


Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

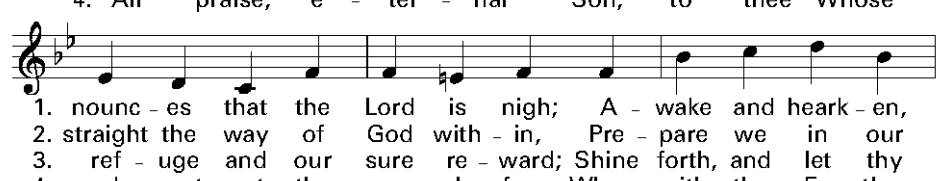
R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

PENITENTIAL RITE (C4)

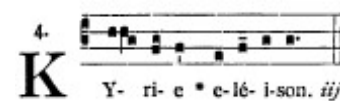
(Kyrie XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

Y 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.

Y Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:



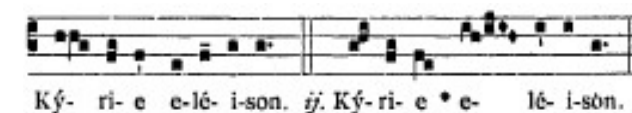
4.
K Y- ri- e * e- lé- i-son. *ijj.*

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



Christe e- lé- i-son. *ijj.*

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



Ký- ri- e e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký- ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

Y 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 of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises
and ever close to your Church:
the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming
and looks forward with longing
to his return at the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope
which his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 *Is 61:1-2A, 10-11*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,
may this eucharist bring us your divine help,
free us from our sins,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Savior,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

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.

Communion Meditation

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



1. Wild and lone the proph - et's voice
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows:
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold



Ech - oes through the des - ert still, Call - ing us to
Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er
John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near, And his time - less



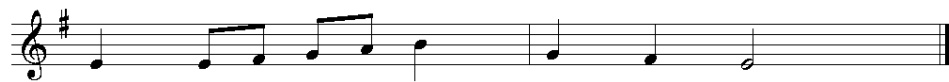
make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and
Soon the Lord will come in pow'r, Burn - ing clean the
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through



mind and soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized,
thresh - ing floor: Then will flames the chaff de - vour;
ways un - trod, Till we come at last like John



Yield your life to God's con - trol."
Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
To be - hold the Lamb of God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.*)



R. My soul re - joic - es in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Reading 2 (*1 Thes 5:16-24*)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Is 61:1*)



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.



Gospel (*Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*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.

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."

Exchange of Peace

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

℟. And also with you.

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

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



℣. 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:

℣. The body of Christ.

℟. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

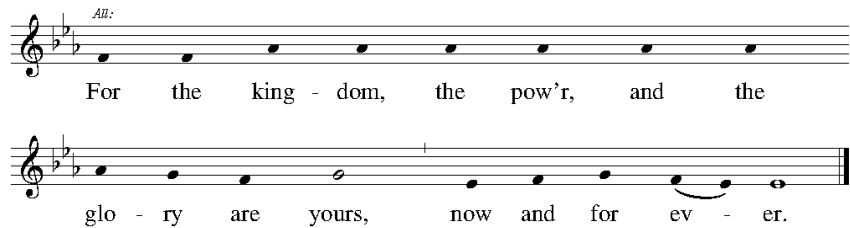
The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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.

So they said to him,

“Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said:

“I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’*”

as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

“Why then do you baptize

if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them,

“I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,

the one who is coming after me,

whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,

where John was baptizing.

℣. 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 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 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-

(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

S anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi- nus De- us
Sá- ba- 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 (III)

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.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent II)

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

R/. We lift them up to the Lord. Ψ. 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:

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-ptis-ma
in remissi-ó-nem pec-ca-tó-rum. Et exspécto re-surre-
cti-ó-nem mórtu-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 gift we offer in faith and love
be a continual sacrifice in your honor
and truly become our eucharist and our salvation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.