



First Sunday of Advent
December 2 -3, 2023



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Prepare! Prepare!

Ostinato Refrain

Pre- pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Pre- pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord, oh,

Pre- pare! Pre- pare the way of the Lord. The Lord our God is

To repeat com - ing soon. Oh, *To verses* com - ing *Last time* soon.

Verses

Cantor:

1. Pre - pare the way, the
2. Make straight the path, ?
3. Jus - tice and peace, ?
4. Sing and re - joice! The
5. A vir - gin will bear a son, Em -

way of the Lord. Read - y your hearts.
 lev - el the hills, lift up the gates.
 kind - ness and truth shall come to the earth.
 Lord is near, I say re - joice!
 man - u - el: God with us!

Oh, the Lord our God is com-ing soon! **D.C.**

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 Tune: Stephen Fishner
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- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Act of Penitence

Opening Prayer

First Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 2

Reading 1

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 80: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Chris Muglia



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

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1. O shepherd of Israel, harken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. 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 who you yourself made strong.
3. 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.

Reading II

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Refrain

Cantor, then all (first time only):

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
5. I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

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Gospel

MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,

each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

BREAD OF LIFE

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain




Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth - er:



feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

Verses



1. As we pro-claim your death, as we re - call your life, we re-
2. The bread we break and share was scat-tered once as grain: just as
3. We eat this liv - ing bread, we drink this sav-ing cup: sign of
4. Hold us in u - ni - ty, in love for all to see; that the
5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy, bro-ken

to Refrain



1. mem - ber your prom - ise to re - turn a - gain.
2. now it is gath - ered, make your peo - ple one.
3. hope in our bro-ken world, source of last - ing love.
4. world may be - lieve in you, God of all who live.
5. now for your peo - ple, poured in end - less love.

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Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: 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 holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal

Holy

HOLY

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a clear melodic line and a steady accompaniment.

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Amen

AMEN

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, G major, and consists of a single staff. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear melodic line and a steady accompaniment. The text is written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

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COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a clear melodic line and a steady accompaniment. There are first and second endings marked above the first staff, and a final ending marked above the second staff.

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Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song:

THERE IS A LONGING

Anne Quigley

Refrain

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -

veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses

love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,

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| 1. for free - dom, | for mer - cy: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 2. for cour - age, | for com - fort: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 3. for whole - ness, | for new life: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 4. take pit - y, | light in our dark - ness. | | We |

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|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. sor - row, | in grief: | } be near, hear our prayer, O God. |
| 2. weak - ness, | in fear: | |
| 3. sick - ness, | in death: | |
| 4. call you, | we wait: | |

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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing


Dismissal

Sending Song:

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

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.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.
Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.