



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23-24, 2023



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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

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

Refrain

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!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Act of Penitence

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 11

Reading 1

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

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.
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.

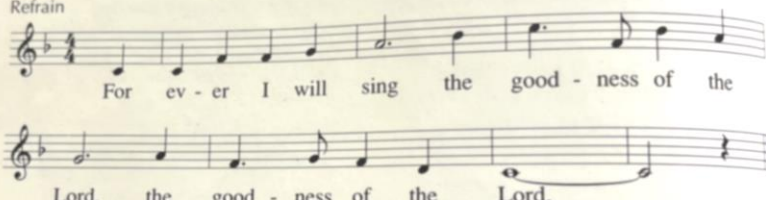
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

82 Psalm 89: For Ever I Will Sing

Refrain



For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the
Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

Verses

1. "With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty forever and set up your throne through all ages."
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy ev'ry day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.
3. He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me!"
I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.

Reading 2

Rom 16:25-27

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.

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

Lk 1:26-38

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.

The Word 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: Come, Lord Jesus

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Verses

Cantor or choir:



1. Gra - cious God of Wis - dom, who hears your peo - ple's
2. Might - y Voice of Si - nai, whom Mos - es heard in
3. Fra - grant Bud of Jes - se, whose bloom - ing Kings re -
4. Da - vid's Key of Heav - en, un - lock us from our
5. Blaz - ing Sun of Jus - tice, the flame of East - ern
6. Sov - ereign of all Na - tions, our cor - ner - stone of
7. Je - sus, be God with us, Em - man - u - el fore -



cry, teach us ways of pru - dence, O
awe, Ad - o - nai, now lead us with
vere, root your words with - in us, God's
sins. Freed from er - ror's pris - on, our
dawn, scat - ter cling - ing shad - ows, that
trust, de - liv - er, in your mer - cy, your
told. Feed us like a shep - herd, in



Breath of God Most High.
ho - ly arm and law.
words for all to hear.
life in you be - gins. Ma - ra -
gloom of death be gone.
crea - tures made from dust.
safe - ly gath - ered fold.

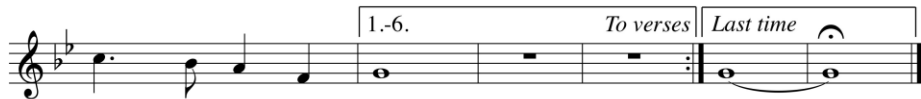
Refrain



na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a - wait - ed from a -



far. Come and make your home a - mong us. Let us



see your birth - ing star. star.

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Tune: Kathy Powell, b.1942
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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

SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Musical notation for the song "Save Us, Savior". It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free."

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AMEN

Mass of Renewal
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Musical notation for the word "Amen". It consists of a single staff of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men."

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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

Musical notation for the song "Lamb of God". It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "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 first staff has a first ending bracket labeled "1, 2" and the second staff has a final double bar line labeled "Final".

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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:

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HOLY IS HIS NAME

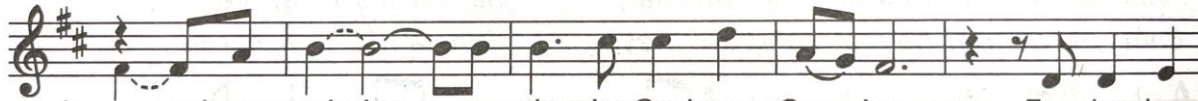
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Verses



1. My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord,
2. He has mer-cy in ev - 'ry gen-er - a - tion. He



1. and my spir-it ex-ul-ts in God my Sav-ior. For he has
2. has re-vealed his pow-er and his glo-ry. He has cast



1. looked with mer-cy on my low-li-ness, and my name will be for-
2. down the might-y in their ar-ro-gance, and has lift-ed up the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



1. ev - er ex - alt - ed. For the might - y God has done great
2. meek and the low - ly. He has come to help his ser - vant



1. things for me, and his mer-cy will reach from age to
2. Is - ra - el; he re - mem - bers his prom - ise to our



1. age. And ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is his name.
2. fa - thers.

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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song:

Sending Song: Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King, soon and very soon we are going to see the king, soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the king.

No more crying there....

No more dying there....

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