



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

Introductory Rites

Gathering

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 1-3

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Penitential Act

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / 11

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 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 of 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."

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

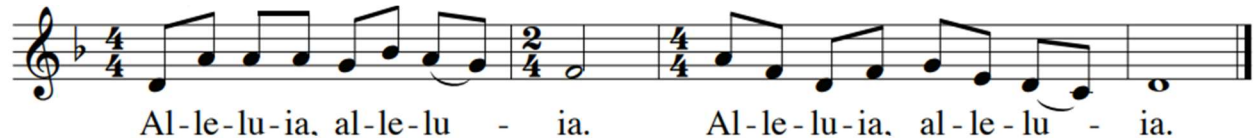
Second Reading

Romans 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.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

Luke 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, 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.

Homily

Profession of Faith

*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*

Nicene Creed

*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.*

Prayers of the Faithful (Rx: **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation

My Soul In Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;

tru - ly my hope is in you. you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -

glo - ry, Your ra - diance shines in all who look to
 spir - its; Our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
 in us, And in your ad - vent, draw us all to

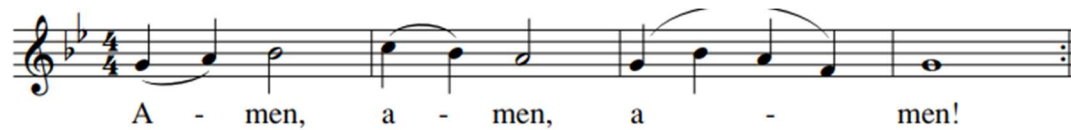
you; Come, light the hearts of all in dark and
 Word; Come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
 you, Our hope re - born in dy - ing and in

shad - ow.
 hearts.
 ris - ing.

Holy, Holy, Holy
 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation
 When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, O Lord.
 Until you come again.

Great Amen



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Lord's Prayer
 Sign of Peace
 Lamb of God

Cantor: *Assembly:*
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
To repeat
 world, have mer - cy on us.
Last time
 world, grant us peace.

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Communion Song

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Instrumental)

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; *Speier Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1-2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808-1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, 1845-1925, alt.
Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

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4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
5. O come, O Key of David, come,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
And open wide our heav'nly home;
That trust your mighty power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And give them vic'try o'er the grave.
And close the path to misery.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

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