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# **Second Sunday of Advent**

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# Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Psalm 72

# Prelude Song



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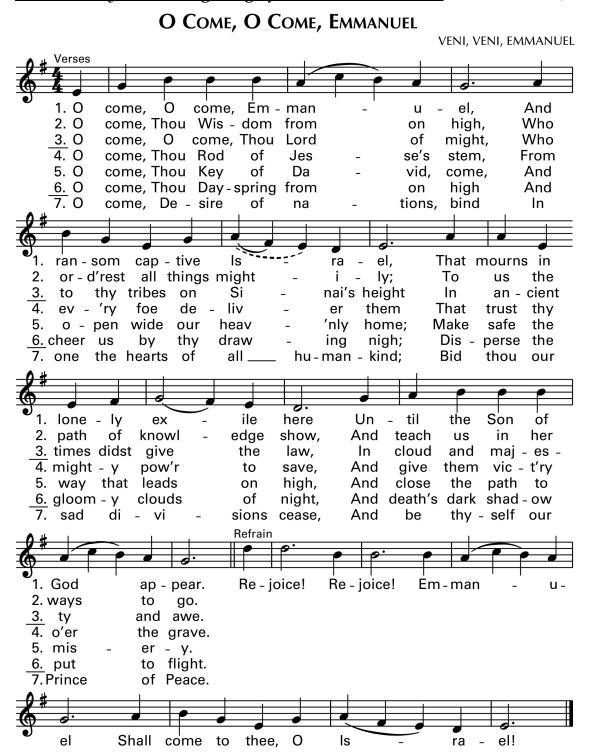
### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES (GATHERING)

# **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Entrance Hymn and Lighting of the Advent Candles (verses 3 and 4) (Please stand.)



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum 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.

# **Greeting**

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(All make the Sign of the Cross.) Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. And with your spirit.

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done,

and in what I have failed to do;

(Strike breast) through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest/Deacon: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

# Collect

(After the Priest says the Collect, all respond.) **Amen.** (Please be seated.)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse,

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

set up as a signal for the nations,

for his dwelling shall be glorious.

the Gentiles shall seek out,

# Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R. see v.7



R. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

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O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

# R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

# R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

# R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

# R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,

but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation and Verse

(Please stand.)

### R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Luke 3:4, 6

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves,

'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you,

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.

Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit

will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,

but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor

and gather his wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily** (Please be seated.)

# **Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)**. (Please stand.)

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,

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.)

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.

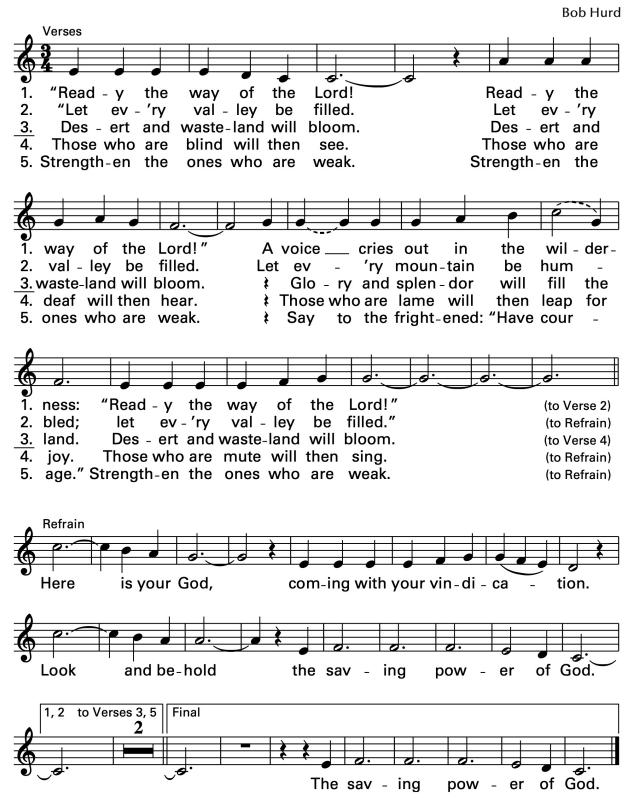
**Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)** 

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Please be seated.)

Hymn for Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar (verses 1, 2 and 3)





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# Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

**Priest:** ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

(Please stand.) 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.

# **Prayer over the Offerings**

### Amen

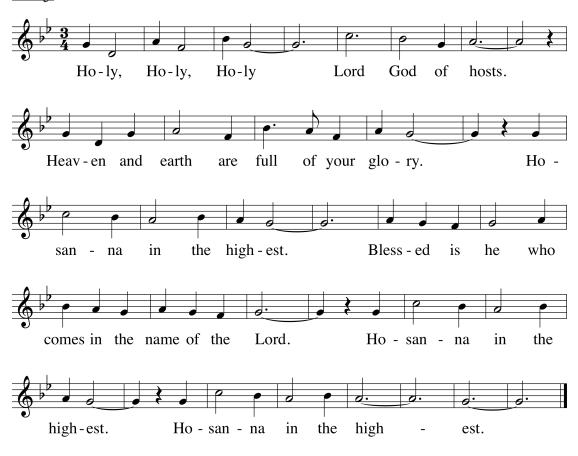
# **Preface**

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

# Holy



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(Please kneel.)

# Mystery of Faith





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### Amen



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(Please stand.)

# Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord ... the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ ... Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen** 

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.** 

# Sign of Peace

# Lamb of God

# **ADVENT LAMB OF GOD**

Kevin Keil (ASCAP)



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



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(Please kneel.)

# Communion

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God ... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

# Act of Spiritual Communion

I wish my Lord to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervor of the Saints. Amen.

# Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



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# Prayer after Communion

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

### **Announcements**

# *Greeting and Blessing* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

### Dismissal

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn** (verses 1, 2, and 5)





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