

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the Year of Salvation Two Thousand Twenty-Three



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THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

❁ INTRODUCTORY RITES ❁

PRELUDE

5:00; 7:30; 9:30

Rorate Caeli
Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)
from *Douze Chorals-Préludes sur des Thèmes Grégoriens*, Op. 8
A setting of the Introit

INTROIT

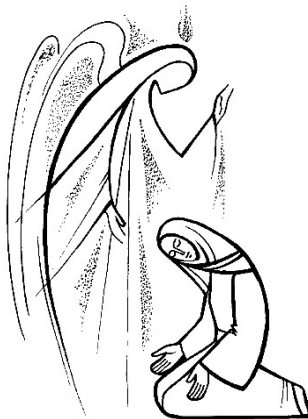
*Rorate * caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum:
aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

*Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat
firmamentum.*

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

-Is 45:8; Ps 18



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Take Comfort, My People

Please turn toward the crossing of the church at the beginning of the procession.



1. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, make straight the crook - ed
2. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, and heed the proph - et's
3. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, and cast a - side all
4. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, take heed, Je - ru - sa -
5. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, and climb the moun - tain



way. Pre - pare with - in your hearts a place to
cry. To those who live in dark - ness let them
fear. Re - joice a - midst your wait - ing for the
lem! Your time of debt is o - ver and your
high. A - wake from sleep, make loud your voice, the



hold the light of day. Bring a word of
know the light is nigh. Bring a word of
Prince of Peace is near. Bring a word of
ser - vice at an end! Bring a word of
bride - groom's time is nigh! Bring a word of



light re - sil - ient, let our love in - crease;
light re - sil - ient, let our hope in - crease;
light re - splend - ent, let our faith in - crease;
light re - kin - dled, let our joy in - crease;
light re - mem - bered, let our trust in - crease;



Take com - fort, my peo - ple, and sing a song of peace.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40 and O, *Come Emmanuel*, text based on "O" *Antiphons*, Latin, 9th c. Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and others.
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SIGN OF THE CROSS

BLESSING OF LIGHT

GREETING

Priest: Brothers and sisters:
Let us pray we may always be ready to welcome him.

Priest: You came as the child of Bethlehem to gather
the little and the lowly into your Kingdom:
Lord, come and save us.

Assembly: Lord, come and save us.

Priest: You come as the child of Mary to be
Emmanuel, God-with-us:
Lord, come and save us.

Assembly: Lord, come and save us.

Priest: You will come as the son of God to bring
Creation to the fullness of its salvation:
Lord, come and save us.

Assembly: Lord, come and save us.

Priest: Ever-Living God...through the same Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

Please return to the opening hymn on page 3, and join in singing the remaining verses.

COLLECT

After responding "Amen" to the collect, please be seated.

✿ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✿

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL


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.”

Cantor / Choir:	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.	De - o gra - ti - as.
The word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (5:00, 7:30, 9:30)

PSALM 89



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

“With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your) decendants forever, and set up your throne through all ages.” *Refrain*

How blessed the people who know your praise, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice their joyful acclaim. *Refrain*



“He will call out to me, ‘You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation.’ I will keep my faithful love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.” *Refrain*

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A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

5:16-24

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.

Cantor / Choir:	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.	De - o gra - ti - as.
The word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May in be done to me according to your word.

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A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 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?"

(continued on page 7)

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.

Priest / Cantor: *Assembly:*

Ver-bum Do - mi - ni. Laus ti - bi, Chri - ste.
 The word of the Lord Praise to you, Chirst.

HOMILY (*Please be seated.*)

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS (9:30)

Go in the peace of Christ to be
 nour - ished by the Word of God. God.

Trusting God, be led forth, Mary guiding you.

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APOSTLES' CREED (*Please stand.*)

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS



Te ro - ga-mos, ó - ye - nos. Lord, hear our prayer.

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COLLECTION *(Please be seated.)*

✻ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✻

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Please stand at the bidding of the priest.

5:00; 7:30

Variations on "People Look East!"
arr. Robert Edward Smith (b.1946)

9:30

Rorate Caeli
Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
The Basilica Schola Cantorum

*Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum.
Aperiat terra, et germinet Salvatore:*

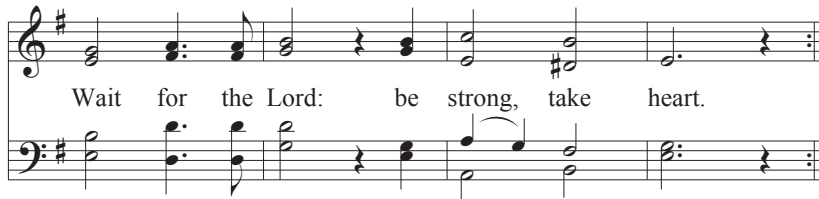
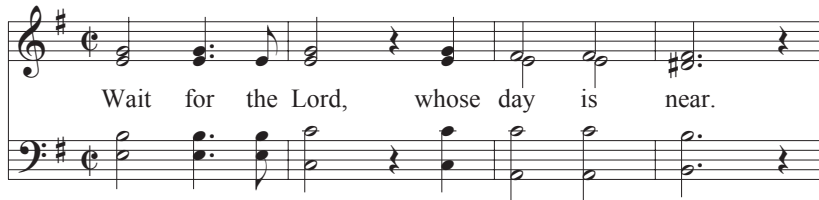
Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
Let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

*Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam
Et salutare tuum da nobis: Veni
Domine et noli tardare.*

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
And grant us your salvation:
Come, Lord, and do not delay.

OSTINATO REFRAIN

Wait for the Lord



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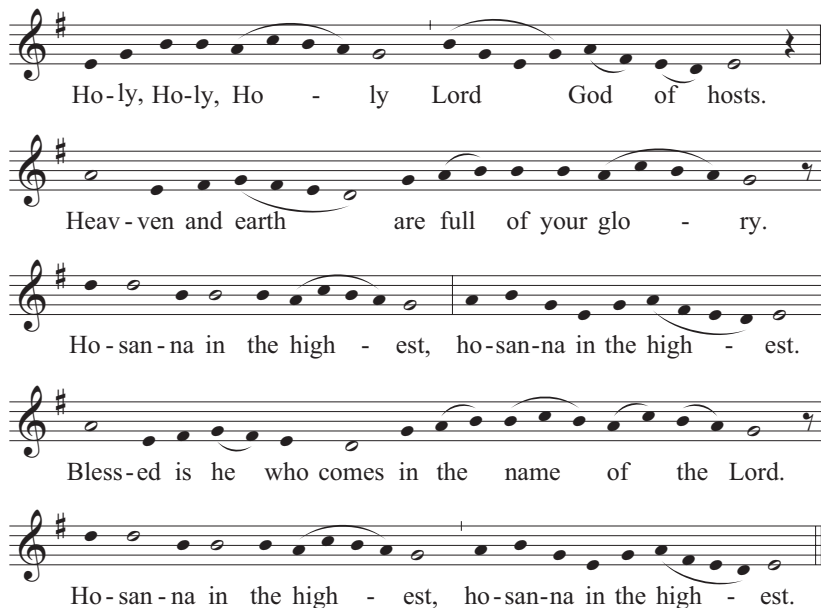
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
Assembly: **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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

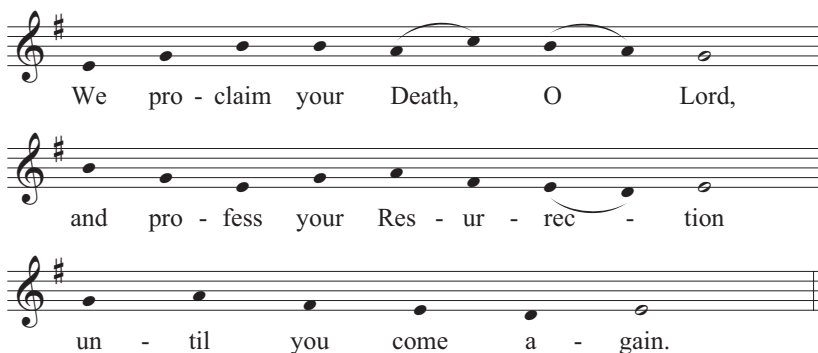


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please kneel.

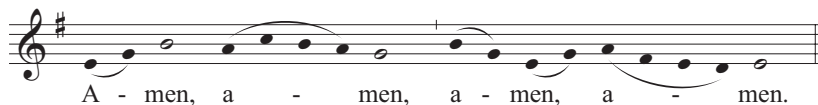
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

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GREAT AMEN



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

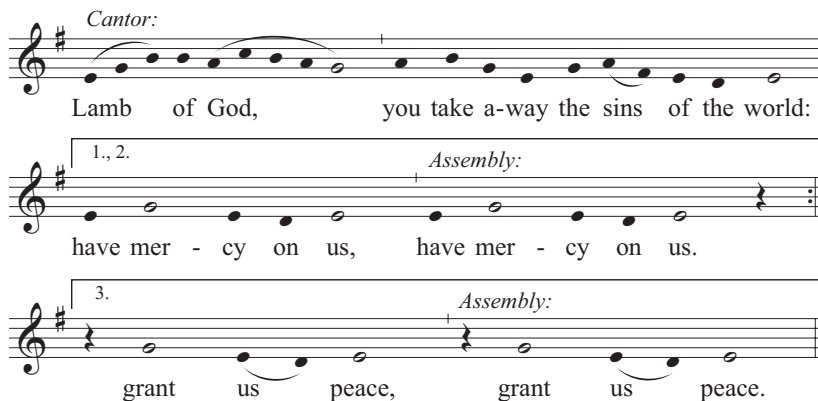
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✿ COMMUNION RITE ✿

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand.)*

GREETING OF PEACE

THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Cantor:
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
1., 2. Assembly:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
3. Assembly:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Please kneel.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lord.

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

There Is a Longing

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 love we on - ly find in you our God.

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MEDITATION

9:30

Ave Maria
Robert Parsons (c.1535-1572)
The Basilica Schola Cantorum

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women.
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please stand.)*

❁ CONCLUDING RITE ❁

BLESSING AND SENDING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (5:00; 7:30; 9:30)

The Angel Gabriel



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, With
2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be, Whom
3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head. "To
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame. "All
ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly. Your
me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn. And



hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y, Most
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." Most
Chris - tian folk throu - out the world will ev - er say: "Most



high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Gló - ri - a!
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POSTLUDE

5:00; 7:30; 9:30

The World Awaiting the Savior

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
from *Symphonie-Passion*, Op. 23