

Rorate Caeli

Saturday Mass of Our Lady in Advent



“Madonna,” Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685)

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE.

S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park
TORONTO, CANADA

Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

Illuminated by candlelight, and accompanied by Gregorian chant and medieval polyphony, this mass offers us an hour of devotion, contemplation and beauty as we prepare for the coming of the Light that is our Saviour, our Emmanuel.

The tradition of the Rorate Mass stretches back to at least the eighth century, and its name is taken from the first words of the Introit: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness (Rorate caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum).

Mass of Our Lady

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

Introit — *Rorate*

Isaiah 45:8, Psalm 85

(PLEASE KNEEL) (CANTORS)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open and let her bring forth salvation.

¶. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (CANTORS)

Missa Alme Pater, Mode i

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Missa Alme Pater, Mode viii

(PLEASE STAND) (CANTORS)

Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus
bonæ voluntátis.
Laudámus te,
benedícimus te,
adorámus te,

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee,
we bless thee,
we worship thee,*

glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter
magnam glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite,
Iesu Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
miserére nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
súscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad déxteram
Patris,
miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dóminus,
tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spíritu:
in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.

*we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins
of the world, receive our prayer;
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collects

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

℣ GOD who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be
made Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at

the message of an Angel: grant to us thy humble servants that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favour in thy sight. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R/ Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

OGOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit.

R/ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson for the Epistle: Isaiah 7:10 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the seventh chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the tenth verse.

IN those days: The Lord spake unto Ahaz, saying: Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said: I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said: Hear ye now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for

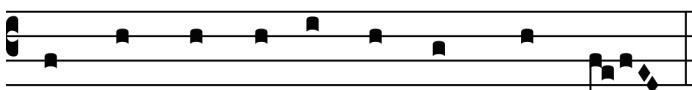
you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gradual — *Tollite portas*

Psalm 23

CANTORS: Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors: *



ALL: And the King of glo- ry shall come in.

CANTORS: Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord,
or who shall stand in his holy place: *



ALL: E- ven he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.

Alleluia — *Ave Maria*

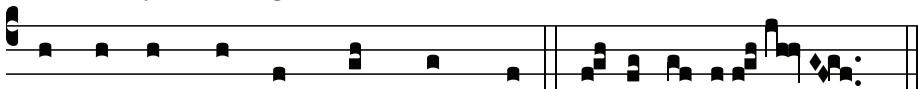
S. Luke 1:28,38

CANTORS: Alleluia.



ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTORS: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: *



ALL: Blessed art thou a- mong wo- men. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: S. Luke 1:26 (PLEASE STAND)

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the
Gospel according to S. Luke, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

℟ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: The Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel came in unto her, and said: Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the Angel said unto her: Fear not, Mary for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the Angel: How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the Angel answered and said unto her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren: for with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

℟ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Antiphon — Ave Maria (CANTORS)

S. Luke 1:28,38

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*

Offertory Motet (SEE INSERT)

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,
and that of all his holy Church.

Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, stablish in our hearts the
mysteries of the true religion: that, as we do believe
thy Son, conceived of a Virgin, to be very God and very Man,
so by the power of his resurrection we may be found worthy
to attain to everlasting felicity. Through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy
Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the effectual power of these thy holy mysteries may in such wise cleanse us from all our iniquities that we may in all purity attain unto him who is the author of the same, even Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech thee, these our oblations: That being enlightened by the beams of thy Holy Spirit, our hearts may be purified from all evil. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit.

R^Y Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church (*CELEBRANT) (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that

they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

WE ✠ remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

GRANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R Amen.

† HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.

Confession and Absolution

CELEBRANT: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness,

Which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee in newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him:
Have mercy upon you;
☩ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

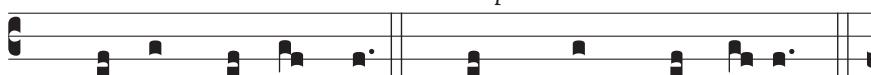
R/ Amen.

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface

Celebrant

People



v. *The Lord be with you.* R. *And with thy spi-rit.*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God,
Creator and Preserver of all things.

AND that in the veneration of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin,
we should praise, bless, and tell forth thy wonders:
In that, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost,
she conceived thy only begotten Son: and without let
to the glory of her abiding maidenhood,
brought forth for man the Light eternal,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels,
T and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee and saying:

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

HOLY, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ BLESSED is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.



CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

WHO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat;

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU:
Do this in remembrance of me."

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and

glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

AND we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and **¶** heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

R^o Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say,

CELEBRANT ALL

OUR Father, * who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be

thy Name, Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on

earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly
 bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us; And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Fraction and Pax

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.- R. And with thy spirit.-

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

ALL: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,

Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
And our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei (CANTORS)

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

Missa Alme Pater, Mode iv

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion Antiphon — *Ecce virgo (CANTORS)*

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son:
and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.*

**THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.**

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND. PLEASE GUIDE THE CHALICE TO YOUR MOUTH BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND ONLY UPON THE BASE OF THE CHALICE. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY.'

Communion Motet (SEE INSERT)

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collects

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT to us, O Lord, we beseech thee: so to wait for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple, that in readiness of heart and mind we may hail the coming feast of our redemption.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldest send down upon our hearts the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and that we may bring forth fruit unto thee, pour upon us the inward dew of his blessing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit.

R^Y Amen.

Blessing *(CELEBRANT)*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

R^Y Amen.

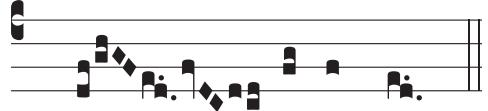
Dismissal *(PLEASE STAND)*

Y^W The Lord be with you.

R^Y And with thy spirit.



Y^W De- part in peace.



R^Y Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel: S. John 1:1 (PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)

℣ The Lord be with you.

Rx And with thy spirit.

¶ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

Rx Glory be to thee, O Lord.

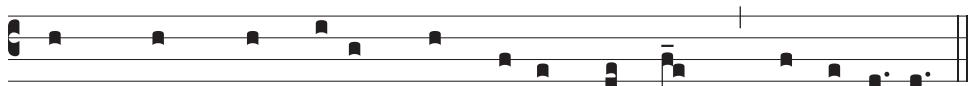
IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(ALL KNEEL) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH (ALL RISE), and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Rx Thanks be to God.

Antiphon

THE PRIEST SINGS THE WORDS 'BEHOLD, THE LORD COMETH'
AND THE PEOPLE JOIN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ANTIphon.
THIS IS SUNG THREE TIMES, IN A PITCH A LITTLE HIGHER EACH TIME.



and there shall be in that day a great light, al-le-lu-ia.

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