

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, 21 December 2025

9:00 a.m. Low Mass | 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass



*"I AM THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD"*

S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park

TORONTO, CANADA

Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us this morning!

CELEBRANT & PREACHER

The Rev'd Dr Walter Hannam,
Vicar, S. Bartholomew's

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The Choir of S. Bartholomew's

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Sung Mass

NOTE TO 9 O'CLOCK WORSHIPPERS: PLEASE TURN TO THE INTROIT ON PAGE 3.
THE EARLY MASS IS SAID RATHER THAN SUNG.


PLEASE STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS.
THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE INTROIT.

IN KEEPING WITH ANCIENT TRADITION, THE ORGAN
IS USED ONLY FOR ACCOMPANIMENT DURING ADVENT,
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GAUDETE SUNDAY, THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.


DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

Asperges

Cantor *All*

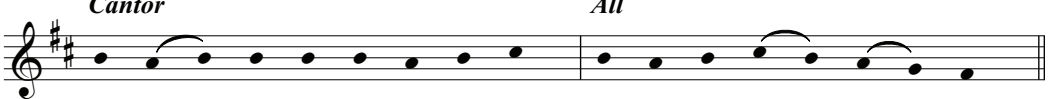


Thou shalt purge me,* O Lord, with hys-sop, and I shall be clean :




thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi - ter than snow.

Cantor *All*



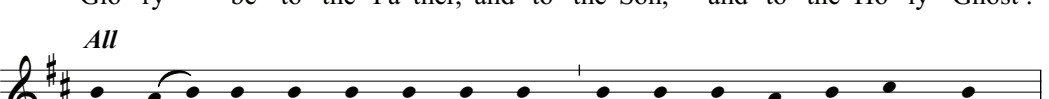
Ps. 51. Have mer - cy up - on me, O God : af - ter thy great good - ness.

Cantor

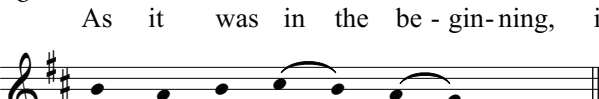


Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost :*

All

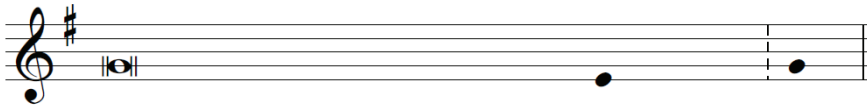


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be :



world with - out end. A - men.

Repeat Antiphon:
Thou shalt purge me...



℣ O Lord, show thy mercy up - on us.
℟ And grant us thy salva - tion.
℣ O Lord, hear our prayer.
℟ And let our cry come un - to thee.
℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spi - rit.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father Almighty,
everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel
from heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and
to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through
Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

English Hymnal N° 9

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.*

*Stretch forth thine hand, to hear our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.*

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

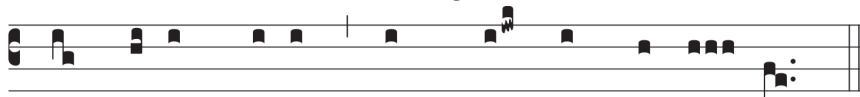
THE ENTRANCE RITES

Introit — *Rorate*

Psalm 106

(PLEASE KNEEL)

CANTOR: Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness: *



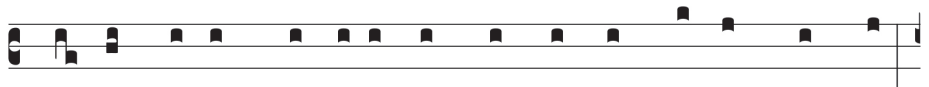
ALL: Let the earth open, and bring forth a Sa- viour.

CANTOR: The heavens declare the glory of God: *



ALL: And the firmament show-eth his han-di-work.

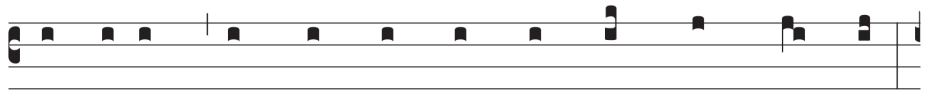
CANTOR: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *



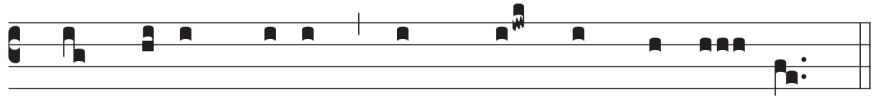
ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,



world with-out end. A-men Drop down, ye heavens,
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from above, and let the skies pour down righ-teousness:



Let the earth open, and bring forth a Sa- viour.

CELEBRANT: 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment

And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments

hang all the Law and the Prophets.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us,

and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie Eleison (*CHOIR*)

Missa Seraphica – Francis Burgess (1924)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collects

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

RAISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power,
and come among us, and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore
let and hindered in running the race that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver
us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and
reignest, one God, world without end.

℞ 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; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

R̄ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Philippians 4:4 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, beginning at the fourth verse.

REJOICE in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual — *Prope est Dominus*

Psalms 145

CANTOR: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: *



ALL: Yea, all such as call up-on him faith-ful-ly.

CANTOR: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: *



ALL: And let all flesh give thanks un-to his ho-ly Name.

Alleluia — *Veni Domine* (PLEASE STAND)

CANTOR: Alleluia.



ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTOR: Come, O Lord, and tarry not: *



ALL: Forgive the misdeeds of thy peo-ple. Al-le-lu-ia.



The Holy Gospel: S. John 1:19 (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. John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

℟ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THIS is the witness of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he said, I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they

unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not: he it is who cometh after me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethany beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

R^x Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Creed (PLEASE STAND) (SAID AT 9 A.M.)

Monastic

Celebrant *All*

I be-lieve in one_ God: the Fa-ther Al-migh - ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
 And of all things vi - si - ble, and in - vi - si - ble: And in one Lord Je - sus_ Christ,
 the on - ly - be - got - ten Son of_ God; Be - got - ten of the_ Fa - ther be - fore all_ worlds;
 God of God; Light of_ Light; Ve - ry God of ve - ry_ God; Be - got - ten, not made;
 Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther;_ Through whom all things were_ made:
 Who for us men, and for our sal - va - tion, came down from hea - ven,

ALL KNEEL AS THE CHOIR SINGS:

AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST
OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN:

And was cru - ci - fi - èd al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. _

He suf - fer - èd, and was bu - ri - èd, And the third day he rose a - gain _

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven, _

And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther. And he shall come a gain with glo - ry

to judge both the quick and the _ dead : _ Whose king - dom shall have no _ end.

And I be - live in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, The Gi - ver of _ Life : _

Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the _ Son. Who with the Fa - ther and the Son

to - geth - er is wor - ship - pèd and glo - ri - fi - èd : _ Who spake by the Pro - phets.

And I be - lieve one Ho - ly Ca - tho - lic and A - pos - to - lic _ Church.

I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism _ for the re - mis - sion of _ sins.

And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the _ dead, _

And the life of the world to _ come. A - - men. _

The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

Sermon: The Father Vicar

PLEASE STAND AS THE CELEBRANT RETURNS TO THE ALTAR
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON.

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

S. Luke 1

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



ALL: Blessèd art thou among women, and blessèd is the fruit



of thy womb.

Offertory Hymn

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing

Welwyn

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,

Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!

*Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?*

*Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His coming who hath sworn, I come.*

*So even I, and with a pang more thrilling,
So even I, and with a hope more sweet,
Yearn for the sign, O Christ, of thy fulfilling,
Faint for the flaming of thine advent feet.*

*Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.*

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, mercifully to have respect
unto these our oblations: that the same may be
profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for
the attainment of everlasting salvation. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy
Spirit, one God, world without end.

R 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: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ 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.

R̄ 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

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

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.
℟ Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *S. Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life. *S. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.




This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 S. John 2:1,2*

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>℥. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spi-rit.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>℥. Lift up your hearts.- ℞. We lift them up un-to the</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
<i>Lord. ℥. Let us give thanks un-to our Lord God.-</i>	
<i>People</i>	
	
<i>℞. It is meet and right so to do.</i>	

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.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus (CHOIR)

Missa Seraphica
– Francis Burgess (1924)

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;

WHOO, 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.

℞ Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

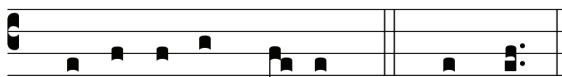
Pater Noster (SAID AT 9 A.M.)

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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

CELEBRANT ALL

O UR 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 *(SAID AT 9 A.M.)*

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be always with you. 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 (CHOIR)

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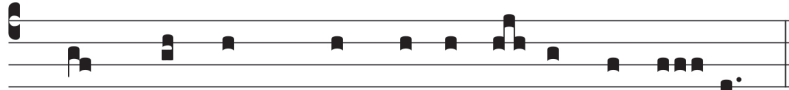
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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

Communion Antiphon — *Ecce virgo*

Isaiah 7

CANTOR: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: *



ALL: And his name shall be call-ed E-ma-nu- el.

*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’

Advent Prose (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED)

Mode vi



REFRAIN
(ALL): Drop down, ye hea-vens from a-bove, and let the skies
pour down righ-teous-ness.

Communion Motet (CHOIR) (11 A.M. ONLY)

Elizabeth Poston (1967)

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

TEXT: FROM DIVINE HYMNS
OR SPIRITUAL SONGS
(NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1784)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Post-Communion Collects

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

OLORD, who hast here vouchsafed unto us to be partakers of thy bounty: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so continue to draw near unto the same, that growing more and more in grace, we may attain in the end to everlasting life. Through 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Blessing *(CELEBRANT)*

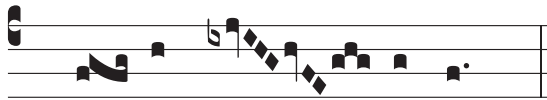
THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

℟ Amen.

Dismissal *(PLEASE STAND)*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.



℣ Let us bless the Lord.



℟ Thanks be to God.

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

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

✠ 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.

✠ Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

Angelus *(11 A.M. ONLY)*

✠ The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

✠ *And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

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

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℟ *Be it unto me according to thy word.*

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

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ And the Word was made flesh.

℟ *And dwelt among us.*

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

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟ *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

OFFICIANT: Let us pray:
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 Christ our Lord.

℟ *Amen.*

English Hymnal N° 8

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone Far from the face of God's dear Son.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright! Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom, And pierce the shadows of the tomb.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road, And bar the way to death's abode.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, O come, Adonai, Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe Gavest thy folk the elder law.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Postlude

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