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WE SHALL PREPARE

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Greeting – Presider



Penitential Act, Form A (Confiteor)

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.

Penitential Act, Form C

Lord Have Mercy	Or	Kyrie eleison
Christ Have Mercy		Christe eleison
Lord Have Mercy		Kyrie eleison

The Gloria is omitted during Advent Collect-Presider

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm PSALM 126: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS



1. When God set the captives of Zion free, we were more like children in a dream. Then you could hear our laughter and cheers; then you could hear our shouts of iov.

2. They said in amazement to the world, "Indeed, God has done great things for them." Truly our God has done great things, and so we are glad, we shout for joy.

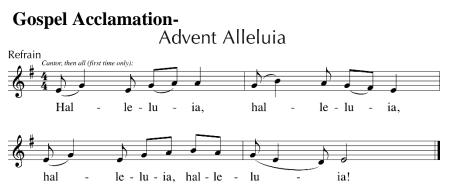
3. Restore all our fortunes, God of love, like rivers that save the desert lands. Those who have gone to sow in tears shall go back to reap with songs of joy.

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Reading II Phil 1:4-6. 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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



Verses

- 1. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
- 2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
- 3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
- 4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
- 5. I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Glory to you O Lord. Gospel <u>Lk 3:1-6</u>

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

Nicene Creed

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, (Bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (End Bow). 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 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 sin and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Or Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven an dearth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, (Bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (End Bow) 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST Universal Prayer: Please respond: *Lord hear our prayer.* Preparation of Gifts O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



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.

Invitation to Prayer (Response)

People: 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.

Preface Dialogue

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

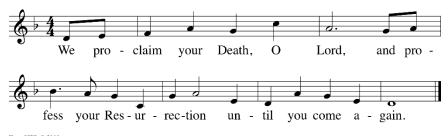


HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH



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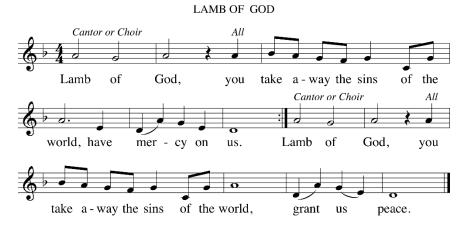


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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into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

The Priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.



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Communion Hymn Comfort, My People



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Recessional Hymn-

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