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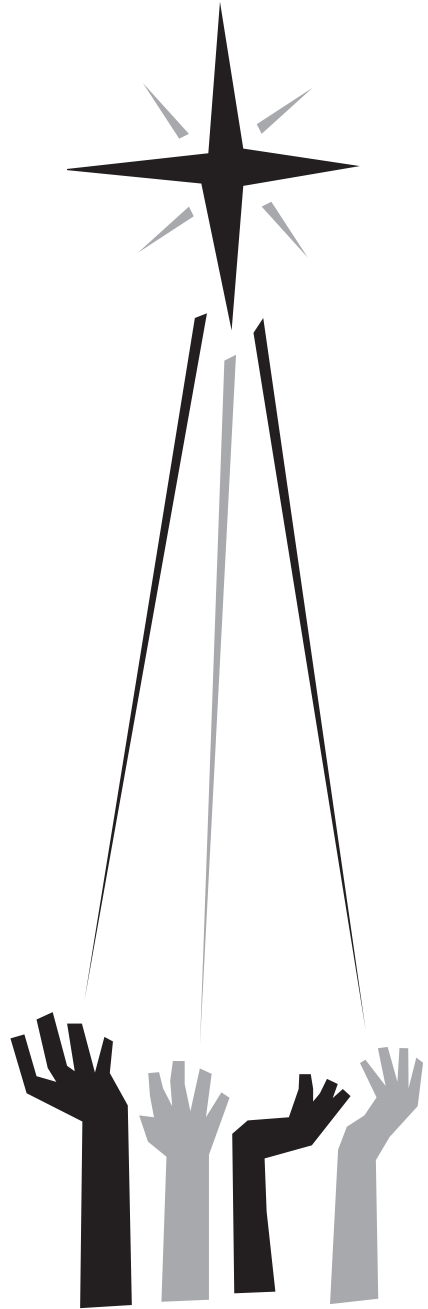
ADVENT II

YEAR A

*is a season that calls us to be quiet,
to empty ourselves,
to let go of things that are noisy and busy,
and to make room in our lives
for Emmanuel, God-with-us.*

*It is our custom to begin the Advent liturgies
in the O’Gara Gathering Space.*

*Together we seek God’s mercy, bless our wreath,
and welcome Christ’s light into our lives
and our world.*



Welcome

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate fully in the liturgy. If you are a guest or visitor, we thank you for joining us today and hope you will return often.

If you would like to become a member of our parish, please stop by the **Welcome and Registration** Table in the O'Gara Gathering Space. A parishioner will be there and happy to help you.

We warmly welcome the presence of children at Mass. If your little one needs extra attention during Mass, please feel free to step into the Gathering Space until they are ready to return to the assembly.

A **nursery** for children walking age to preschool age is available during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. liturgies. It is located in Room 106 of the school.

Seeds, Sunday morning prayer with 3,4 and 5 year olds, is celebrated during the 9 a.m. liturgy.

No-gluten reception of Communion, the Blood of Christ, is available for those receiving from the cup minister closest to the musicians first. Then all others may drink from that cup.

Low-gluten hosts are available upon requests from any bread minister. Low-gluten hosts are consecrated in a separate pyx.

INTRODUCTORY RITES FOR BAPTISM-NAMING AND SIGNING *Sunday 9 a.m.*

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PRESIDER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: Amen.

GREETING


PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT: "Kyrie" from Mass of Holy Longing


Kantor/Glover

Presider or cantor, then all:



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

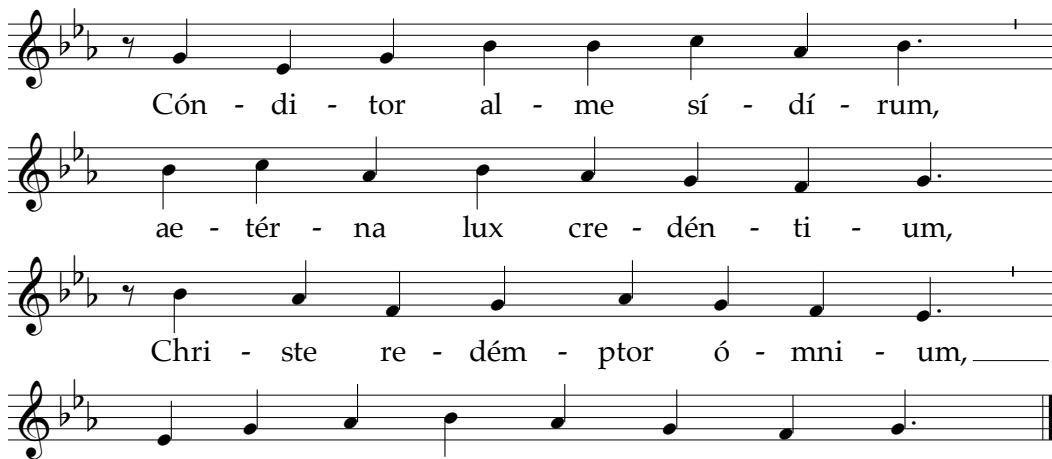
Presider or cantor: All:



A - men. A - men.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH WITH INCENSE

MUSIC: Conditor Alme



Cón - di - tor al - me sí - dí - rum,
ae - tér - na lux cre - dén - ti - um,
Chri - ste re - dém - ptor ó - mni - um,
ex - áu - di pre - ces súp - pli - cum.

The processional hymn is found on the next page.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night



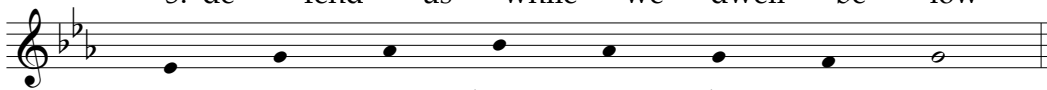
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,



1. your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2. should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3. you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4. all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5. re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;



1. O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2. you came, O Sav - ior, to set free
3. not as a mon - arch, but the child
4. all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5. de - fend us while we dwell be - low



1. we pray you hear us when we call.
2. your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
3. of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
4. like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. from all as - saults of our dread foe.

After all have entered, the final stanza on the next page is sung.

All bow

To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,

And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

All rise

Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

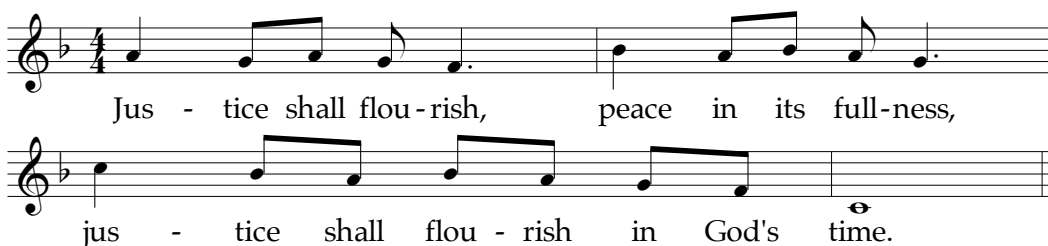
READING I

Response at the conclusion of the readings:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72: JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH



verse 1 O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that God may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

verse 2 In God's days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. God shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

verse 3 For God shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. God will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

verse 4 May God's name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed, all nations bless God's name.

READING II

Response at the conclusion of the readings:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia" from Mass of Holy Longing Kantor/Glover



GOSPEL

Dialogue at the beginning of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Response at the conclusion of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia is repeated after the response.

HOMILY Saturday Mass proceed to page 9 for the Nicene Creed

BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

BLESSING OF WATER

Refrain



ANOINTING WITH CHRISM
CLOTHING WITH WHITE GARMENT
THE LIGHTED CANDLE

Sung response while the newly baptized is presented to the community.



The musical notation is written on two staves in 2/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You _ have _ put on Christ, in him you have been bap - tized.

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

Proceed to the General Intercessions-page 9

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED *Saturday*

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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise) 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: Mass of Holy Longing

Cantor:
We pray to you, O God.

All:
God of all,
hear our prayer, grant us hope and peace.

The prayer concludes with:

Cantor:
A - - - men.

All:
A - - - men.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

verse 1 cantor, verse 2 women, verse 3 men, verse 4 all.



1. O an - cient love, pro - cess - ing through the ag - es:
2. O home - less love, that dwells a - mong the stran - ger:
3. O gen - tle love, car - ess - ing those in sor - row:
4. O suf - f'ring love, that bears our hu - man weak-ness:



O hid - den love, re - vealed in hu - man form:
O low - ly love, that knows the might - y's scorn:
O ten - der love, that com - forts those for - lorn:
O bound-less love, that ri - ses with the morn:



O pro-mised love, the dream of seers and sag - es:
O hun - gry love, that lay with - in a man - ger:
O hope - ful love, that prom - is - es to - mor - row:
O might - y love, con-cealed in in - fant meek-ness:



O liv-ing Love, with - in our hearts be born,



O liv-ing Love, with - in our hearts be born.

The presider may speak these words aloud:

PRESIDER: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread/wine we offer you:
fruit of the earth/vine and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life/our spiritual drink.

PEOPLE: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

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

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Mass of Holy Longing

Sanctus

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

All bow reverently with the presider as he genuflects.

Memorial Acclamation

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

Amen

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

Our Father

Our Fa-ther 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 those who
tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The musical score for 'Our Father' is written on six staves. It begins in 3/2 time and changes to 3/4 time at the end of the first line. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther 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 those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.'

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.

All:

For the king - dom, the — po - wer, and the
glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er.

The musical score for 'All: For the kingdom...' is written on two staves. It begins in 3/4 time. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the — po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er.'

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Two staves of music in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lamb of God' with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff contains the melody for 'have mer-cy on us. grant us peace' with a triplet of eighth notes. The music is in G major and 2/2 time.

Lamb of God__ you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us. grant__ us__ peace_____

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

TABLE SONG: Come to Us, Emmanuel

Light/Tate

Verses 1-4

Two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Cantor (2 measures) and All (4 measures). The second staff is for the Cantor (5 measures) and All (4 measures). The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

Cantor: 2 All: Come to us, Em - man-u - el.
Cantor: 5 All: Come and set us free! To Refrain

Refrain

Two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Refrain (4 measures). The second staff is for the Refrain (4 measures). The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

Come to us, Em-man-u-el, come and set us free!
Come to us, Em-man-u-el, come and set us free!_____

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

PRESIDER: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING FORTH: Prepare, Prepare

Pishner

Pre-pare! Pre-pare the way of the Lord.

Pre-pare! Pre-pare the way of the Lord, Oh, _____

Pre-pare! Pre-pare the way of the Lord. The

Lord our God in com-ing soon. Oh, _____

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