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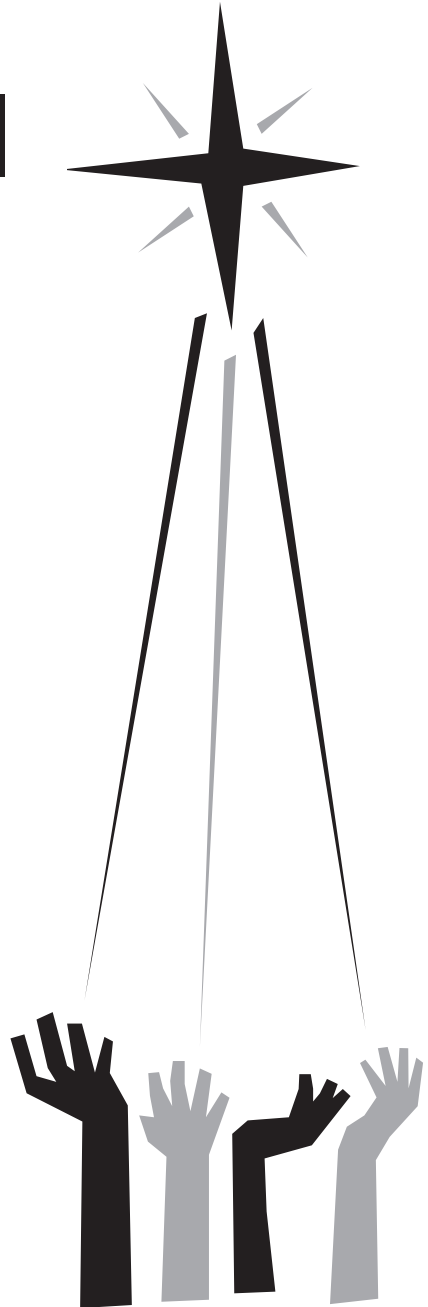
ADVENT III

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children, is offered during the 9 a.m. Mass. School-age children, 6 and older, are invited. The children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the full assembly. Registration is not required.

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 *Saturday*

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

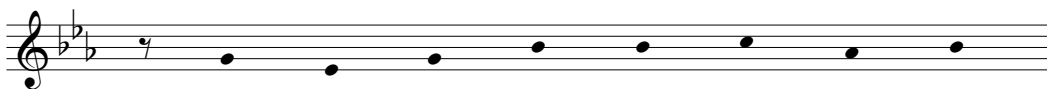


Cón - di - tor al - me sí - dí - rum,
ae - tér - na lux cre - dén - ti - um,
Chri - ste re - dém - ptor ó - mni - um,
ex - áu - di pre - ces súp - pli - cum.

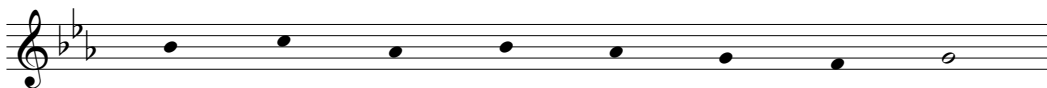
The processional hymn is found on the next page.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night



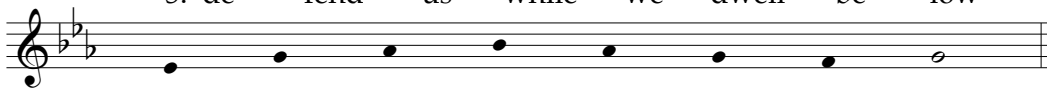
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,



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

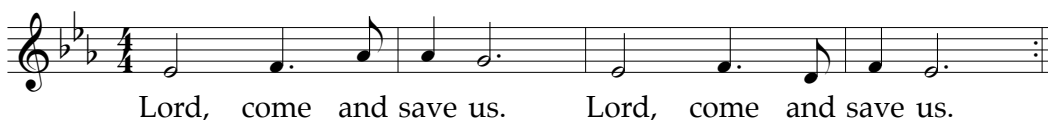
Response at the conclusion of the readings:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24: LORD, COME AND SAVE US

PAUL TATE



verse 1 It is the Lord who preserved fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is the Lord who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

verse 2 The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

verse 3 The Lord uphold the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, the God of Sion from age to age.

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 *Sunday 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 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end. 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 *Sunday*

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

Come, Dear Christ

Joe Gryskiewicz/Dan Kantor



- Cantor*—1. Come, dear Christ, your world a - waits.
All—2. Morn - ing Star with dia - mond fire,
Low Voices—3. O - pen heav'ns and rain down dew.
Choir—4. Si - lent in the Vir - gin's womb,
All—5. Come, dear Christ, with ten - der care,



1. Speak a - loud in - car - nate — Word.
 2. shine in ra - diance through our — night.
 3. Show - er jus - tice on the — earth.
 4. God in full di - vin - i - ty,
 5. here in ea - ger hearts to — dwell.



1. Long - ing earth an - tic - i - pates:
 2. Ur - gent now with hope's de - sire
 3. Parched and trou - bled lands, re - new
 4. come to fill each lone - ly room
 5. An - swer now our Ad - vent prayer:



1. let your cry for peace be heard.
 2. yearn - ing peo - ples seek your light.
 3. by a right - eous Sav - ior's birth.
 4. by your blest na - tiv - i - ty.
 5. come to us, Em - man - u - el.

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 with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Lamb of God ____ you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer-cy on us. ____

Final Time

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: Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Kathy Powell

Ma - ra - na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a -

wait - ed from a - far. Come and make your home a -

mong us. Let us see your birth - ing star.

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: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Marty Haugen

All—1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn,
Low Voices—2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear,
High Voices—3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be,
All—4. Re - jice, re - jice, take heart in the night,

1. for an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, — sing
2. Em - man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, — his
3. when all the world is de - spair - ing, — as
4. though dark the win - ter and cheer - less, — the

1. out your joy, for soon he is born, be -
2. hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet
3. morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so
4. ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be



1. hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a
2. fills the earth with its ring - ing; Mu - sic to
3. warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the
4. strong and lov - ing and fear - less; Love be our



1. ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
2. heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing
3. mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
4. song and love our prayer, and love, our end - less



1. geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door
2. kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll
3. won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong,
4. sto - ry, may God fill ev - 'ry day we share,



1. and lives now in - side us for ev - er. _____
2. to shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness. _____
3. and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der. _____
4. and bring us at last in - to glo - ry. _____

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