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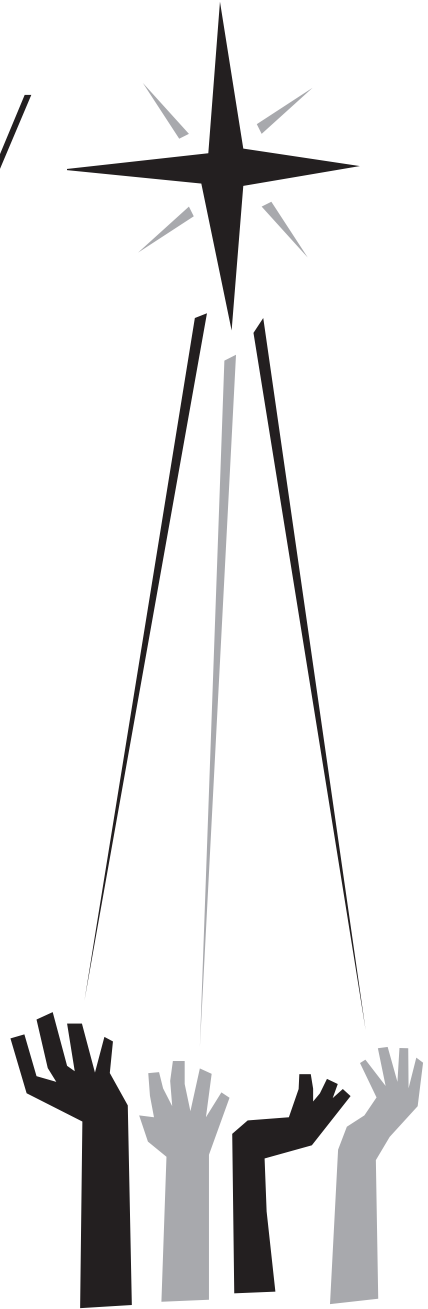
# ADVENT IV

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.

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

## GREETING

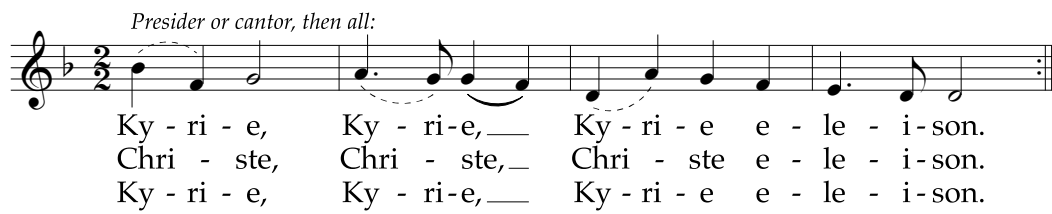
PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT: "Kyrie" from Mass of Holy Longing

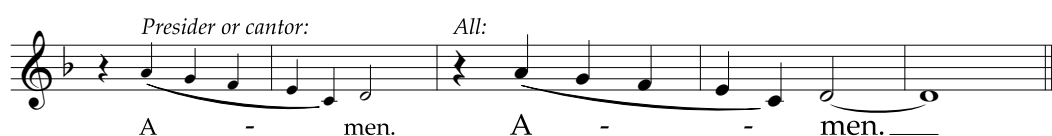
Kantor/Glover

*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



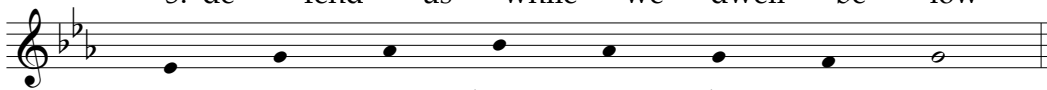
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,



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: LET THE KING OF GLORY COME IN

Psallite

The Lord, the Lord is the king of glo - ry:  
let the king of glo - ry come in.  
*After every line of the verse, all sing:*  
...let the king of glo - ry come in.

*verse 1 O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. response: Let the king of glory come in.*

*verse 2 Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the strong, the mighty. response: Let the king of glory come in.*

*verse 3 Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the king victorious. response: Let the king of glory come in.*

*verse 4 O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. response: Let the king of glory come in.*

*verse 5 Who is this king of glory? The Holy one of Israel. response: Let the king of glory come in.*

*verse 6 Who is this king of glory? This is the king of glory! response: Let the king of glory come in.*

## 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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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 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 Unexpected and Mysterious  
Rob Glover



1. Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious Is the  
2. In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing Of e -  
3. We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry And a -



1. gen - tle word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus -  
2. ter - ni - ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would  
3. wait the com - ing Christ, To em - bod - y God's com -



1. tain - ing is the peace of God's em - brace.  
2. car - ry Both the mor - tal and di - vine.  
3. pas - sion For each frag - ile hu - man life.



1. If we fal - ter in our cour - age And we  
2. Then she learned of God's com - pas - sion, Of E -  
3. God is with us in our long - ing To bring



1. doubt what we have known, God is faith - ful to con -  
2. liz - a - beth's great joy, And she ran to greet the  
3. heal - ing to the earth, While we watch with joy and



1. sole us As a moth - er tends her own.  
2. wom - an Who would rec - og - nize her boy.  
3. won - der For the pro - mised Sav - ior's birth.

*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 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 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). 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 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## COMMUNION RITE

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy 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: Come to Us, Emmanuel

Light/Tate

## Verses 1-4

*Cantor:* **2** *All:*

*Cantor:* **5** *All:* *To Refrain*

Come to us, Em - man-u - el.

**Refrain**

Come and set us free!

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

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

# SENDING FORTH: Canticle of the Turning


Rory Cooney

## Verses


1. My \_\_\_\_\_ soul cries out with a joy - ful  
 2. Though \_\_\_\_\_ I am small, my \_\_\_\_\_ God, my  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from \_\_\_\_\_ age to

1. shout that the God of my heart is great, and my  
 2. all, you \_\_\_\_\_ work great \_\_\_\_\_ things in me, and your  
 3. tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the  
 4. age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast: God's \_\_\_\_\_


1. spir - it \_\_\_\_\_ sings of the won - drous things that you  
 2. mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the  
 3. king be - ware for your jus - tice \_\_\_\_\_ tears ev - 'ry  
 4. mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ must de - liv - er \_\_\_\_\_ us from the




1. bring to the ones who wait. You fix your sight  
 2. end of the age to be. Your ver - y name  
 3. ty - rant from his throne. The hun - gry poor  
 4. con - quer's crush - ing grasp. The sav - ing word



1. on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you  
 2. puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
 3. shall weep no more, for the food they can  
 4. that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which




1. did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 2. for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 3. nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 4. holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be

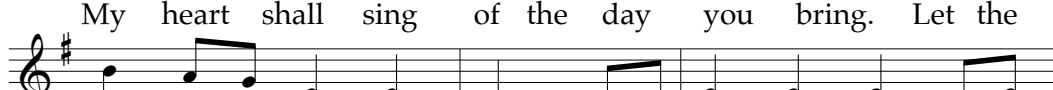


1. name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 2. strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 3. mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 4. crushed by God who is turn - ing the world a - round.

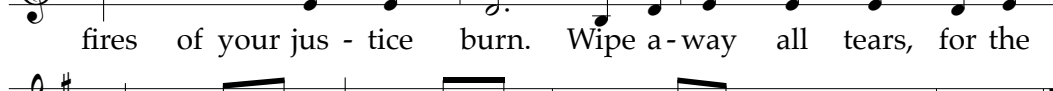
#### Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a-way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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