

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put
to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to
shame.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hark! a herald voice is calling;
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven.

So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then as our Defender
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

OR

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28th November 2021

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the
sinner: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray,
almighty God, the resolve to run forth
to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the
heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

FIRST READING

33:14-16

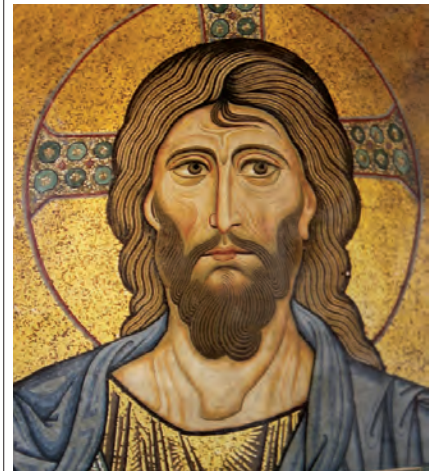
**A reading from the prophet
Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming - it is the
Lord who speaks - when I am going to
fulfil the promise I made to the House
of Israel and the House of Judah:
"In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for
David,
who shall practise honesty and
integrity in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be
called:

The Lord-our-integrity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps. 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R v1***R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and
will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING**3:12-4:2****A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Thessalonians**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND**ACCLAMATION***Ps84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****21:25-28.34-36**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke.
Glorify to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

"Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung upon you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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,
(All bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**SIT****LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****Raising the host, the priest says:**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

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

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



STAND

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

PREFACE I of Advent

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,

we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world,

and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, and N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE**STAND**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in
the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
grant us peace.**

◆ KNEEL ◆

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

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.

And together with the people he says once:

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

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of
Christ.*

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:
May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it
to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 84: 13*

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its
increase.**

COMMUNION HYMN

*R: Wait for the Lord, his day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take
heart!*

**Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make a straight path for him. R.**

**The glory of the Lord
shall be revealed. R.**

All the earth will see the Lord. R.

**Rejoice in the Lord always:
he is at hand. R.**

**Seek first the kingdom of God,
seek and you shall find. R.**

**Joy and gladness for all
who seek the Lord. R.**

Prepare the way of the Lord. R.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

My Jesus, present in my soul,
I thank you for the way in which you
gradually prepared the minds of men
and women for your coming.
Help me to stay awake,
to watch and pray at all times,
so that I may have the strength to
survive all the trials of life.
Confirm my heart in holiness
so that at your coming
I may be blameless in the sight of God
the Father, and so stand with
confidence, holding my head high,
because my redemption, my
liberation, is near.

◆ STAND ◆

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray, for even now, as
we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the
things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

◆ STAND ◆

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing – Advent

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed
your faith
in the First Coming of his Only
Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's
Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.
Amen

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.
Amen

So that you, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich
reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.
Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, come down on
you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Arise, Jerusalem, city of God our
Saviour,
For now the time has come to robe
yourself in splendour.
Come forth, dressed in fine gold,
your crown shining like sunbeams,
put on your cloak of peace,
gather the poor beneath its folds.**

*R. Put on your cloak of peace,
Gather the poor beneath its folds.*

**Arise, Jerusalem, come all you men
and women,
The promised time has come.
Here God has made his dwelling.
And you, children of light,
must leave all that is darkness.
Arise, your light has come.
Shout your cry of gladness.**

*R. Arise your light has come.
Shout out your song of gladness.*