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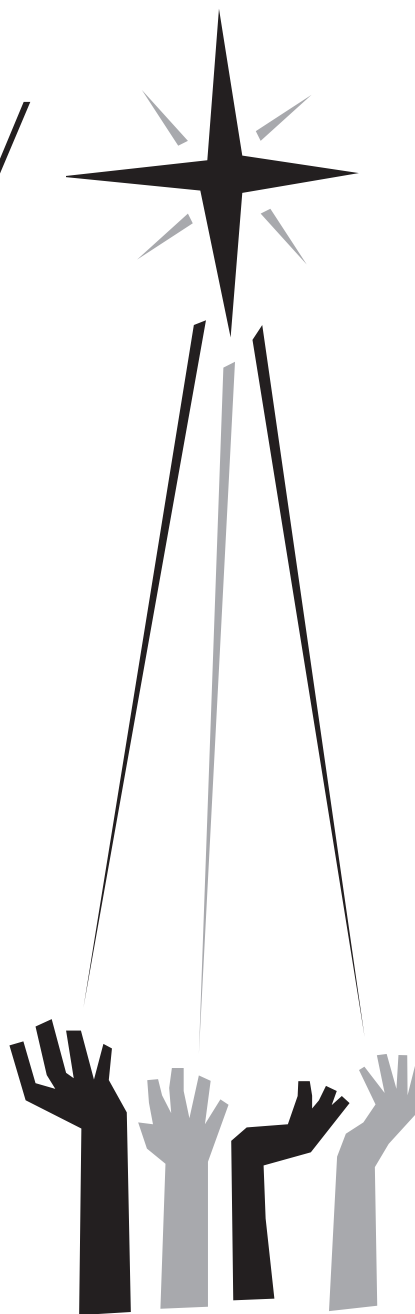
ADVENT IV

YEAR C

*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.

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

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT: "Kyrie" from Mass of Hope

Kantor/Glover

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.

A - men. A - men.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH WITH INCENSE

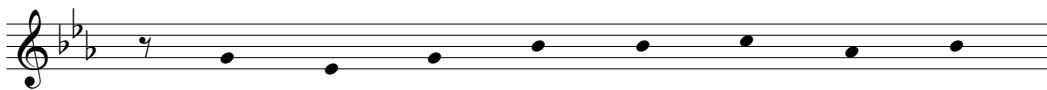
Music: Conditor Alme

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



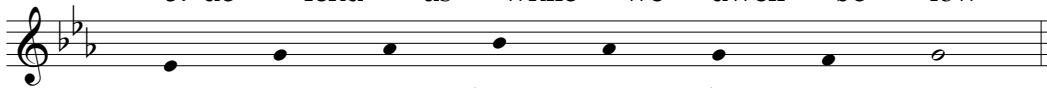
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,



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 80: LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU

Paul Tate

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

verse 1 O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse up your might and come to save us.

verse 2 God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted, Those you have claimed for yourself.

verse 3 May your hand be on the one at your right hand, those you have confirmed as your own. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your 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 Hope

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 Luke

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 APOSTLE’S CREED


I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, (all rise)
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.


GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: Mass of Hope

Cantor:



We pray to you, O God.

All:



Hear our prayer, healing God, 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 text by
Jeannette M. Lindholm Tune: DOMHNACH TRIONOIDE arr. by 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.

Along with bread and wine and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we offer financial gifts to our church and our God. If you'd like to contribute to Saint Thomas the Apostle using your credit card or debit card, please use our Giving Kiosk in the gathering space after Mass today.

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.

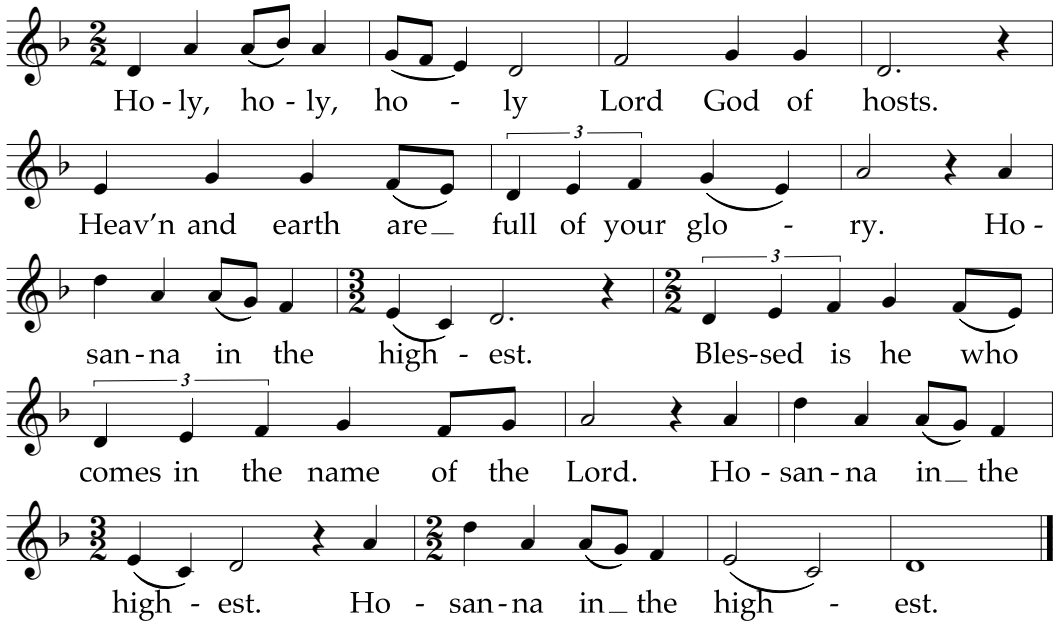
PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

PEOPLE: It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Mass of Hope

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.

Our Father

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, hal-lowed 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.

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Musical score for 'Lamb of God' in G major, 2/2 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for 'Lamb of God'. The second staff contains the melody for 'have mercy on us' and 'grant us peace'. The score includes a 'To repeat' section with a triplet of eighth notes and a 'Last time' section.

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

Musical score for 'Come To Us, Emmanuel' in G major, 4/4 time. The score is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All:'. The 'Cantor' part includes a 2-measure rest and a 5-measure rest. The 'All:' part contains the lyrics 'Come to us, Em-man-u-el.' and 'Come and set us free!'. The score ends with 'To Refrain'.

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

Refrain

Musical score for the Refrain of 'Come To Us, Emmanuel' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Come to us, Em-man-u-el, come and set us free!'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Come to us, Em-man-u-el, come and set us free!'. The score ends with a long horizontal line.

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: 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



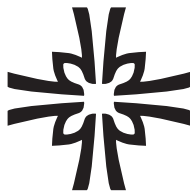
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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