

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
 We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Be - hold, a Vir-gin shall con-ceive and bear a son;

and his name will be called Em-man - u - el.

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 Tune: Russell Weismann, © 2014, GIA Publications, Inc.

(Choir - 10:30 a.m.)

Alma Redemptoris Mater
 arr. Alvez Barkoskie IV (b.1986)

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes,
et stella maris,
succurre cadenti
surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore
sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
 who remains the open gateway of heaven
 and star of the sea,
 help your falling people
 who strive to rise again:
 You who, while nature marveled,
 bore your holy Creator:
 Virgin before and after,
 receiving that "Ave"
 from the mouth of Gabriel,
 have mercy on us sinners.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, Divine Messiah

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et

waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
 long fore-told, Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -

sad - ness flee a - way. Dear Sav - ior,
 deem the long - lost fold.

haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the

night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of

grace. O come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The

world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its

tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877
 Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.

Please join us for
SUNG VESPERS
 This Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
 Music by the Cathedral Schola



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THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 DECEMBER 2025

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 (Choir) 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the law,
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

(Choir) 6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

(All strike their breast as they say:)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *Assembly:* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be found at #1010 in the Worship hymnal.

READING I

Isaiah 7:10-14

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.

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READING II

Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38

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

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Music: Colin Mawby, © 1970

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

HOMILY

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 at these two 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be,
3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame.
Whom ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly.
"To me be as it pleas - es God," she said.
In Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn.

"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol; para. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.
Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, 10 10 12 10; Basque carol

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.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

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GREAT AMEN

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

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