


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.

Text: Isaiah 7:14; *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL
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(Schola - 10:30 a.m.)

All Earth is Hopeful
David M. Cherwien (b.1957)

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set everybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him "God with us," our brother,
whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear every gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We shall we Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus so soon will come to live in our world;
come be present, in neighbors we see
O Jesus be with us, and ever set us free.

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.



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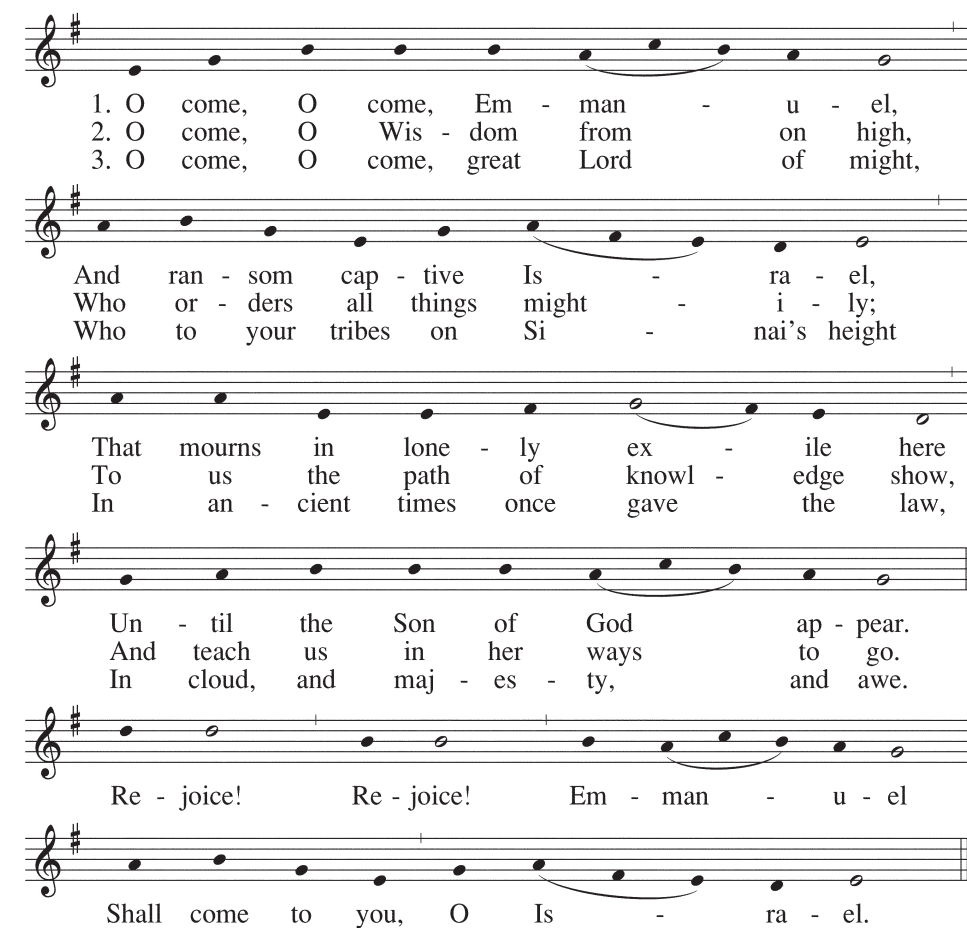
*We welcome especially all of our guests or visitors who are joining us this weekend.
Please know that you are always welcome at the Cathedral.*

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,
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
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the law,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be found at #1011 in the Worship hymnal.

READING I

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,2 9



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READING II

Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.

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GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

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*



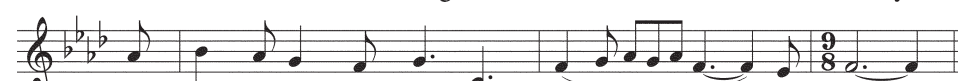
1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be,
3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



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.



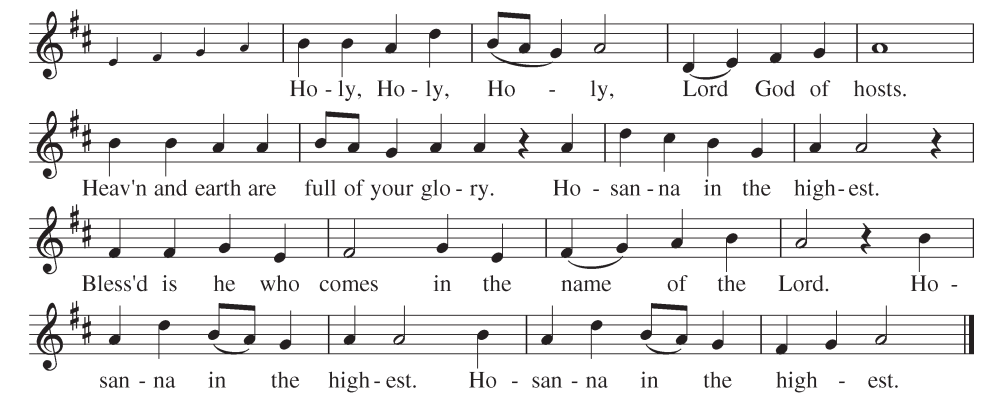
"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



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

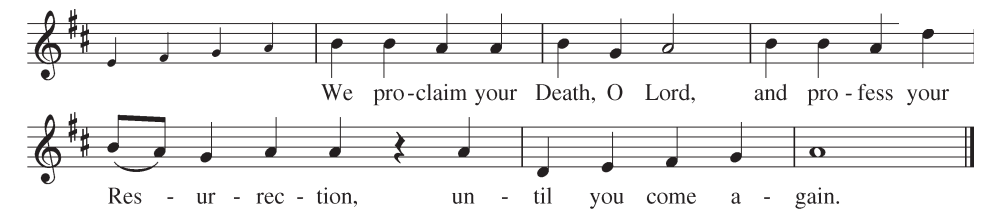
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Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, 10 10 12 10; Basque carol

SANCTUS



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MYSTERY OF FAITH



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GREAT AMEN



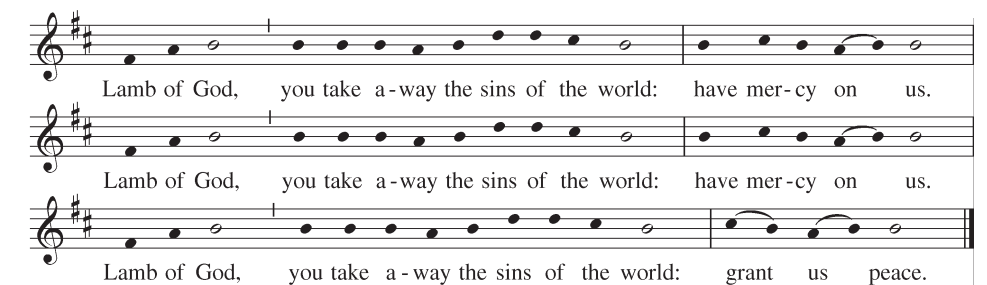
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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI



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