



CELEBRATION *of the* EUCHARIST



The Annunciation,
Fra Angelico (1433-34)

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 24, 2023

*The Order of Mass may be found in Journeysongs at no. 140.
Lectionary Readings may be found in Journeysongs at no. 868.
In preparation for Mass, please silence all cell phones and other devices.*

PRELUDE

5:30 PM **Maranatha**, choir

G. Chiusano

INTRODUCTORY RITES



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (11:30 AM)

Rorate caeli desuper,
et nubes pluant justum.
Aperiatur terra
et germinet Salvatorem.

cf. Isaiah 45:8; chant, Mode I

*O heavens, drop down dew from above,
and from the clouds let rain the Just One.
The earth will be opened
and give birth to the Savior.*

ENTRANCE SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, 274, vv. 1, 6, & 7 VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Advent Penitential Act

T. Lewicki

[Invocation] Lord, have mer - cy.

[Invocation] Christ, have mer - cy.

[Invocation] Lord, have mer - cy.

COLLECT

LITURGY of the WORD



FIRST READING

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

The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

For - ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your
faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established for ever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. *℟*

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations." *℟*

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever will I maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm." *℟*

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

*The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 1:23

Cantor first time, then all*The virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and they shall name him Emmanuel.***GOSPEL**

Luke 1:26-38

*Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.***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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

*All
bow.*

**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*Our response is, **Come, O Lord, and set us free.***

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



PREPARATION of the ALTAR and the GIFTS

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, 280

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

11:30 AM **There Is No Rose**

S. Caracciolo (b. 1962)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heavn' and earth in little space,
Resmiranda.

[marvelous thing]

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Pares forma.

[equal in form]

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus.

[let us go]

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Gaudeamus.

[let us rejoice]

Text: anonymous, ca. 1420

PRAYER over the OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Amen



COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN of PEACE

THE BREAKING of the BREAD

Advent Lamb of God, 271

K. Keil



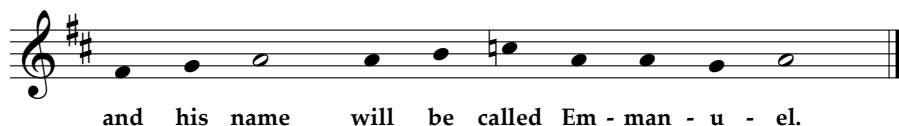
MUSIC during the COMMUNION PROCESSION

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Isaiah 7:14

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

Cantor first time, then all



Creator of the Stars of Night, 290

CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

11:30 AM Ave Maria

J. Arcadelt (c. 1507-1568)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu. Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary pray for us.

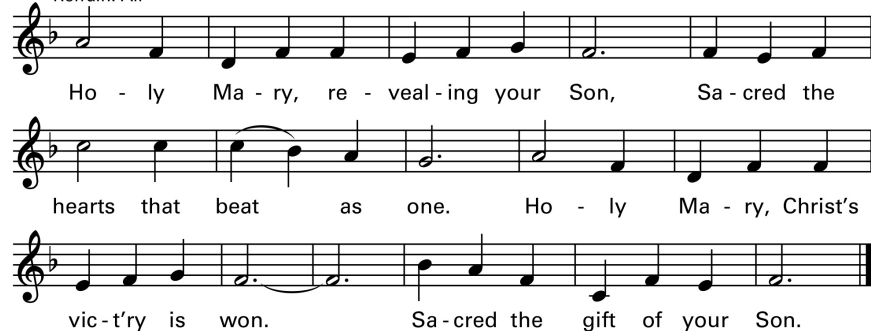
5:30 PM Bread of Life, 788 (Advent verses)

B. Farrell

5:30 PM Holy Mary, Revealing Your Son

R. Manalo, CSP

Refrain: All



PRAYER after COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

People, Look East, 297

5:30 PM **Let the King of Glory Come, 285**

BESANÇON

M. Joncas



Christmas 2023

Mass Schedule



Sun., Dec. 24	4:00	PM	English (Church)
	4:15	PM	English (PAC)
	4:30	PM	English (Metz Middle School)
	6:00	PM	English (Church)
	8:00	PM	Spanish (Church)
Mon., Dec. 25	12:00	MIDNIGHT	English (Church)*
	7:30	AM	English (Church)
	9:30	AM	English (Church)
	11:30	AM	English (Church)*
	1:30	PM	Spanish (Church)*
	3:30	PM	Spanish (Church)

***N.B.** The Midnight Mass and 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM Christmas Day Masses will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. There are no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

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