



## CELEBRATION *of the* EUCHARIST



*Angel Appears to Joseph,*  
woodcarving in the choir stalls,  
Cathedral of Amiens, France  
(1508-19)

### Fourth Sunday *of* Advent



**December 21, 2025**

*The Order of Mass may be found in Journeysongs at no. 140.  
Lectionary Readings may be found in Journeysongs at no. 867.  
In preparation for Mass, please silence all cell phones and other devices.*

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**R**orate 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, 4 & 5** 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

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive.*

Isaiah 7:10-14

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24:1-6

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

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers. *℟*

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain. *℟*

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. *℟*

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

*Jesus Christ, descended from David, is the Son of God.*

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

Matthew 1:18-24

*Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

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 **Ecce virgo concipiet**

Cristobal de Morales (1500-1553)

**E**cce virgo concipiet,  
et pariet filium:  
et vocabitur nomen ejus,  
Admirabilis, Deus fortis.  
Super solium David,  
et super regnum ejus,  
sedebit in aeternum.

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called:  
Wonderful, Mighty God.  
Over the throne of David, and  
over his kingdom, he will reign  
in eternity.*

Text: Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 9:5

## 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

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

## 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 (11:30)

Isaiah 7:14

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

5:30 PM **Bread of Life, 788**

B. Farrell

*Advent vv. 1 & 2, then regular vv. 1-5*

**Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive**

R. Weismann

*Cantor first time, then all*



**Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming, 302** ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSRUPNGEN

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.*

PRAYER after COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



BLESSING and DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

**People, Look East, 297**

BESANÇON

5:30 PM **Emmanuel, 299**

S. Angrisano



## Christmas 2025

### Mass Schedule



**Wed., 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)

**Thurs., 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 confessions on Wednesday, December 24.*



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