



DECEMBER 14, 2025
3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Advent ✨ at Christ the King

7:30 AM

Cantor
and Organ

9:00 AM

Cathedral Preparatory
Choir and Organ

10:30 AM

Cathedral Voices
and Organ

12:00 PM

Cathedral Choir
and Organ

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 5-7



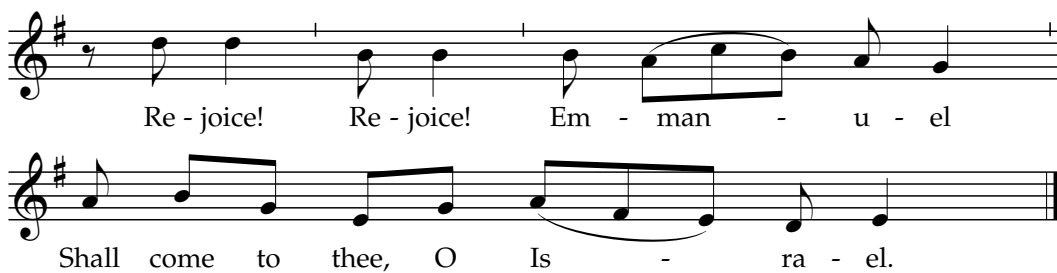
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy
4. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



1. cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
2. all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
3. tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
4. Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny That trust thy might - y
5. wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
6. by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
7. hearts of all man - kind; Bid thou our sad di -



1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. give the law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
4. pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
5. leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
6. clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7. vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our King of peace.



Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.
Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, and others

Chant, Mode I

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,

And, striking your chest, say:

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

Then continue:

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.

Priest:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life. Amen.

or:

Kyrie eleison.

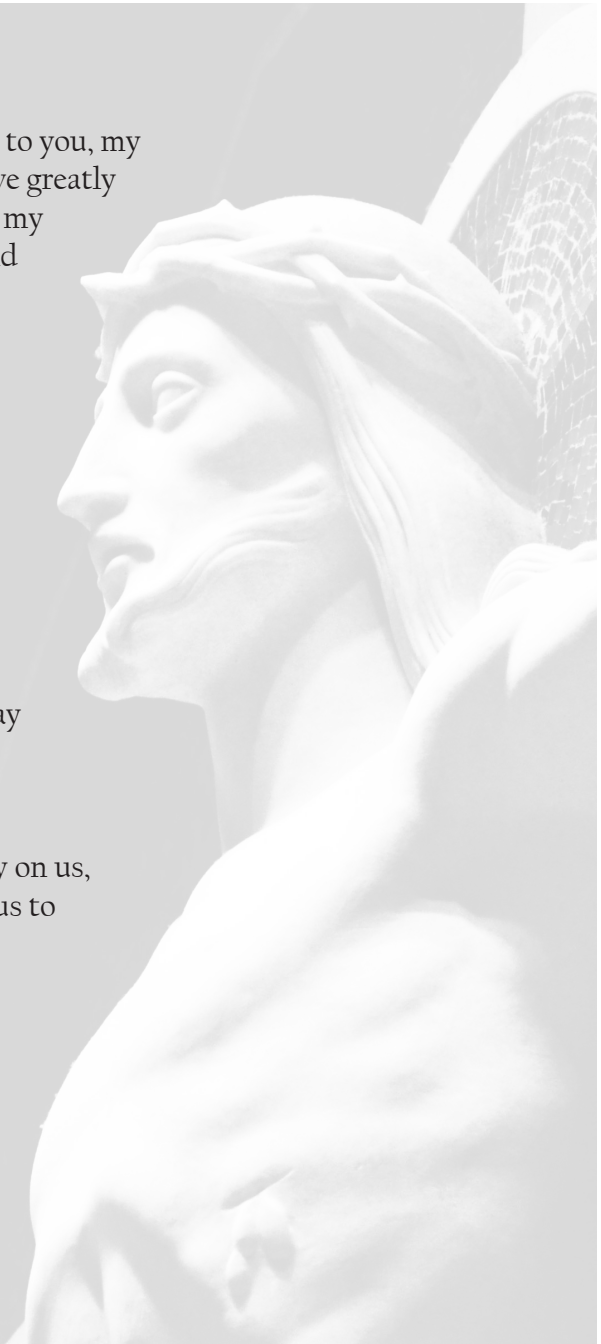
Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.



Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us.

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The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free. R.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were
bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;

the LORD protects strangers. R.

The fatherless and the widow he
sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all
generations. R.

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord

is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1



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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the

poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine

clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way

before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

If the Archbishop is present, please remain standing after the Gospel.

Homily

Symbol of Faith | 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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

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



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art:
3. Born thy peo - ple to de-liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king,
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, Gotha, 1715
Adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

9:00 AM | Cathedral Preparatory Choir *Nova, Nova*, Michael Bedford

The angel, Gabriel by name,
unto the Virgin Mary came,
with joyful news unto the same.
Nova! Nova! Tidings of salvation.

Then said the angel, “Do not fear,
I bring glad news for you to hear:
You will bring forth God’s Son so dear.”
Nova! Nova! Tidings of salvation.

Then Mary looked unto the sky:
“Be as it pleases God on high,
whose name my soul shall magnify.”
Nova! Nova! Tidings of salvation.

By her the Christ Child comes to earth,
In Bethlehem to have his birth;
let all the world be filled with mirth!
Nova! Nova! Tidings of salvation.

10:30 AM | Cathedral Voices *Thee We Adore*, Thomas Aquinas

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to all doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be!

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

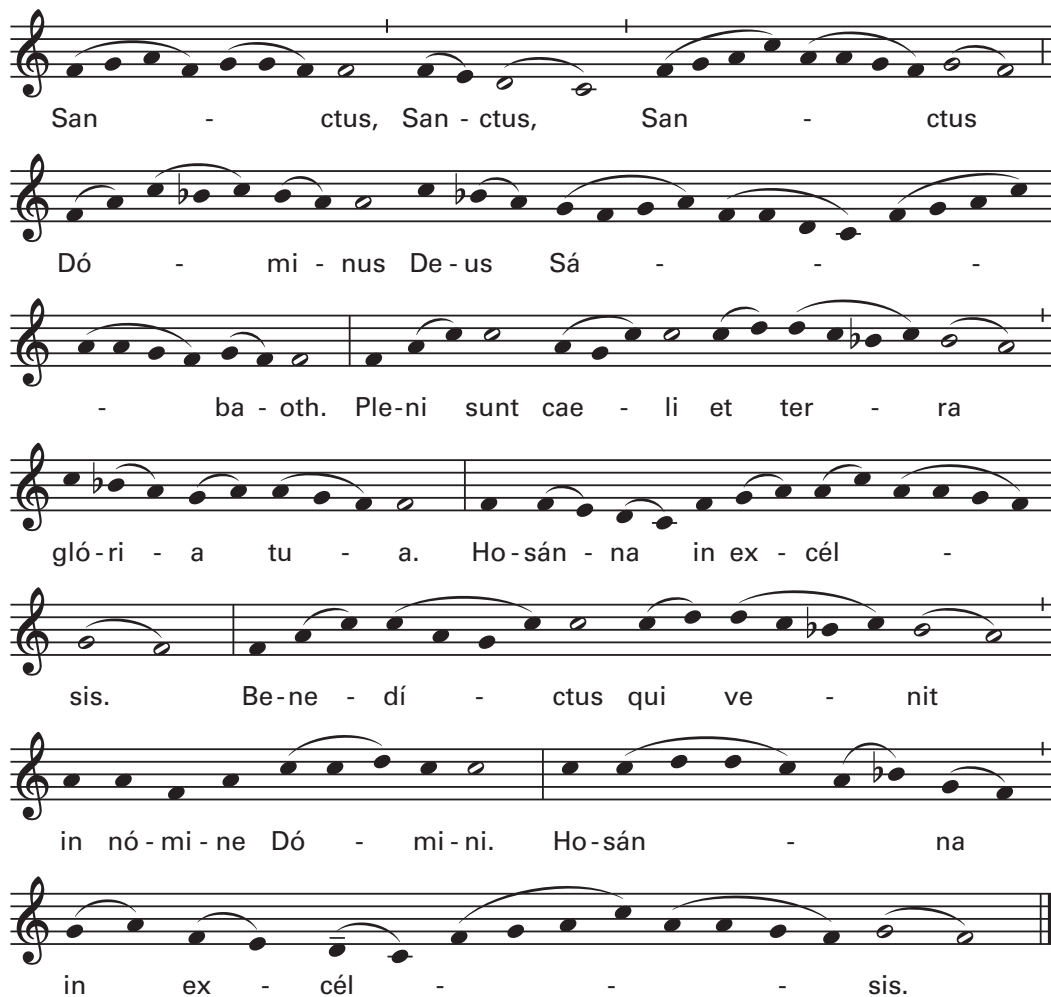
12:00 PM | Cathedral Choir *E'en So, Lord Jesus*, Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

Invitation to Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Sanctus



San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus

Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - - -

- ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra

gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé -

sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit

in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cé - - - sis.

Text and music: *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

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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Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta



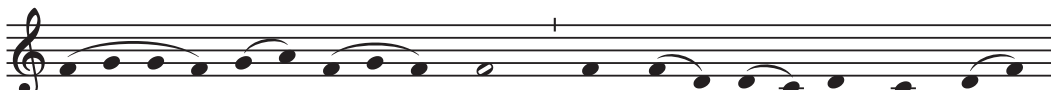
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A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta



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9:00 AM | Cathedral Preparatory Choir *God Be in My Head*, Carol McClure

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking; God be in all of me.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at my end.

Communion Antiphon Say to the Faint of Heart

Isaiah 35:4

Russell Weismann



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THE CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting

Recessional Hymn On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry heart from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, And
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, Whose



1. noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -
3. ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out thy grace we
4. bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let thy
5. ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad ti - dings of the King of kings.
2. pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
4. light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5. we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

Charles Coffin, 1676–1749

Tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.

Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Melody adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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