

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: Come, Lord! Maranatha (Come Now, Emmanuel)

**Come to us, O Emmanuel!
Come ransom Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here.
The Son of God soon will appear!**

**COME, NOW, EMMANUEL!
COME AND BRING US YOUR PEACE.
COME, NOW, EMMANUEL!
COME TO US SET US FREE.
COME, NOW, AND BRING US YOUR PEACE.**

**Come now, O Wisdom, from on high;
show us our failures and flaws.
Come to us now, O Lord of might!
Come to us, bring us your law!**

**Come now, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
power is yours alone.
Come now, O Key of David, come.
Open your heavenly home!**

**Come now, O Dayspring from on high.
Make all the dark clouds decrease.
Come to us, O Desire of nations.
Be now our Prince of Peace.**

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Sending of the Children: Word of God (9:00am Mass Only)

**Word of God, renew your children,
make them now your living sign.
Recreate them for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm 80: Bring us Back, O Lord

**Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

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Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Greeting: Advent Gospel Greeting (Wright)

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

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Dismissal of the Catechumens (10:30 a.m. Mass):

**May the word of God strengthen you.
May the word of God nourish you.
May the word of God comfort you all your life.**

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Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

By ancient tradition of the Church this popular Advent hymn, a setting of what is known as the 'O Antiphons', is sung during the last seven days of Advent. Today, we stop at the verse assigned to the 19th of December. On Christmas Eve we shall sing all the verses!

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL
SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL!**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
who ord'rest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
from ev'ry foe deliver them
that trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave**

*Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Cantionum
Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890.*

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: There is a longing (Quigley)

**BREAD THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS, O LORD,
FOR YOU TO REVEAL YOURSELF TO US.
THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS
FOR LOVE WE ONLY FIND IN YOU, OUR GOD.**

**For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Post Communion Song: Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge)

When the darkness closes in,
Come, Lord Jesus!
Courage fails and hopes grow dim.
Lord Jesus, come!
Clear the shadows from our sight;
set our troubled world aright.
Fill our eyes with radiant light.
Lord Jesus, come!

Wise and foolish, still we wait.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Is our Bridegroom at the gate?
Lord Jesus, come!
At his voice, our hearts have stirred,
list'ning for his healing word,
Confident our cries are heard.
Lord Jesus, come!

Come to us, O living Lord,
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come with justice like a sword.
Lord Jesus, come!
Come in word with wine and bread;
come again that we poor be fed.
Raise your servants from the dead.
Lord Jesus, come!

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CONCLUDING RITE

Closing Song: Soon and Very Soon

**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the king (3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the king**

**No more crying there
We are going to see the king (3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the king**

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Organ Recessional: Advent Chorale Prelude 4 (JS Bach)

Schubler Chorale Prelude: Sleepers, awake!

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

**Friday 12/24 Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm, 8pm & 11pm
Saturday 12/25 Christmas Day: 7:30, 9am, 10:30 & 12
Sunday 12/26 Holy Family: 7:30, 9am, 10:30, 12 & 5.30pm**

CHILDREN'S (9am) or ADULT (10:30am) CHOIRS

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