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# Advent Mass



'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

***Luke 3:16***

**PLEASE STAND**

## **Opening Hymn**

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 Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of Hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times did'st give the Law,  
In cloud, and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **Welcome**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with your Spirit.**

## **Penitential Rite**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart, Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners, Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us,  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

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## **First Reading**

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to  
fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm** | Isaiah 12

**R/ Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R/**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R/**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R/**

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** | Luke 4:18

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** | Luke 3:10-18

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you O Lord.**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **Bidding Prayers**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

**PLEASE STAND**

**PLEASE SIT**

## **Offertory Hymn**

**From heaven you came helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live**

***This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King***

**There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said**

**Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered**

**So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving**

**PLEASE STAND**

## **Invitation to Prayer**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right and just.**

## **Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Lord God of Hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**hosanna, in the highest, hosanna, in the highest.**

**PLEASE SIT**

## **Memorial Acclamation**

The mystery of faith:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection, until you come again,**

**until you come again.**

## **Doxology**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

**PLEASE STAND**

At the Saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses;  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.**

## Sign of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles,  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your Spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

**PLEASE SIT**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## **Holy Communion**

*If you are Catholic and have made your First Holy Communion, come to receive the Host with your hands outstretched one on top of the other.*

*At the words, "Body of Christ", you respond, "**Amen**".*

*For those who have not made their first communion, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest and you will receive a blessing.*

*At this part of the Mass we receive the body of Jesus in the form of bread. After you have received communion or blessing sit quietly and pray or join in with the communion hymn.*

## Communion Hymn

*We are one body, one body in Christ;  
and we do not stand alone.*

*We are one body, one body in Christ;  
and he came that we might have life.*

1. When you eat my body and you drink my blood,  
I will live in you and you will live in my love.  
When you eat my body and you drink my blood,  
I will live in you and you will live in my love.

2. Can you hear them crying, can you feel their pain?  
Will you feed my hungry, will you help my lame?  
See the unborn baby, the forgotten one,  
they are not forsaken, they are not unloved.

3. I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
I am the Final Sacrifice,  
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
he who believes in me will have eternal life.

4. I have come, your Saviour, that you might have life,  
through the tears and sorrow, through the toils and strife.  
Listen when I call you, for I know your need,  
come to me, your shepherd, for my flock I feed.

5. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bend;  
Jesus is the Lord and he will come again.  
At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bend;  
Jesus is the Lord and he will come again.

**PLEASE STAND**

## Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us  
for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"**

***Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new born King!"***

**Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth**



**Stay with us Lord on our Journey**