

COMMUNION HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er thou shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 4. Of her, Em - ma - nu - el, the Christ, was born In

1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 2. gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - - or thee, Thy
 3. me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My
 4. Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And

1. hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Mar - - y." "Most
 2. Son shall be Em - ma - nu - el, by seers fore - told."
 3. soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 4. Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - - - ri - a!

Text: *Birjina gazetto bat zegoen*, trad. Basque; Tr. Sabine Baring-Gould. Melody: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, 10.10.12.10; Trad. Basque carol.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, / we
 pray, almighty God, / that, as the feast day of our salvation
 draws ever nearer, / so we may press forward all the more

eagerly / to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your
 Son's Nativity. / Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Mary, Blessed Virgin Pure

1. O Mar - y, bless - ed Vir - gin pure, Re - ceive with - in your spot - less womb
 2. The Ho - ly Spir - it's fruit - ful cloud Has o - ver - shad - owed you with love,
 3. Here is the ho - ly Tem - ple's gate For ev - er sealed from use pro - fane,
 4. To proph - ets prom - ised long a - go, And born be - fore the birth of light,

1. The Word, Sal - va - tion for us all, Pro - ceed - ing from the Fa - ther's mouth.
 2. That you may bring forth Christ our Lord, The Fa - ther's Ev - er - e - qual Son.
 3. Whose sa - cred por - tal is re - served To o - pen for the King a - lone.
 4. Whom Ga - bri - el an - nounced with joy, The Lord him - self comes down to earth.

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 Melody: PUER NOBIS, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.); 15th c. German; Adapt. Michael Praetorius.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2025

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please help maintain a reverent silence before and after the Liturgy.



Is 45: 8; v. Ps 19(18): 2-5. I

ENTRANCE CHANT

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

1. The heavens declare the glory of God; * and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.
 Day unto day breathes forth a word; * and night unto night imparts the knowledge.
2. No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded; † their sound goes forth through all the earth, * their message to the utmost bounds of the world.
- D. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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KYRIE

Kýrie, éléison. Kýrie, éléison.
 Christe, éléison. Christe, éléison.
 Kýrie, éléison. Kýrie, éléison.

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, / your grace into our hearts, / that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son / was made known by the message of an Angel, / may

by his Passion and Cross / be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. / Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Is 7: 10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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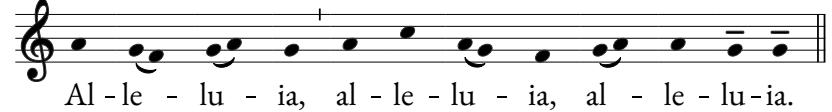
Ps 24(23): 7c and 10b · VII

SECOND READING

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

Rom 1: 1-7

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

v. The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Ant. Melody: Gregorian Chant.

Mt 1: 23 . VIII

GOSPEL

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

Mt 1: 18-24

HOMILY

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.

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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Si - nai's
2. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the hearts of all man -

1. height In an - cient times once gave the law In cloud and maj - es -
2. kind; Bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

1. ty and awe. Re-joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O
2. King of Peace.

Is - ra - el.

Text: *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*, 9th c.; Tr. John M. Neale and Henry S. Coffin. Melody: VENI EMMANUEL, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with refrain; 15th c. French; Adapt. Thomas Helmore.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

SANCTUS

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cæ - li et ter - ra
gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - sis. Be - ne - díc - tus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni.
Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - sis.

Melody: XIII c., Kyriale Romanum with episemas.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world, / for by your Cross and Resurrection / you have set us free.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AGNUS DEI

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, *
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá -
ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Melody: XII c., Kyriale Romanum with episemas.

COMMUNION CHANT

Be - hold, a Vir - gin shall con - ceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Em -
man - u - el.

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Is 7:14 . I