

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 18/19, 2021

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
Naperville, IL



## Introductory Rites

### Processional Song

*Ready the Way*

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way  
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and  
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,  
1. and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

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### Greeting

# Penitential Act

## Collect

### Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Micah 5:1-4a

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 25: *I Lift My Soul*

Refrain

I lift my soul to you, O Lord. To you I lift my hands, I  
lift my heart, my soul. I lift my soul to you, O  
Lord. To you I lift my hands, I lift my heart, my soul.

Text: Psalm 25:1, 4-5, 8-11; Lori True, b.1961  
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## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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## Homily

### RCIA Dismissal (9:30 AM)



*Priest:*  
Go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.

*All:*  
Go now in peace,  
go now in peace, Christ will be your way, your truth, your life.

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## Profession 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,  
*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.

# Prayer of the Faithful

*Intercessory Response: "Come, Lord Jesus."*

*Communal closing prayer:*

Loving and merciful God,  
who created us all in Your image,  
help open our eyes to the dignity  
and inherent value of all Your children.  
Awaken in us a passion for inclusion, reflection, and justice,  
so that, with Your grace,  
we may live and act in peace and solidarity with one another.


We ask this, and all prayers of the Universal Church,  
So **THAT ALL MAY BE ONE**  
in the name of Christ our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts


*Come to Us*

Refrain  
Melody



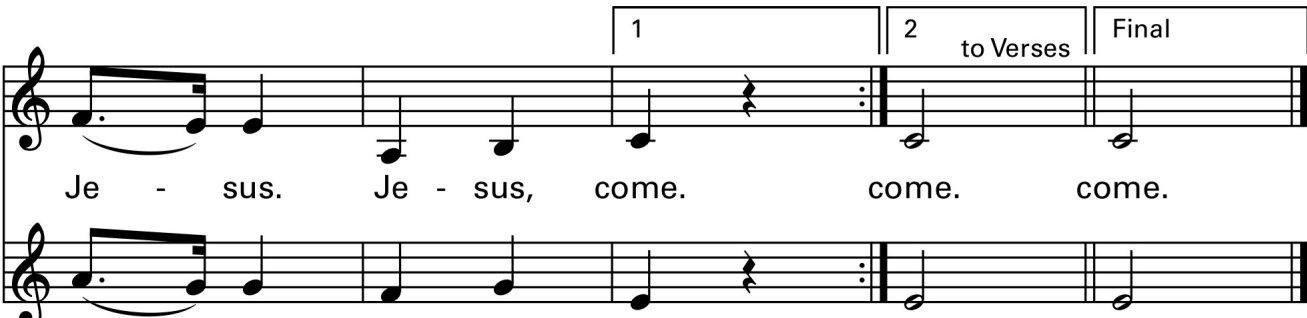
Come to us, Je - sus, come to us. Come to us,

Harmony



We are wait - ing, hope - ful, an - tic - i - pat - ing. We are

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Je - sus. Je - sus, come. come. come.

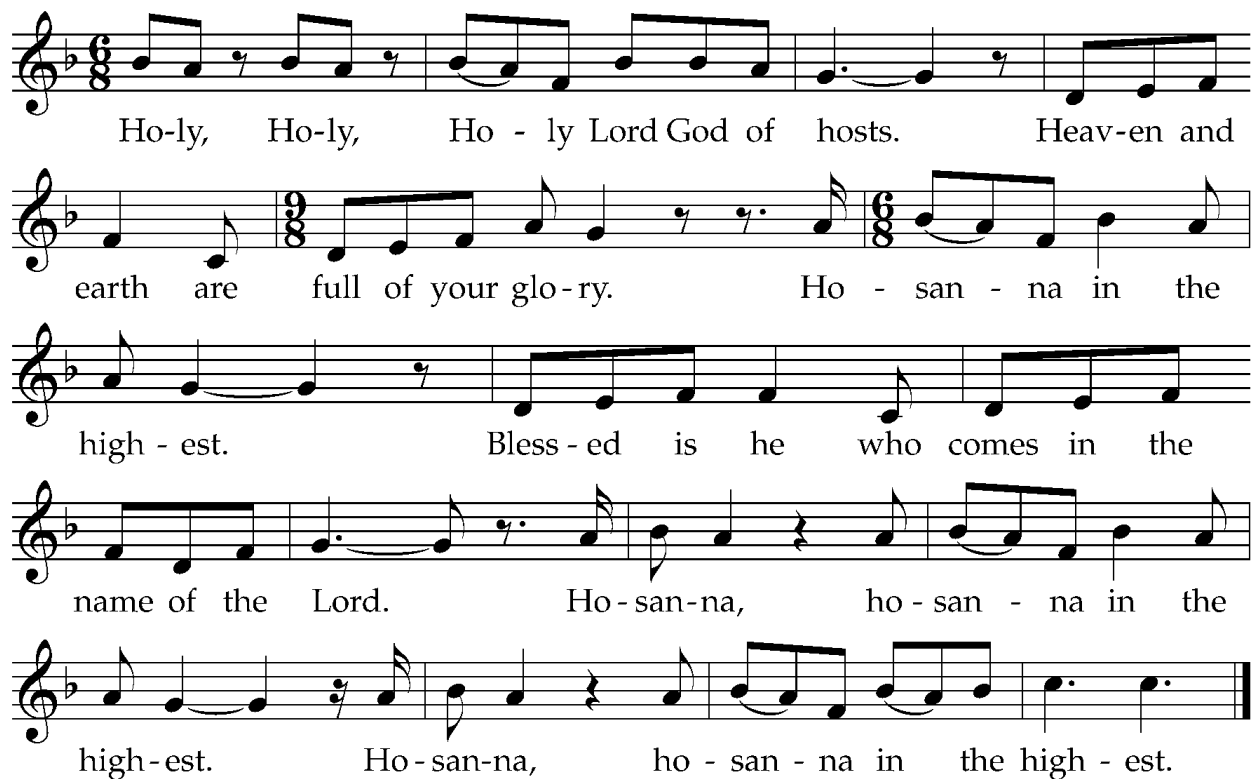
wait - ing. Je - sus, come. come. come.

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### Prayer Over the Offerings

### Eucharistic Dialogue

## Preface Acclamation



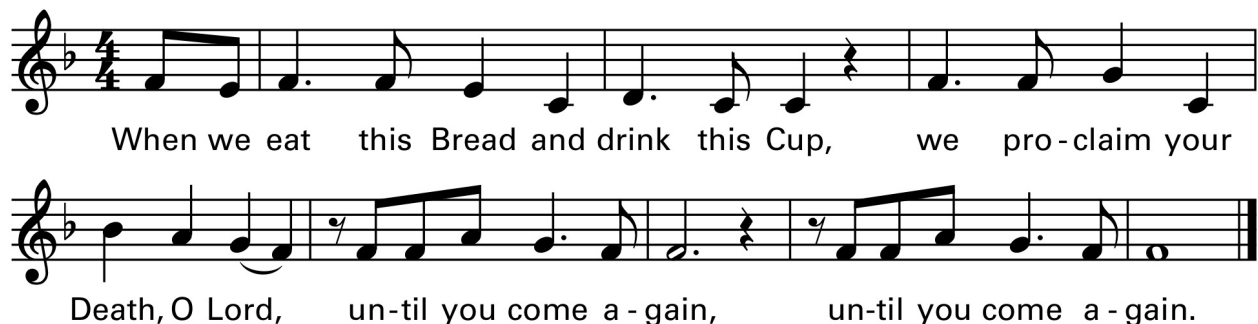
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho - san - na in the  
high-est. Ho-san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Memorial Acclamation

*Mass of Saint Ann*  
Ed Bolduc



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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## Great Amen



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

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# The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy  
name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done — on earth as — it is in  
heav - en. — Give us this day — our dai-ly bread; and for  
give us our tres-pass - es — as we for - give, — we for - give —  
those who tres-pass a - gainst - us; — and lead us  
not — in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us — from e - vil. —

Priest: *Deliver us, Lord... and  
the coming of our Savior, Jesus*

For the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the  
glo-ry — are yours, now and for ev-er, — now and for ev-er, —  
now and for ev - er. — A - men.

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# Greeting of the Peace

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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## Invitation to Communion

### Song during Communion

*Jesus, Hope of the World*  
Gather 909

#### REFRAIN

Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus, light in our dark - ness, here we a - wait you, O Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re - ceive you in bread and in wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.

Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate  
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## Prayer after Communion

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# Concluding Rites

## Final Blessing and Dismissal

### Recessional Song

### *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*



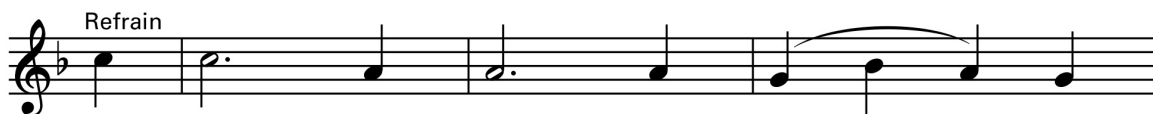
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In



1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy might - y
5. o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
7. one the hearts of all hu - 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 Prince of Peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.

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