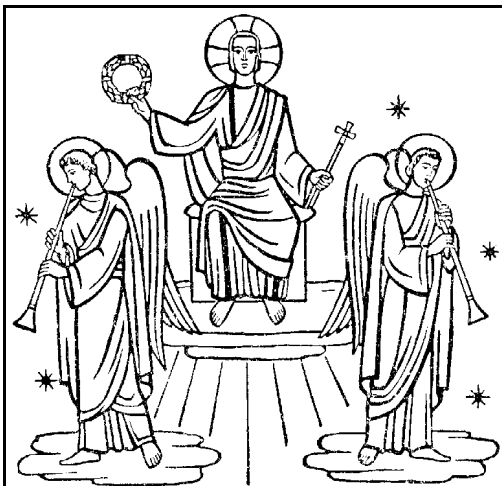


EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Roman Canon—see Mass book page 12
Acclamation after the Consecration—see Mass book page 18
The Lord's Prayer—see Mass book page 21
The Agnus Dei is from the Mass by Josquin des Prez

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra
 nostra dabit fructum suum. *The Lord will give goodness: and our
 earth shall yield her fruit.*



Communion Motet "Rorate Caeli Desuper"
 by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain a Just One. Let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour like a fresh shoot. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us Thy salvation. Come, Lord, and tarry not. Alleluia."

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 Prosint nobis, quaesumus, Domine, *May these mysteries of which we partake
 frequentata mysteria, quibus nos, in- be to our advantage, we beseech Thee, O
 ter praetereuntia ambulantes, iam nunc insti- Lord, since by them, as we journey on
 tuis amare caelestia et inhaerere mansuris. through this changing world, Thou dost
 Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen. teach us to love the things of heaven, and
 remain firm in the things which endure.*

There is no Organ Voluntary during Advent except on Gaudete Sunday

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

ARE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Once again we begin a new Church Year today with the urgent call to prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming. Our Lord Himself teaches His disciples that we "must stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." This urgent call to stand ready relates to the need for vigilance, especially for vigilance over ourselves. In the Gospel Our Lord warns us against being weighed down with the cares and



pleasures of this life; setting our minds and hearts on the things of heaven. Christ also warns His followers not to be too affected by the fearfulness of what will be happening to the world around them. There will be disasters in the earth,

signs in the sky, nations in agony. Yet, He says, when this all happens, we should not be fearful, but stand with heads held high, "because your liberation is near at hand".

A INTROIT
 Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in
 te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant
 me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant,
 non confundentur. *Psalm. Vias tuas, Domine, de-
 monstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.*

*To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee,
 O my God, I put my trust, let me not be
 ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at
 me: for none of them that wait on Thee
 shall be confounded. Psalm. Show me, O
 Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie—from "Missa de Beata Virgine" by Josquin des Prez (1460-1520)
 (There is no Gloria during the season of Advent)

B COLLECT
 Da quaesumus, omnipotens Deus, hanc
 tuis fidelibus voluntatem, ut, Christo tuo
 venienti iustis operibus occurrentes, eius dexte-
 rae sociati, regnum mereantur possidere
 caeleste. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Chris-
 tum.....Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Grant to Thy faithful people, we beseech
 Thee O Almighty God, this their desire,
 that hastening with good works to meet Thy
 Christ as He comes, and set at His right
 hand as His companions, they may be wor-
 thy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.*

C First Reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah.
 See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur Domine. V. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.

All they, that wait on Thee, shall not be confounded, O Lord. V. Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths.

E The second reading is from St. Paul's first Epistle to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis.

Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation.

G GOSPEL—A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO I— see Mass book page 25 or 26

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dó-i

Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-

si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-

per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet "Ad te levavi" by Palestrina

"To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded."

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Suscipe, quaesumus, Domine, munera quae de tuis offerimus collata beneficiis, et, quod nostrae devotioni concedis effici temporali, tuae nobis fiat praemium redemptionis aeternae. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Receive, we beg Thee, O Lord, the gifts which we offer Thee from the good things that we have received from Thee, and grant that what Thou dost allow us for our temporal welfare may become for us the prize of eternal redemption.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God.

Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae tramitem reservavit: ut, cum secundo venerit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto demum munere capiamus, quod vigilantes nunc audemus exspectare promissum.

Who at His first coming humbly took flesh in fulfilment of the ancient covenant and opened up for us the path of eternal salvation, so that when He comes again in the glory of His majesty, we may at last manifestly obtain what now we await in earnest expectation.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

Wherefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominations and with all the company of heaven, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Sanctus from plainsong Mass XVII

San- ctus, * San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cœ- li et

ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Bene- díctus qui ve-nit in

nó-mi-ne Dómini. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.