

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

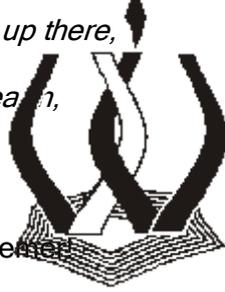
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ENTRANCE HYMN

1. When is he coming,
when, oh when is he coming, the Redeemer?
When will we see him,
when, oh when will we see him, the Redeemer?

*Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there,
from your kingdom up there above!
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,
to your people on earth bring love!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!*

2. Long years a-waiting,
many years here a-waiting the Redeemer!
Ready to greet him,
always ready to meet him, the Redeemer!



FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

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.

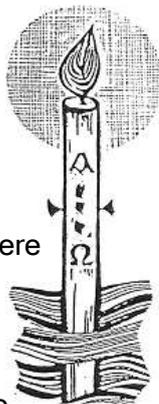
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R) V.1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere
him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)



SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

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.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Your liberation is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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;

(All bow)

and by the of 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.

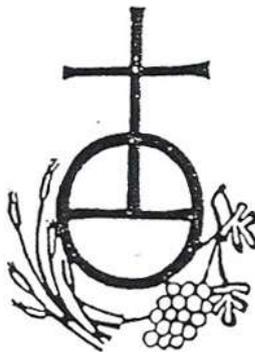
OFFERTORY HYMN

Take my hands and make them as your own
And use them for your kingdom here on earth
Consecrate them to your care
Anoint them for your service where
You may need your gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart
And by their actions they will show their love
Guard them on their daily course
Be their strength and guiding force
To ever serve the Trinity above.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. 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.*
2. 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:
3. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to fight:
4. 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:
5. 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:



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1. Abba, Father, send your Spirit.
Glory, Jesus Christ. (2)
Glory, hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ! (2)
2. I will give you living water...
3. If you seek me you will find me...
4. If you listen you will hear me...
5. Come, my children, I will teach you...
6. I'm your shepherd, I will lead you...
7. Peace I leave you, peace I give you...
8. I'm your life and resurrection...
9. Come, Lord Jesus, Light of nations..
10. Come, Lord Jesus, born of Mary...
11. Come, and show the Father's glory...
12. Glory, Father, glory, Spirit...

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Mary did you know, that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water
Mary did you know, that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters

Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make us new.
This child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know, that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man
Mary did you know, that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand

Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God

Oh Mary did you know,
The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know, that your baby
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know, that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations

Did you know, that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
This sleeping child you're holding
Is the great "I AM".