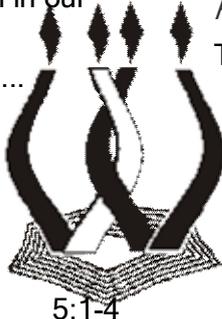


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come, Lord Jesus (3) come and be born in our hearts!
2. Come, O Prince of Peace (3)..come and...
3. Our hearts are open (3)...come and...
4. Come, Emmanuel (3) ...come and...
5. Maranatha (3) ...come and...



## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come  
back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power  
to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

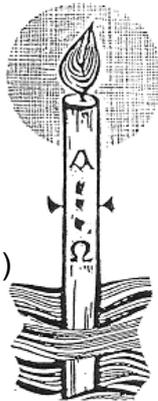
The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R) v. 4

**R. God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
(R.)



## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10  
*Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for  
sin;

then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the  
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is:  
the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the  
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;  
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey  
your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it  
with the second. And this will was for us to be  
made holy by the offering of his body made once  
and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!



## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
1:39-44

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my  
Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a  
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into  
Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as  
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child  
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the  
Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all  
women you are the most blessed, and blessed is  
the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured  
with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the  
moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in  
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who  
believed that the promise made her by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

