

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
RITUAL SEALING
OF THE NATIONAL HOLY YEAR DOOR
3 DECEMBER 2023

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

His Excellency

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

Archbishop for the Military Services, U.S.A.

Celebrant and Homilist at 12:00 P.M.

REVEREND MONSIGNOR WALTER R. ROSSI

Rector of the Basilica

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Director of Pilgrimages

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REVEREND ISMAEL N. AYALA

Master of Ceremonies

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

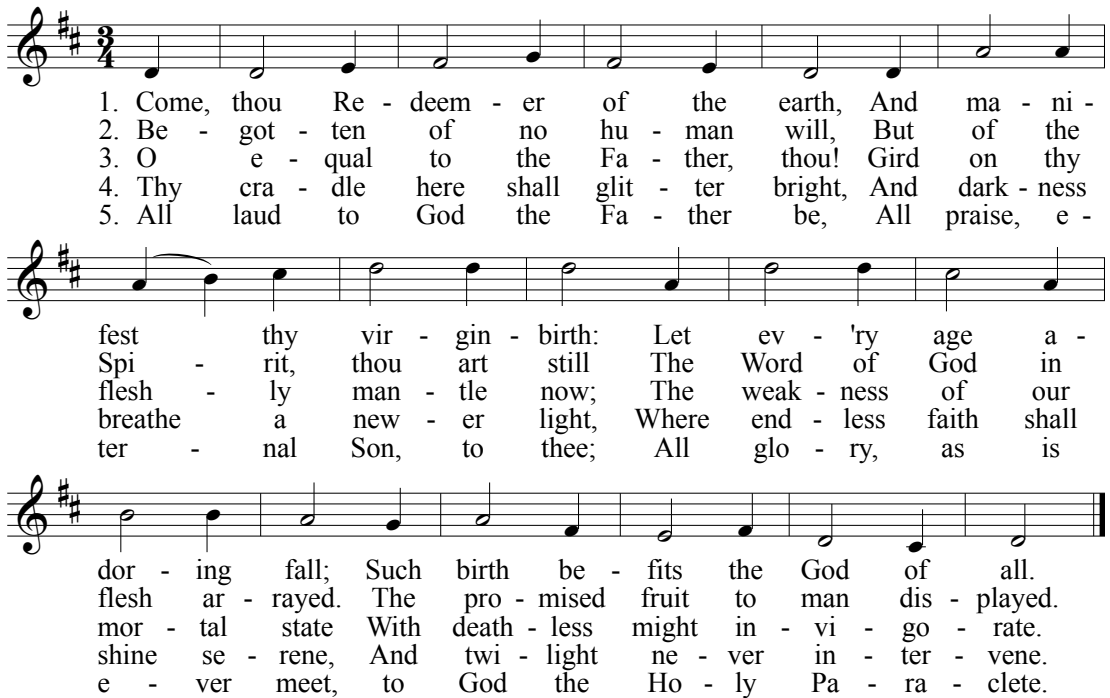
PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Wake, O Wake, a Voice Is Calling

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni -
2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the
3. O e - qual to the Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy
4. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And dark - ness
5. All laud to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e -

fest thy vir - gin - birth: Let ev - 'ry age a -
Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God in
flesh - ly man - tle now; The weak - ness of our
breathe a new - er light, Where end - less faith shall
ter - nal Son, to thee; All glo - ry, as is

dor - ing fall; Such birth be - fits the God of all.
flesh ar - rayed. The pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vi - go - rate.
shine se - rene, And twi - light ne - ver in - ter - vene.
e - ver meet, to God the Ho - ly Pa - ra - clete.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

The musical score is written for a Cantor and an Assembly. It consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Cantor's part is indicated by the label 'Cantor:' above the first staff, and the Assembly's part is indicated by 'Assembly:' above the second staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and a final half note. The Assembly's part is identical to the Cantor's part.

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

(Choir) *Service in E*
Kyrie eleison

Harold Edwin Darke
(1888-1976)

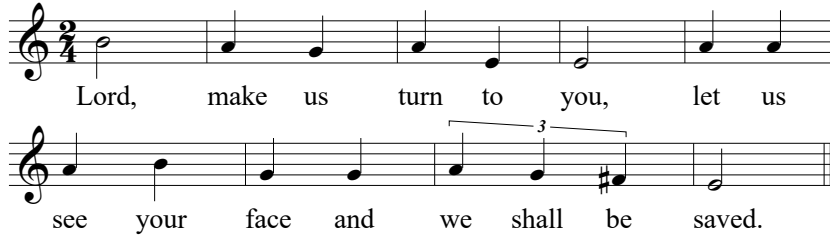
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19



READING II

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 85:8



Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

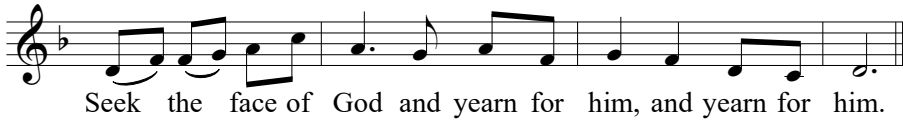
Mark 13:33-37

HOMILY

RITE OF SEALING OF THE NATIONAL HOLY YEAR DOOR

PROCESSIONAL PSALM

Psalm 2



RITE OF BLESSING

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 during these two lines.)

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.

PROCESSIONAL LITANY

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Splendor of the Father,
Word made flesh,
Zeal of the Spirit,
Fountain of the Holy Spirit,
Son of God,
Son of Man,
Hope of Adam,
Hope of the Prophets,
Fulfillment of the Law;
Holy One of Israel,
Rock of Israel,
Glory of Jerusalem,
Lion of Judah,
Root of Jesse,
Son of David,
Son of Mary,
Jesus our Emmanuel,
Jesus the Messiah,

have mercy on us.

Ancient of Days,
Wisdom from on high,
Sun of Justice,
Radiant Dawn,
Eternal Day,
Key of David,
New Covenant,
Long-desired of the Nations,
King of Glory,
King of Angels,
King of Nations,
King of Kings,
Lord of Lords,
Just Judge,
Wonderful Counselor,
Prince of Peace,
Savior of the World,
Mighty God,
Eternal Victor,
Eternal Ruler,
Light to the Gentiles,
Conqueror of darkness,
Light of the world,

have mercy on us.

Look with kindness on the needs of your people: *Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.*
Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit:
Stir up within us the fire of divine love:

Open wide the doors of our hearts:
Make us holy in the truth:
Let us glow with the light of pure love:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

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Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Francisco Guerrero
(1528-1599)

*Alma Redemptoris mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes
et stella maris,
succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo.*

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the gate to heaven
and star of the sea,
hasten to aid your people,
who, though fallen, strive to rise.

*Tu quae genuisti
natura mirante,
tuum Sanctum Genitorem.
Virgo prius ac posterius
Gabrielis ab ore
summens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.*

While nature looked in awe,
you who gave birth
to your Holy Creator
without ceasing to be a virgin,
and heard from Gabriel
that Ave,
have mercy on us poor sinners.



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. When this old world drew on t'ward night, You came; but
3. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
4. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
Spir - it, Three in One, Praise, hon - or, might, and

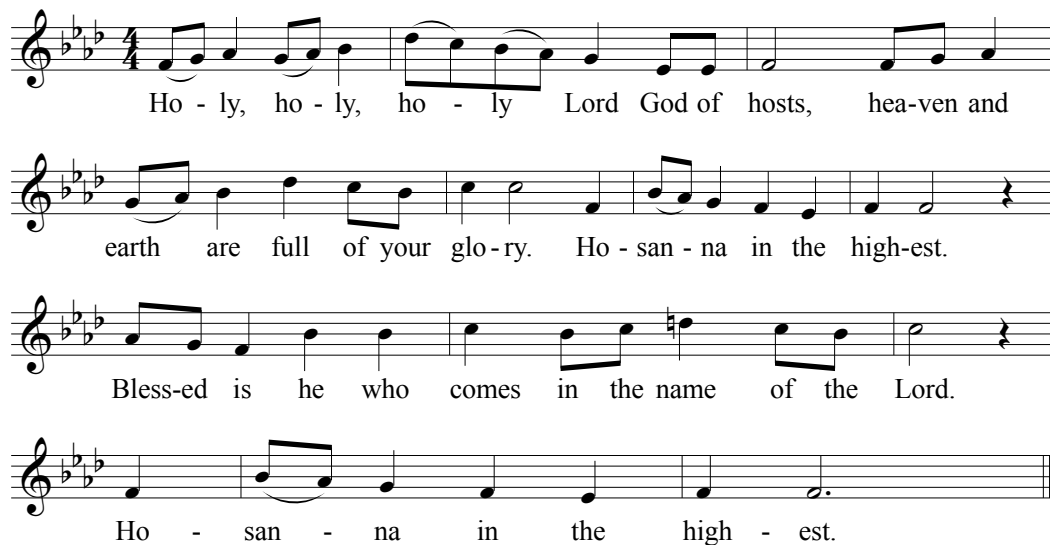


of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
but the child Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

PREFACE

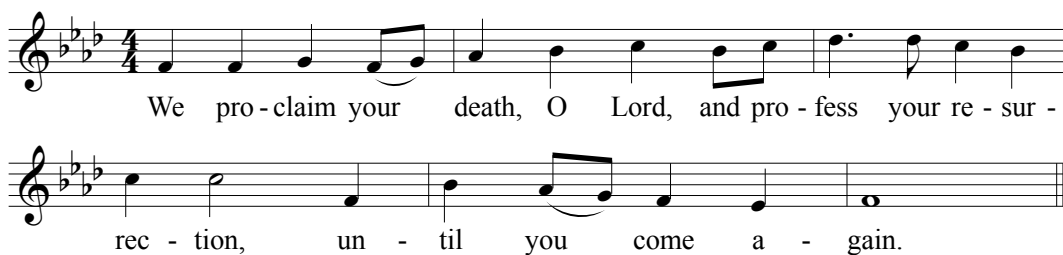
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, hea-ven 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 in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your re-sur-
rec-tion, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



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

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

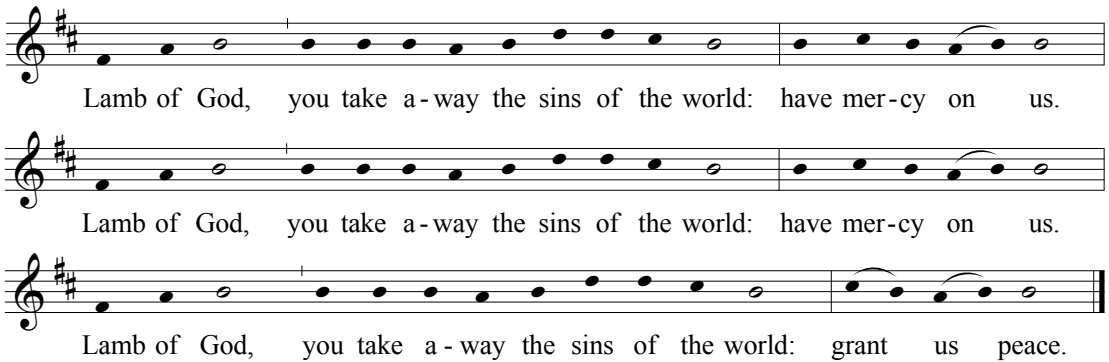
COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



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: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.


(Choir) *Service in E*
Lamb of God

Harold Edwin Darke
(1888-1976)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

COMMUNION PROCESSION



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

(Choir) *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz
(b. 1919)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come, Sing Holy, Holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon.
Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

(Cf. Revelation 22)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were pleasing in the sight of God from the first moment of your conception in the womb of your mother, Saint Anne.

You were chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the teaching of Holy Mother Church, that in the first instant of your conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race and your beloved Son, you were preserved from all stain of original sin. I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace He bestowed upon you as I honor your Immaculate Conception.

Look graciously upon me as I implore this special favor: (Mention your request).

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, please intercede for me as these prayers now rise before God. Filled with confidence in your goodness and power, I ask you to help me in this journey of life and to preserve me from all that is displeasing to God. I entrust myself entirely to you, knowing that you will help me to avoid sin and to always live a humble and pure life. I consecrate myself to you forever, for my firm desire is to love your Divine Son Jesus. Mary, since those devoted to you have never been known to perish, pray that I too may be saved. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN



1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand, thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

2025

A YEAR OF JUBILEE

The tradition of the Jubilee Year is as old as the Bible. One of the earliest written accounts of its practice is found in the book of Leviticus, “You shall treat this fiftieth year as sacred. It shall be a jubilee for you” (25: 8, 10a). The Jubilee was a time of joy, of universal remission, of pardon, and of mercy. Leviticus tells of the blowing of the Yobel (ram’s horn) to signal the opening of this special year, hence the origin of the English word, Jubilee.

In the Roman Church, the first recorded jubilee was that of Pope Boniface VIII in A.D. 1300. Referred to as the “year of jubilee” other terms such as “holy year” and “the golden year” were used interchangeably.

The focus of a Year of Jubilee is the spiritual growth of the faithful. Originally, it was to be observed once every one hundred years, then every fifty years. In 1470, Pope Paul II changed the observance to every twenty-five years, as the life expectancy of the faithful was so short.

There are two types of Holy Year or Jubilee: 1) “ordinary,” which falls within a specified period of time, and 2) “extraordinary,” which is proclaimed for an important event or purpose, during the twenty-five year cycle. To date, there have been twenty-six Ordinary Jubilees. The Year of Jubilee 2025 will be the 27th. The last Extraordinary Jubilee was in 2015, the Year of Mercy. It was the first Extraordinary Jubilee of the third millennium.

The Holy Year is to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and spiritual union within the Church and in society; it is a time for Christians to deepen their sincerity and faith in Jesus Christ.

The most recognized symbol of a Holy Year is the Porta Sancta or “Holy Door,” a tradition established in 1500, symbolizing the doorway of salvation. Pilgrims passing through a designated Porta Sancta may gain a plenary indulgence (remission of temporal punishment due to sin) providing all the regular conditions—confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the Pope—are met. The Holy Door of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was first designated and inaugurated for the Great Jubilee of 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II, and again by Pope Francis in 2015.

On 3 December 2023, the First Sunday of Advent, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and a member of the National Shrine Board of Trustees, sealed the Holy Door of the National Shrine, thereby uniting the door of this Basilica with that of the Basilica of Saint Peter and reminding us of our communion with the See of Peter and the Universal Church.

The Ordinary Jubilee 2025, “Pilgrims of Hope,” will commence with the opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in December 2024.

The opening and closing dates of the Jubilee year will be given in the Papal Bull of Indiction, which will be published on the Solemnity of the Ascension, 9 May 2024.

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SUNG ADVENT VESPERS AT THE BASILICA

We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers.

Sundays in Advent at 4:00 P.M.

Great Upper Church ♦ 4:30 P.M. Mass following

*All are welcome to this special celebration of
Evening Prayer during the Season of Advent.*



THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

A Christmas concert presented by the

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Dr. Peter Latona, Director

Saturday, 16 December 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Crypt Church

Free and open to the public

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