Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



Evening Prayer

The First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2026
4:00 p.m.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

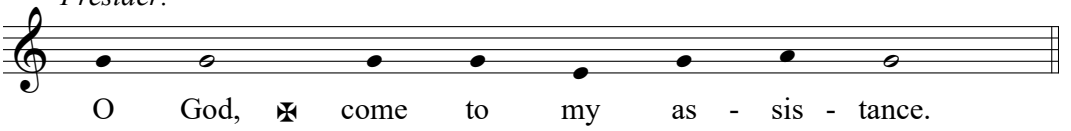
Procession

All stand.

Introductory Verse

All sign themselves in the form of the cross.

Presider:



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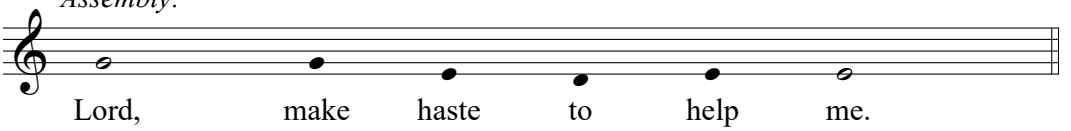

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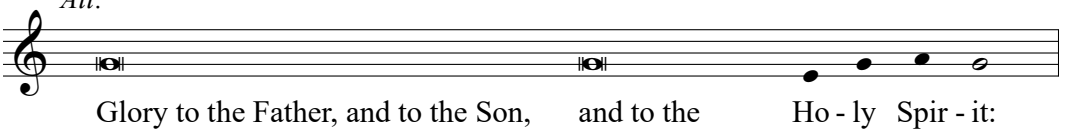
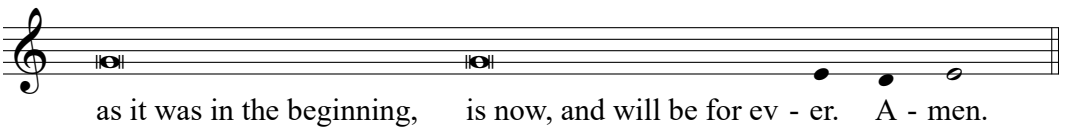
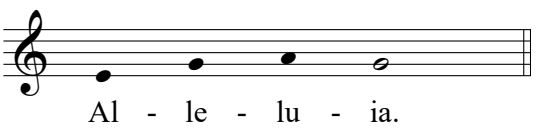
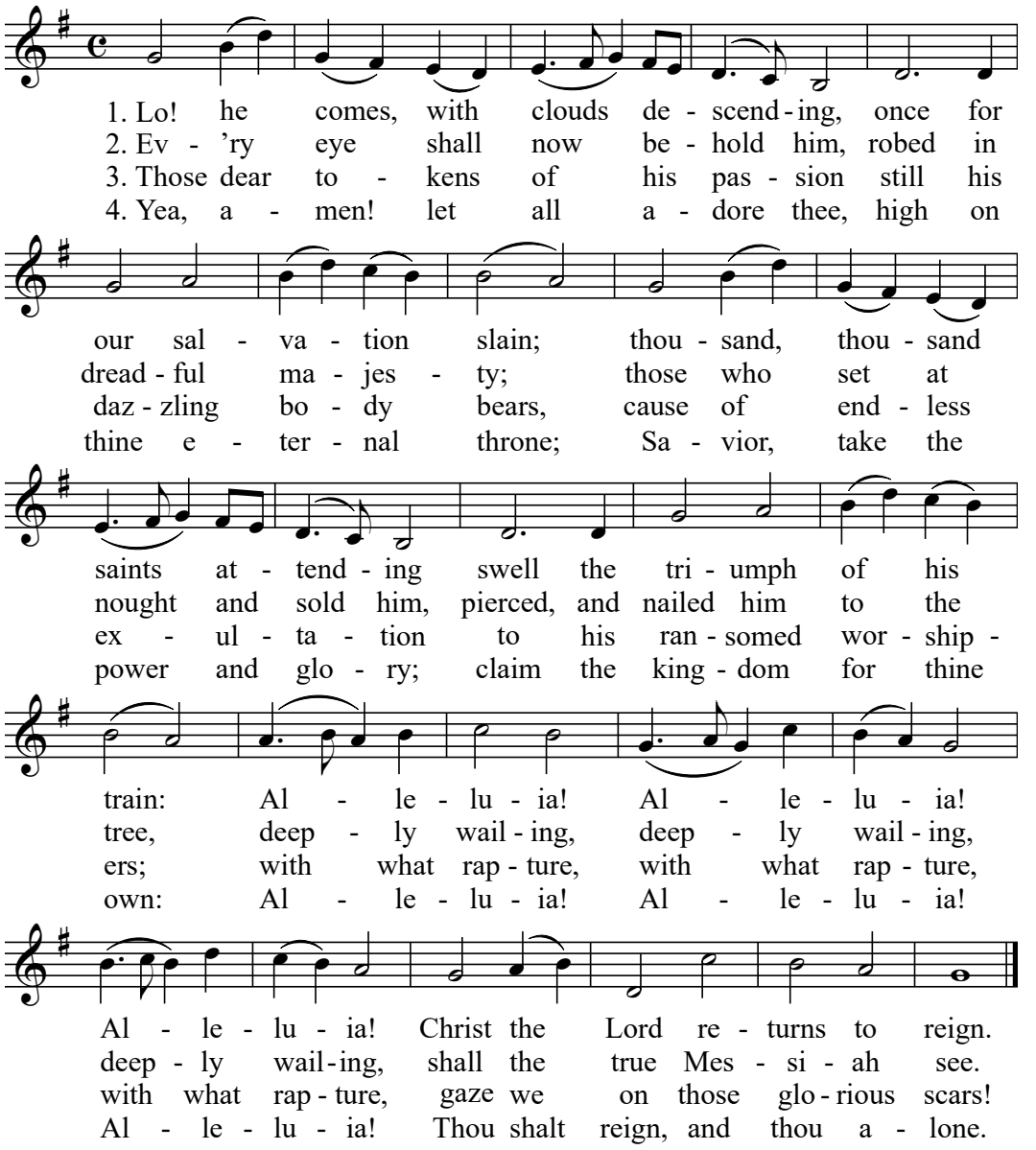






Hymn

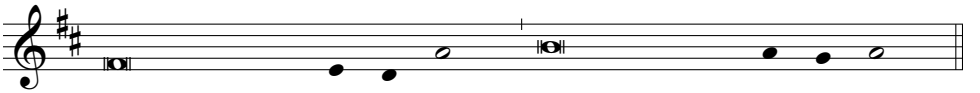

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine 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.

PSALMODY

All sit.

PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon: Rejoice, daughter of Zion; shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem, alleluia.



(Schola) The Lord's revelation *to* my Master:
"Sit on my right:
your foes I will put be*neath* your feet."

(All) The Lord will wield from Zion
your scep*ter* of power:
rule in the midst of *all* your foes.

(Schola) A prince from the day of your birth
on the *ho*ly mountains;
from the womb before the dawn *I* begot you.

(All) The Lord has sworn an oath he *will* not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchize*dek* of old."

(Schola) The Master standing *at* your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of *his* great wrath.

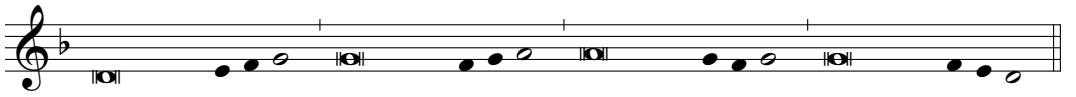
(All) He shall drink from the stream *by* the wayside
and therefore he shall lift *up* his head.

(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the *Ho*ly Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev*er.* Amen.

Antiphon: Rejoice, daughter of Zion; shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem, alleluia.

Psalm 114

Antiphon: Christ our King will come to us, the Lamb of God foretold by John.



(Schola) When Israel came *forth* from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an a*li*en people,
Judah became *the* Lord's temple,
Israel be*came* his kingdom.

(All) The sea fled *at* the sight:
the Jordan turned back *on* its course,
the mountains *leapt* like rams
and the hills like *year*ling sheep.

(Schola) Why was it, sea, *that* you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, *on* your course?
Mountains, that you *leapt* like rams,
hills, like *year*ling sheep?

(All) Tremble, O earth, be*fore* the Lord,
in the presence of the *God* of Jacob,
who turns the rock in*to* a pool
and flint into a *spring* of water.

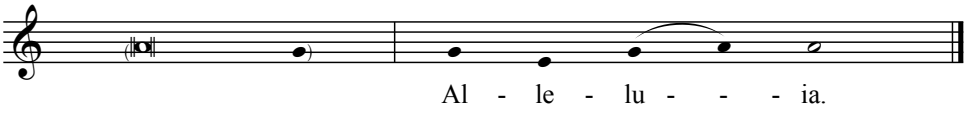
(All) Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,
and to the *Ho*ly Spirit:
as it was in the begin*ning*, is now,
and will be for e*ver*. Amen.

Antiphon: Christ our King will come to us, the Lamb of God foretold by John.

Canticle

Revelation 19:1–7

Antiphon: I am coming soon, says the Lord;
I will give to everyone the reward his deeds deserve.



(All) **Alleluia.**
(Schola) Salvation, glory, and power to our *God*:
(All) **Alleluia.**
(Schola) his judgments are honest and *true*.
(All) **Alleluia.**

(Schola) Sing praise to our God, all you his *ser*vants,
(All) **Alleluia.**
(Schola) all who worship him reverently, great and *small*.
(All) **Alleluia.**

(Schola) The Lord our all-powerful God is *King*;
(All) **Alleluia.**
(Schola) Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him *glo*ry.
(All) **Alleluia.**

(Schola) The wedding feast of the Lamb has be*gun*,
(All) **Alleluia.**
(Schola) and his bride is prepared to welcome *him*.
(All) **Alleluia.**

(Schola) Glory to the Father, and to the *Son*,
and to the *Ho*ly Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,
and will be for *e*ver. Amen.

Antiphon: I am coming soon, says the Lord;
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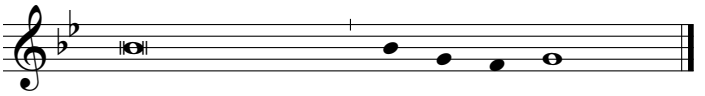
Reading

Philippians 4:4–5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

Responsory



Cantor: Lord, show us your mercy and love.
All: Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Cantor: And grant us your salvation,
All: your mercy and love.

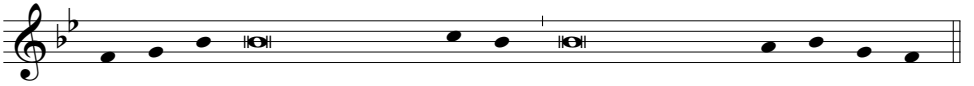
Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
All: Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Magnificat

Luke 1:46–55

All stand.

Antiphon: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God;
you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.



(Cantor) Magnificat ✠
(All) anima *me*a Dominum:

(Schola) et exsultavit spiritus *me*us
in Deo salu*ta*ri meo.

(All) Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ *su*æ:
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes gene*ra*tiones

(Schola) Quia fecit mihi magna qui *po*tens est:
et sanctum *no*men eius.

(All) Et misericordia eius a progenie in pro*ge*nies
timen*ti*bus eum.

(Schola) Fecit potentiam in brachio *su*o:
dispersit superbos mente *cor*dis sui.

(All) Deposuit potentes de *se*de
et exal*ta*vit humiles.

(Schola) Esurientes implevit *bo*nis:
et divites dimi*sit* inanes.

(All) Suscepit, Israel puerum *su*um,
recordatus misericor*di*æ suæ.

(Schola) Sicut locutus est ad patres *nos*tros,
Abraham, et semini e*ius* in sæcula.

(All) Gloria Patri et *Fi*lio,
et Spiri*tu*i Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et *sem*per,
et in sæcula, sæcu*lo*rum. Amen.

Antiphon: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God;
you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.

Intercessions

All remain standing.

Presider: To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life,
let us make our humble prayer:
All: **Come and stay with us, Lord.**

Lector: Son of the Most High,
your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
All: **come and rule over your people for ever.**

Lector: Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
All: **bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.**

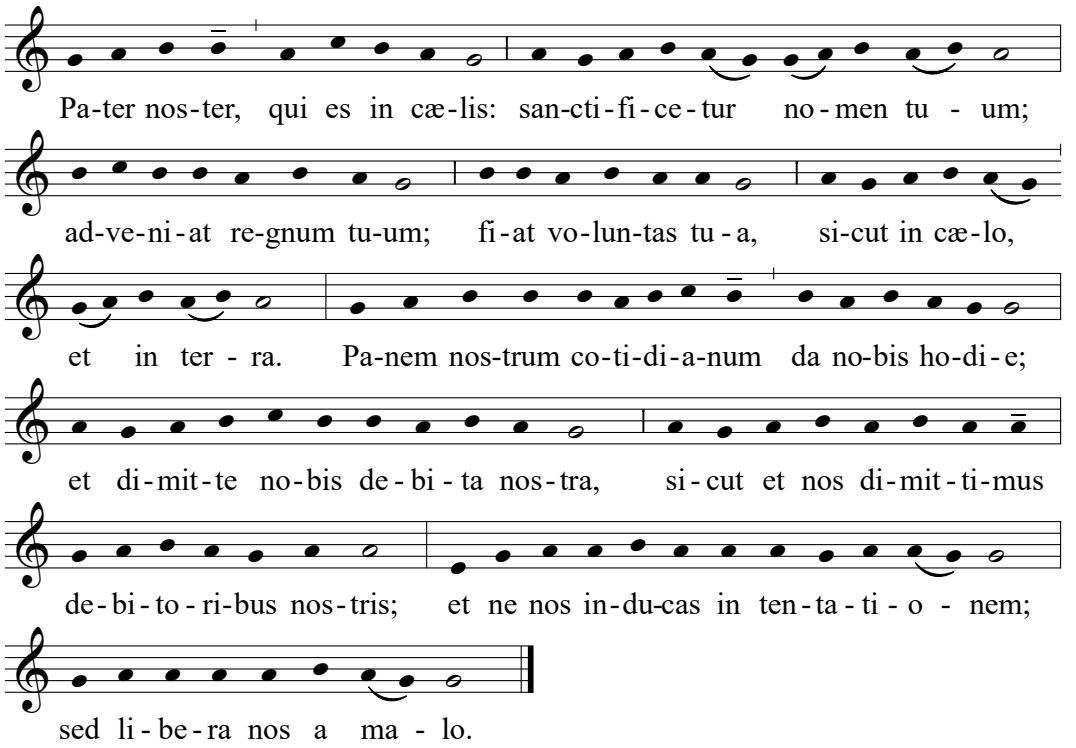
Lector: Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
All: **come and save your people from their sins.**

Lector: Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
All: **come and comfort us.**

Lector: O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold
that you would visit us from above,
All: **come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider: Præceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:



Prayer

Presider: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

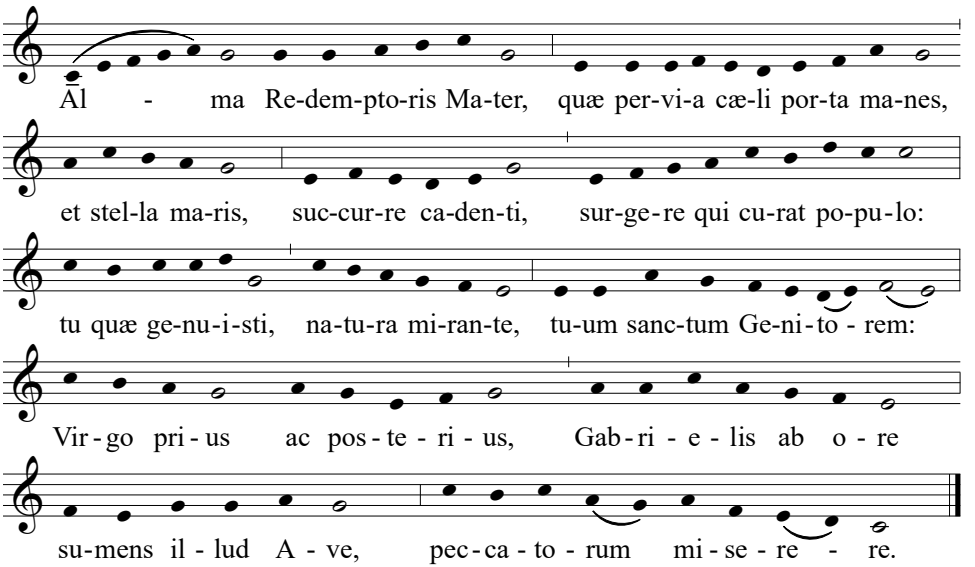
Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Marian Antiphon



Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven, and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise: You who gave birth, amazing nature, to your sacred Creator: Virgin prior and following, taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail! have mercy on our sins.

Sung Vespers at the Basilica

We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers
Sundays in Advent at 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. Mass following

December 6, 13, 20
Great Upper Church

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2026

5:15 p.m. (Vigil), 7:00 a.m, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. ◆ Crypt Church
5:15 p.m. ◆ Great Upper Church

Solemn Mass at 12:10 p.m.
Most Reverend Gabriele G. Caccia
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Great Upper Church

Misa Solemne en Español a las 2:30 p.m.
Reverendísimo Juan Esposito-Garcia
Obispo auxiliar de Washington
Celebrante principal y homilista
Gran Iglesia Superior

In Concert

Choral Music for the Christmas Season

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Peter Latona, *conductor*

December 19, 2026 ◆ 6:00 p.m.
Great Upper Church

Free and open to the public

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