

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



**THE SECOND SUNDAY
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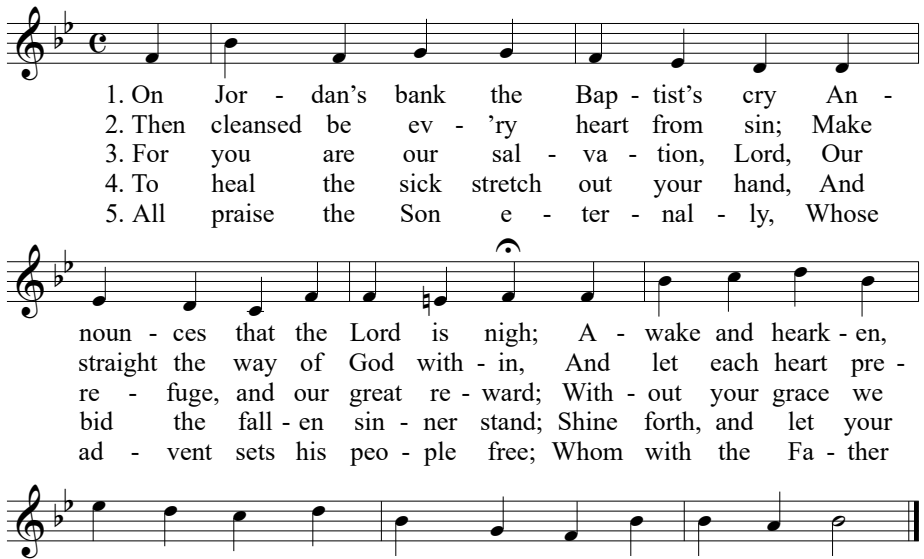
PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry heart from sin; Make
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
5. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -
re - fuge, and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your
ad - vent sets his peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad ti - dings of the King of kings.
pare a home Where such a migh - ty guest may come.
waste a - way Like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

GREETING

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

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.

Cantor:

Assembly:

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

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

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

(Choir) *Missa Seraphica* Anonymous
Kyrie eleison

COLLECT

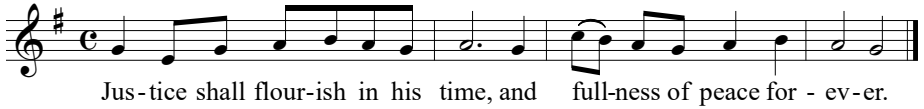
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 11:1–10

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17



READING II

Romans 15:4–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

HOMILY

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. Come, O long - a - wait - ed Sav - ior, Born to
2. Born to free your cap - tive peo - ple, Born a
3. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of

set thy peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re -
Child, and yet a King, Born to reign in us for -
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble

lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in
Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure un -

all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry
all our hearts a - lone: By thine all suf - fi - cient
bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with thy sal -

na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.

(Choir) *Canite tuba*

Francisco Guerrero
(1528–1599)

*Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes to our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia.

(Joel 2:1, Isaiah 40:4)

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.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

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

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: grant us peace.

(Choir) *Missa Seraphica*
Agnus Dei

Anonymous

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

(*Baruch 5:5, 4:36*)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



Ma - ra - na, tha! Come, O Christ the Lord!

(Choir) *A Star Shall Rise*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

A star shall rise up out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall come out of Israel.
And dash in pieces princes and nations.
A star shall rise up out of Jacob.
As bright the morning gleams.
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O Lord, Radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

(Choir) *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

Orlando Gibbons
(1583–1625)

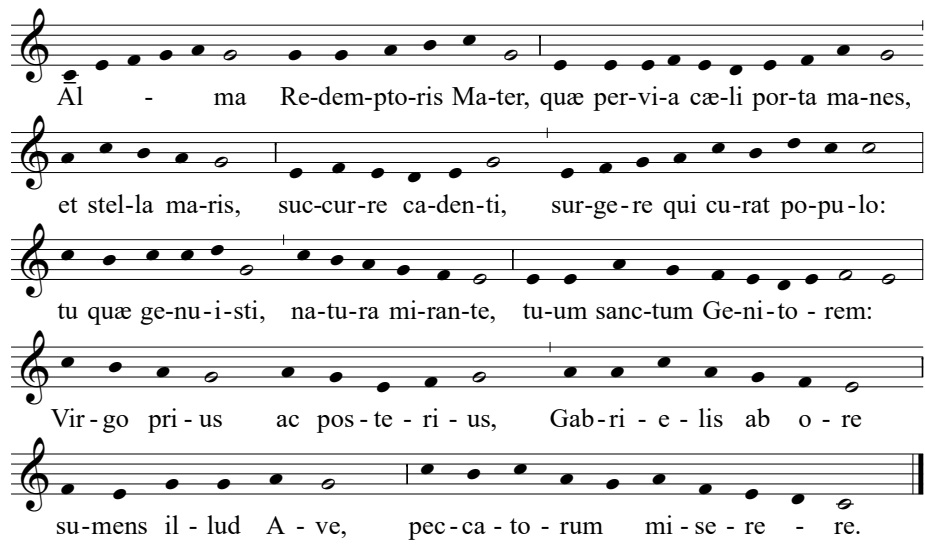
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
It is the Lord, strong and mighty,
ev'n the Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

(*Psalms 24:7, 8, 10*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)

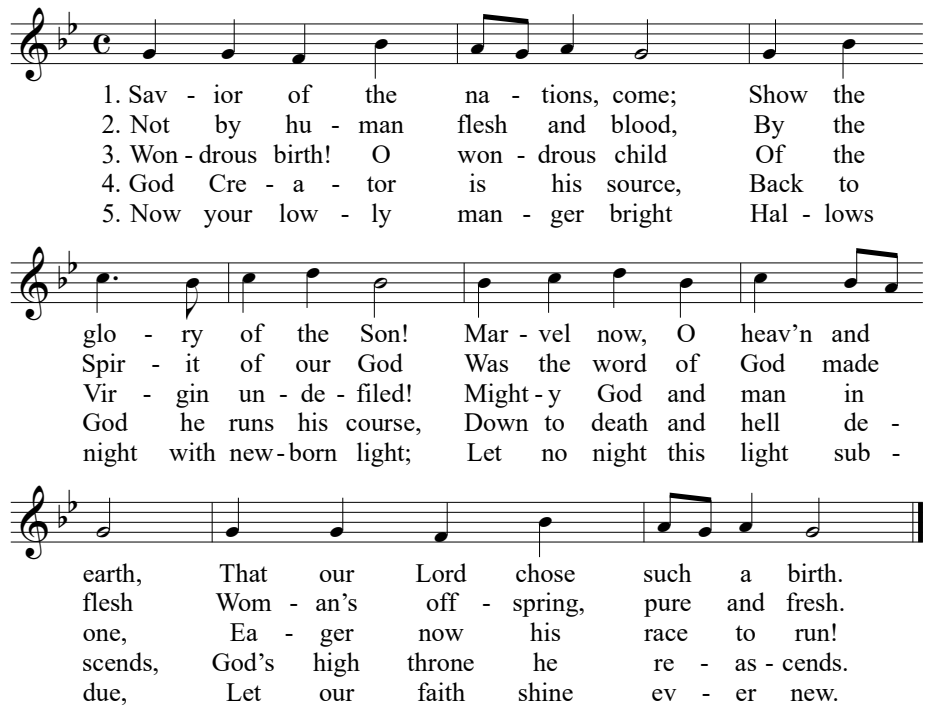


Al - ma Re-dem-pto-ris Ma-ter, quæ per-vi-a cæ-li por-ta ma-nes,
et stel-la ma-ris, suc-cur-re ca-den-ti, sur-ge-re qui cu-rat po-pu-lo:
tu quæ ge-nu-i-sti, na-tu-ra mi-ran-te, tu-um sanc-tum Ge-ni-to - rem:
Vir-go pri-us ac pos-te - ri - us, Gab-ri - e - lis ab o - re
su-mens il - lud A - ve, pec-ca - to - rum mi - se - re - re.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Show the
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous child Of the
4. God Cre - a - tor is his source, Back to
5. Now your low - ly man - ger bright Hal - lows
glo - ry of the Son! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and
Spir - it of our God Was the word of God made
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and man in
God he runs his course, Down to death and hell de -
night with new-born light; Let no night this light sub -
earth, That our Lord chose such a birth.
flesh Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
one, Ea - ger now his race to run!
scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.
due, Let our faith shine ev - er new.

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 7, 14, 21
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, 2025

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.
CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Great Upper Church

MISA SOLEMNE (ESPAÑOL) A LAS 2:30 P.M.
RMO. EVELIO MENJIVAR-AYALA
Obispo auxiliar de Washington
Celebrante principal y homilista
Gran Iglesia Superior



RORATE MASS
December 19, 2025 ♦ 7:00 A.M.

REVEREND MONSIGNOR WALTER R. ROSSI
Rector of the Basilica
Celebrant and Homilist
Crypt Church

*All are welcome to the celebration of the ancient and beloved
Advent tradition of the Rorate Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.*



IN CONCERT
Follow the Star: Choral Music for the Christmas Season
Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Peter Latona, *conductor*
December 20, 2025 ♦ 6:00 P.M.
Great Upper Church
Free and open to the public



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