

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



EVENING PRAYER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 DECEMBER 2025

4:00 P.M.



# ORDER OF CEREMONY

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

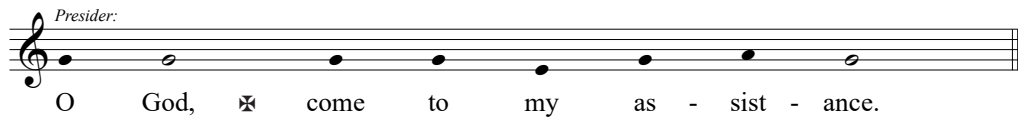
### PROCESSION

*All stand.*

### INTRODUCTORY VERSE

*All sign themselves in the form of the cross.*

*Presider:*



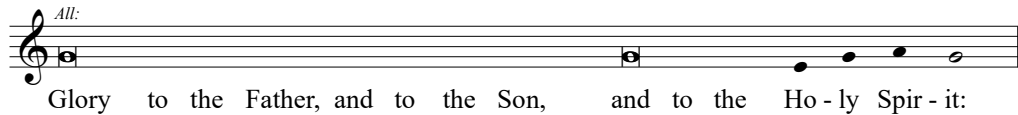
O God, ✠ come to my as - sist - ance.

*Assembly:*

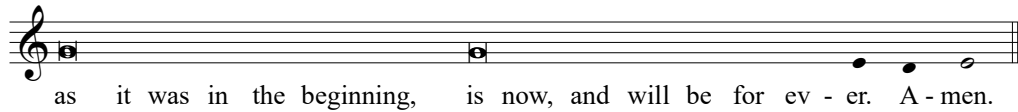


Lord, make haste to help me.

*All:*



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

# HYMN



1. Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing:
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing,
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,
4. so when next he comes with glo - ry,
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing



"Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast a - way the  
from earth's bon - dage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all  
comes with par - don down from heav'n; let us haste, with  
and the world is wrapped in fear, may he with his  
to the Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the mor - ning skies.  
tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n;  
mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

# PSALMODY

*All sit.*

## PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon: The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great power and might, alleluia.



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

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

(Schola) A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy 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 Melchizedek 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 Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great power and might, alleluia.

## PSALM 115

Antiphon: The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he seems to delay,  
keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia.



(Schola) Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,  
lest the heathen say: "Where is their God?"

(All) But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

(Schola) They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see;  
they have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

(All) With their hands they cannot feel;  
with their feet they cannot walk.  
No sound comes from their throats.  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them.

(Schola) Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

(All) You who fear him, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
He remembers us, and he will bless us;  
he will bless the sons of Israel.  
He will bless the sons of Aaron.

(Schola) The Lord will bless those who fear him,  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase,  
to you and all your children.

(All) May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heavenen and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord  
but the earth he has given to men.

(Schola) The dead shall not praise the Lord,  
nor those who go down into the silence.  
But we who live bless the Lord  
now and for ever. Amen.

(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he seems to delay,  
keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia.

Antiphon: The Lord our king and lawgiver will come to save us.



(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 servants,

(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 glory.

(All) **Alleluia.**

(Schola) The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,

(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 Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

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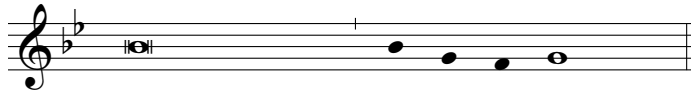


## READING

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.

## RESPNSORY



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: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith;  
 all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, alleluia.



(Cantor) Magnificat ✕  
 (All) anima mea Dominum:

(Schola) et exultavit spiritus meus  
 in Deo salutari meo.

(All) Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:  
 Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes

(Schola) Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est:  
et sanctum nomen eius.

(All) Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies  
timentibus eum.

(Schola) Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:  
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

(All) Deposuit potentes de sede  
et exaltavit humiles.

(Schola) Esurientes implevit bonis:  
et divites dimisit inanes.

(All) Suscepit, Israel puerum suum,  
recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

(Schola) Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham, et semini eius in sæcula.

(All) Gloria Patri et Filio,  
et Spiriti Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in sæcula, sæculorum. Amen.

Antiphon: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith;  
all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, alleluia.

## INTERCESSIONS

*All remain standing.*

Presider: To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
let us pray with joyful hearts:

**All: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector: Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation  
you revealed your glory to the world,

**All: give us new life by your coming.**

Lector: You have taken our weakness upon yourself,

**All: grant us your mercy.**

Lector: You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,

**All: free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.**

Lector: You live and rule over all,

**All: in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.**

Lector: You sit at the right hand of the Father,

**All: gladden the souls of the dead with your light.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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



Pa-ter no-ster, qui es in cae-lis: san-cti - fī - ce - tur no - men tu - um;

ad-ve-ni-at re-gnum tu-um; fī-at vo-lun-tas tu-a, si-cut in cae-lo et

in ter - ra. Pa-nem no-strum co - ti - di - a - num da no-bis ho - di - e;

et di-mit-te no-bis de-bi - ta no-stra, si-cut et nos di-mit-ti-mus de-bi - to - ri -

bus no - stris; et ne nos in-du-cas in ten-ta - ti - o - nem; sed li - be-ra

nos a ma - lo.

## PRAYER

Presider: Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.

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.**

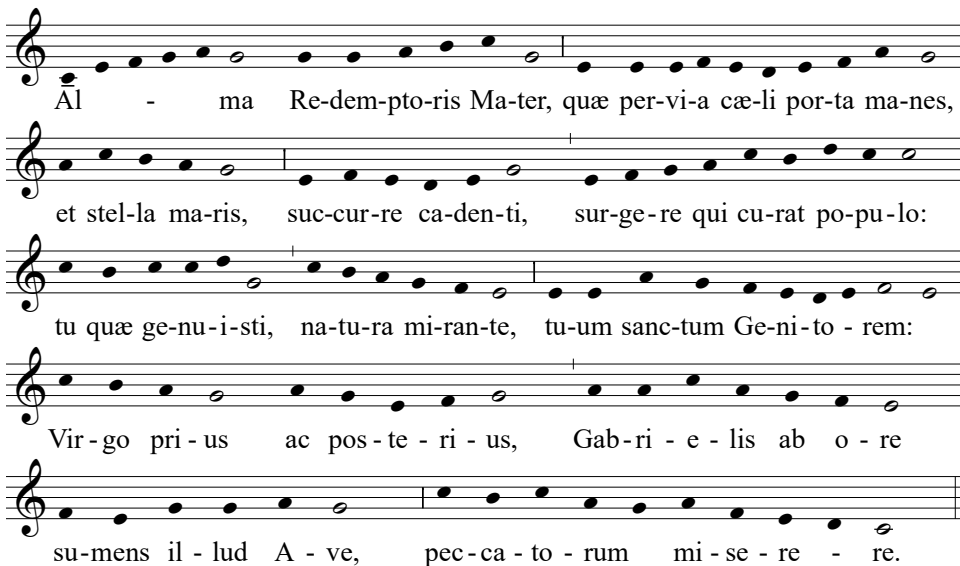
Presider: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MARIAN ANTIPHON



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.*

**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 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 EN ESPAÑOL A LAS 2:30 P.M.  
**REVERENDÍSIMO EVELIO MENJIVAR-AYALA**  
Obispo auxiliar de Washington  
*Celebrante principal y homilista*  
Gran Iglesia Superior



**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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