

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



EVENING PRAYER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 DECEMBER 2025

4:00 P.M.

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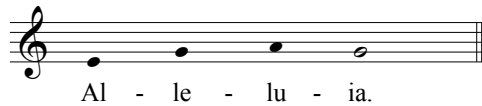
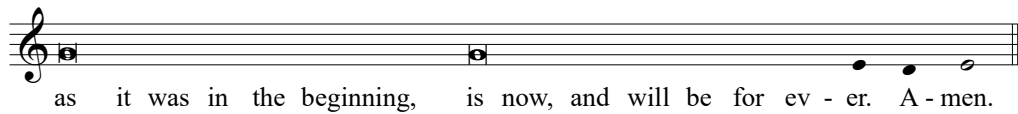
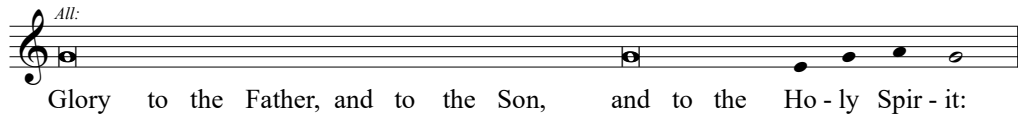
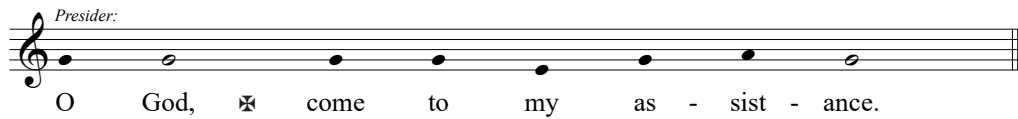
INTRODUCTORY RITE

PROCESSION

All stand.

INTRODUCTORY VERSE

All sign themselves in the form of the cross.



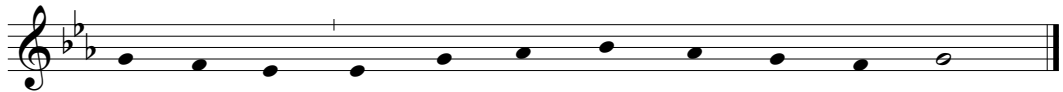
HYMN



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



ev - er - last - ing light,	O Christ, Re - deem - er
death a u - ni - verse,	You came, O Sav - ior,
not in splen - dor bright,	Not as a mon - arch,
bend, all hearts must bow:	All things on earth with
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.
to set free	Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
but the child	Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
one ac - cord,	Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
dwell be - low	From all as - saults of our dread foe.
glo - ry be	From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

PSALMODY

All sit.

PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon: Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.



(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: Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.

PSALM 111

Antiphon: Let the mountains break out with joy and the hills with answering gladness,
for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with power and might.



(Schola) I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

(All) Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

(Schola) He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

(All) His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.

(Schola) He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

(All) To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

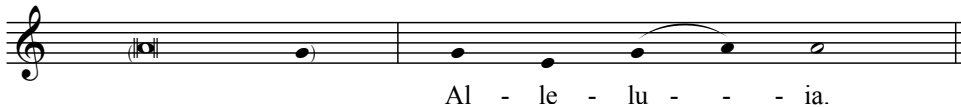
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CANTICLE

Revelation 19:1–7

Antiphon: Let us live in holiness and love as we patiently await our blessed hope,
the coming of our Savior.



(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.

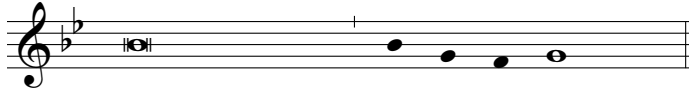
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READING

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.

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: Are you the One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for another?
 Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are raised
 to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, alleluia.



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

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

(All) Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae 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 eisus in sæcula.

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

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to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, 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:



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: O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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.

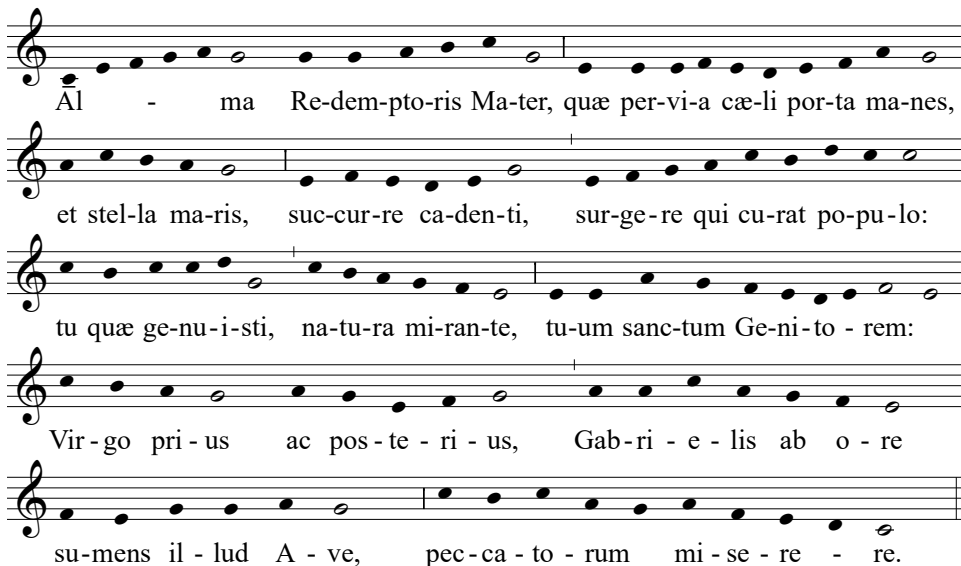
Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON



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.*

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



SUNG VESPERS AT THE BASILICA

We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers

Sunday, December 21 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*



BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

On Sunday, December 21, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass, the Basilica will hold the “Blessing of the Bambinelli” and the Blessing and Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the Hall of American Saints on the lower level. We invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity Scene to be blessed in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

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