

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



**EVENING PRAYER**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**21 DECEMBER 2025**

**4:00 P.M.**



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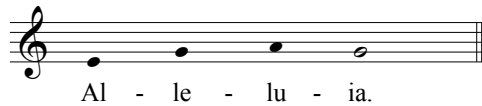
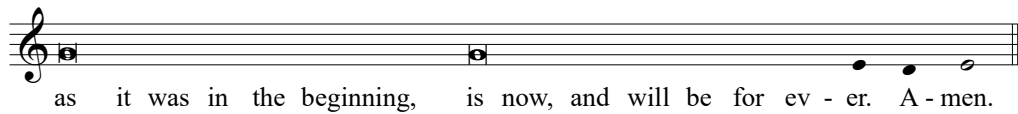
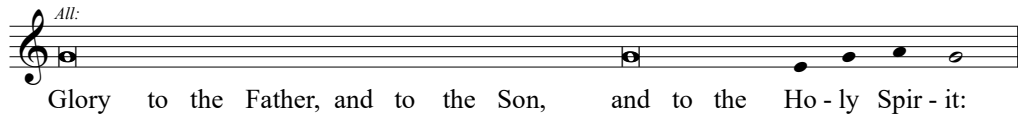
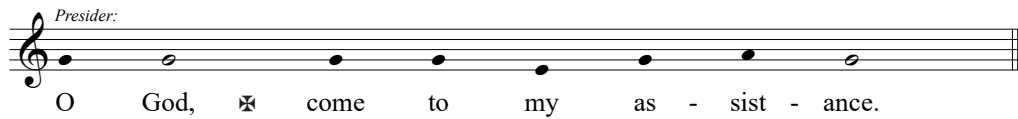
## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### PROCESSION

*All stand.*

### INTRODUCTORY VERSE

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



# HYMN



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, Who or - ders
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem, From ev - 'ry
5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen
6. O come, O Day - spring from on high And cheer us
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things migh - - ti - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - - nai's height In an - cient times once  
foe de - liv - - er them That trust your might - y  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by your draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
hearts of hu - man - kind; O bid our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
know - ledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
gave the law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark sha - dow put to flight.  
vi - sions cease, And be for us our King of Peace.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

# PSALMODY

*All sit.*

## PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon: See how glorious he is, coming forth as Savior of all peoples!



(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.

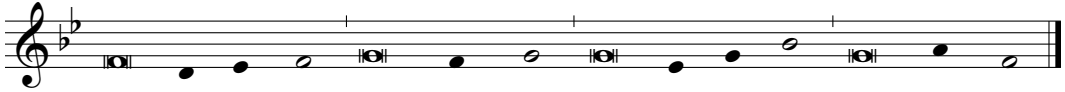
(All) He shall drink from the stream by the wayside  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

(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: See how glorious he is, coming forth as Savior of all peoples!

## PSALM 112

Antiphon: Crooked paths will be straightened, and rough ways made smooth.  
Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.



(Schola) Happy the man who fears the Lord.  
who takes delight in his commands.  
His sons will be powerful on earth;  
the children of the upright are blessed.

(All) Riches and wealth are in his house;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.

(Schola) The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honor.  
The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.

(All) He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.  
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
he will see the downfall of his foes.

(Schola) Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory.

(All) The wicked man sees and is angry,  
grinds his teeth and fades away;  
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

(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: Crooked paths will be straightened, and rough ways made smooth.  
Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

CANTICLE

Revelation 19:1–7

Antiphon: Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.



(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.

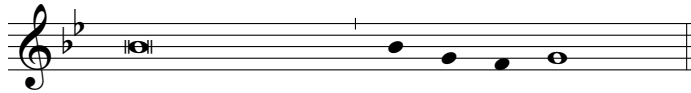
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## READING

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: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
 come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.



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

(Schola) et exsultavit 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 eis in sæcula.

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

Antiphon: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

## 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: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
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.*

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS ♦ Great Upper Church

SOLEMN MASS AT 10:30 P.M.

*His Eminence*

**CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE**

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

*Principal Celebrant and Homilist*

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### CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 A.M. ♦ Crypt Church

9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. & 4:30 P.M. ♦ Great Upper Church

SOLEMN MASS AT NOON

*His Eminence*

**ROBERT CARDINAL McELROY**

Archbishop of Washington

*Principal Celebrant and Homilist*

Great Upper Church

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