

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The complete Order of Mass begins on page 4 of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo (missalette).
Prayers and responses of the Mass can also be found inside the front cover of the Gather hymnal.

ENTRANCE SONG

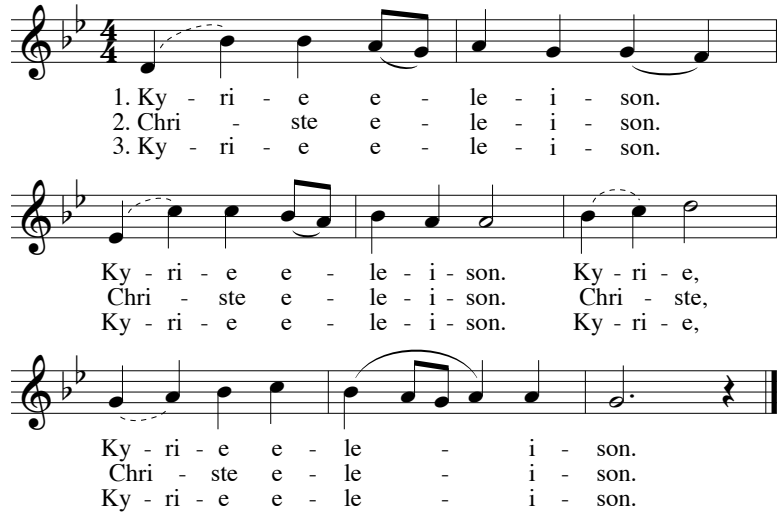
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *verses 1, 6 & 7* *Gather 444*

GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

9am, 11am



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

LITURGY of the WORD



The text of the readings begin page 48/49 of Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 7:10-14**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**



Let the Lord en-ter he is king of glo - ry.

SECOND READING **Romans 1:1-7**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Matthew 1:23**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

GOSPEL **Matthew 1:18-24**

HOMILY

PROFESSION of FAITH See page 147 of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo.

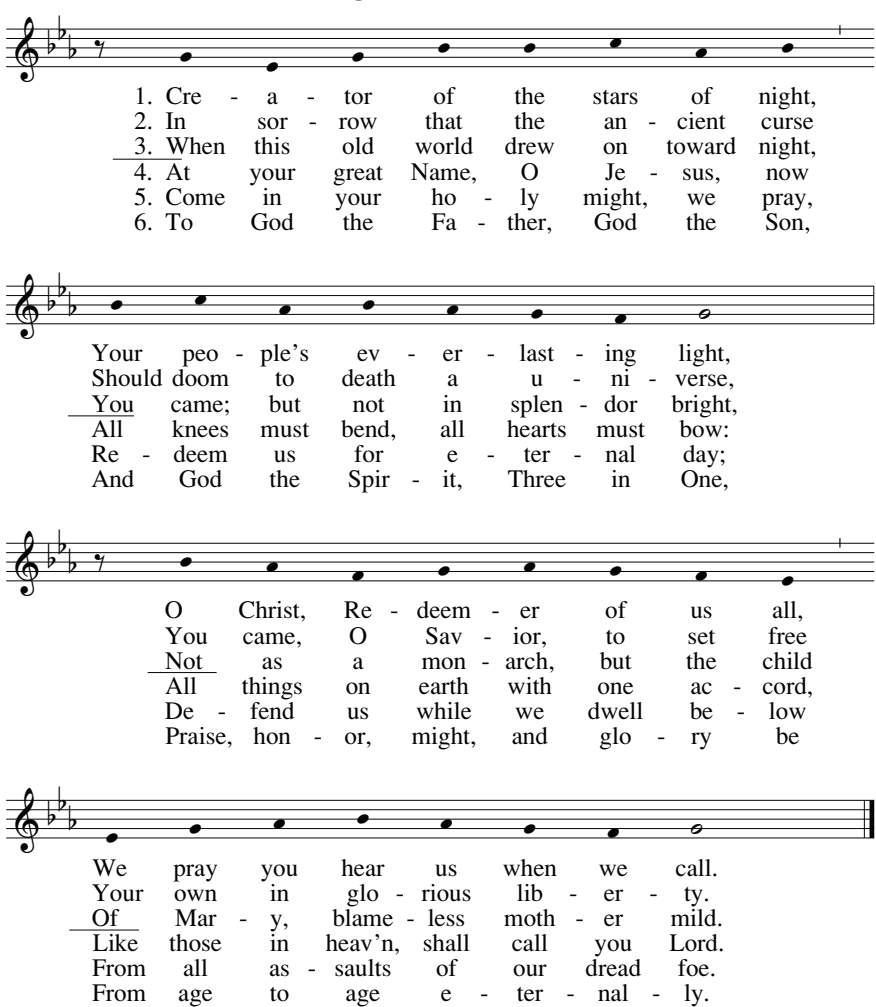
UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYER of the FAITHFUL)

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



PRESENTATION and PREPARATION of the GIFTS

Creator of the Stars of Night



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

ORATE, FRATRES

PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

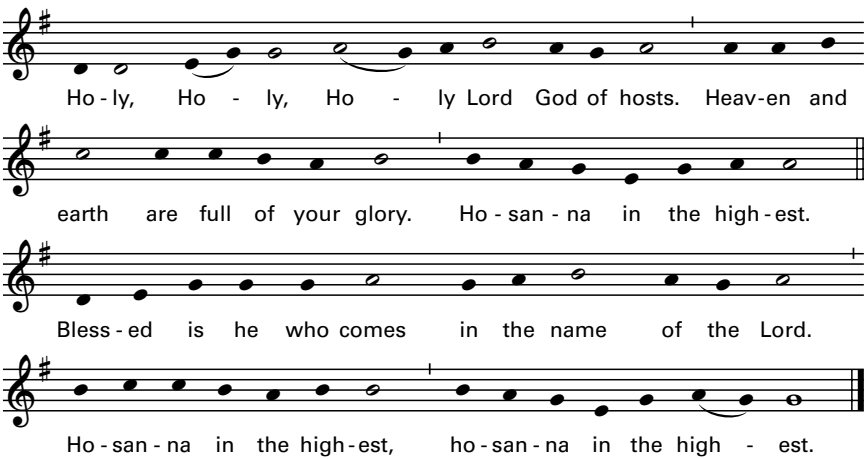
PRAYER over the OFFERINGS

The Eucharistic Prayer

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**
PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

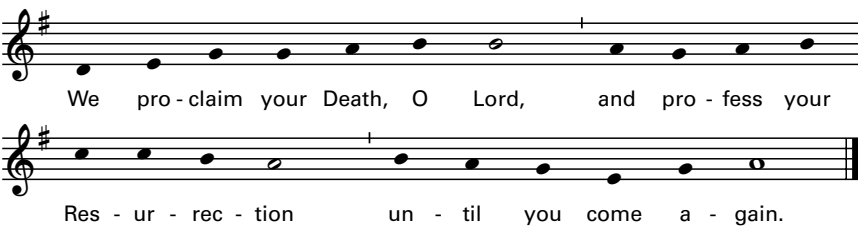
Belmont Mass



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glory. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

PRIEST: The mystery of faith.



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN



...for ev - er and ev - er. A - men, a - men.

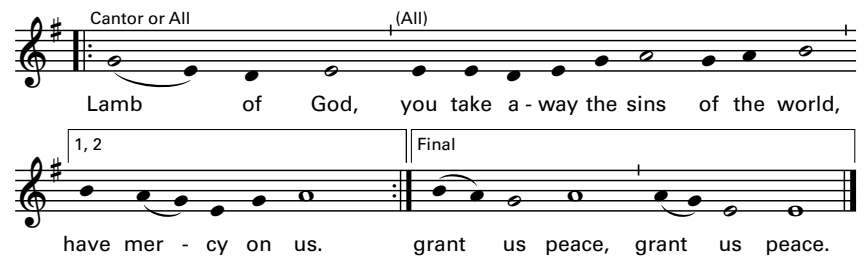
Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN of PEACE

BREAKING of the BREAD

Belmont Mass



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy**
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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 that you should enter under my roof,

COMMUNION SONG

My Soul Rejoices

Refrain

My soul re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My spir-it finds its

Verses

joy in God, the liv-ing God.

1. My soul pro-claims your
2. Your mer-cy flows through-
3. You cast the might - y
4. You fill the hun - gry
5. Just as you prom - ised

to Refrain

1. might-y deeds. My spir - it sings the great-ness of your name.
2. out the land and ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion knows your love.
3. from their thrones and raise the poor and low - ly to new life.
4. with good things. With emp-ty hands you send the rich a - way.
5. A - bra - ham, you come to free your peo-ple, Is - ra - el.

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5pm Sat.
Prepare the Way of the Lord *Children/Youth choir* Jacques Berthier

All sing!

Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord, and

all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

9am
Breath of Heaven *choir* Chris Eaton and Amy Grant, arr. Lloyd Larson

I have traveled many moonless nights,
Cold and weary with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done.
Holy Father, you have come
And chosen me now to carry your son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer;
I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone,
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me your holiness, for you are holy,
Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face,
If a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

11am
Gabriel's Message *choir* Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), based on Birjina gaztettobat zegoen
Traditional Basque Carol, setting by Richard Proulx

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he "Thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady," *Gloria!*

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady," *Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, *Gloria!*

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, *Gloria!*

CONCLUDING RITES
BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

SONG *at the* SENDING FORTH
People, Look East *Gather 447*

Christmas ~ The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24
Vigil Mass at 4:30pm ~ Children's/Youth Choir Carol Prelude, 4:00pm
Vigil Mass at 8:30pm ~ Contemporary Choir Carol Prelude, 8:00pm

Thursday, December 25
Midnight Mass at 12:00 Midnight ~ Choir Carol Prelude, 11:15pm
Mass at 7:00am, 9am, 11:00am and 1:00pm (Spanish)
No Mass at 5pm on December 25

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**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Wednesday, December 31**  
**Vigil Mass at 7:30pm**

**Thursday, January 1**  
**Mass at 7:00am, 9am, 12noon, and 7:00pm (bilingual)**

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*The Fourth Sunday*  
*of Advent*

21 DECEMBER 2025



*The Visitation.*  
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Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy