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**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR  
B MASS PRAYERS AND  
READINGS**

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.*

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*After the silence, all pray*

**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, *They strike their breast:***

**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.**

*The priest says the absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The people answer:*

**Amen.**

*The priest invites all to repent of their sins. A pause for silent reflection follows:*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **COLLECT**

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.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **READINGS FOR 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B (2020, 2023, 2026...)**

#### **READING I**

**2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16**

When King David was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you." But that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant

David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’  
“It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, “My kindness is

established forever”;  
in heaven you have confirmed your  
faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness  
of the Lord.**

“I have made a covenant with my  
chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all  
generations.”

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness  
of the Lord.**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my  
father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’  
Forever I will maintain my kindness  
toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands  
firm.”

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness  
of the Lord.**

## **READING II**

### **Rom 16:25–27**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can  
strengthen you, according to my  
gospel and the proclamation of Jesus  
Christ, according to the revelation of  
the mystery kept secret for long ages  
but now manifested through the  
prophetic writings and, according to  
the command of the eternal God, made  
known to all nations to bring about the  
obedience of faith, to the only wise

God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **ALLELUIA**

**I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.**

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Lk 1:26–38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age,

and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**SEE AS WELL:**

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**REFLECTION HOMILY ON THE  
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**POPE FRANCIS REFLECTION  
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**POPE BENEDICT XVI'  
REFLECTION ON THE 4TH  
SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR  
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[→ Creed, Universal Prayer]

[→ Offertory]

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
[at the words that follow, up to and  
including the *Virgin Mary*, all bow]  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers of the Faithful/General Intercessions for Advent season**

As we await with longing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, dear brothers and sisters, let us with renewed devotion beseech his mercy, that, as he came into the world to bring the good news to the poor and heal the contrite of heart, so in our own time, also, he may bring salvation to all in need.

#### **Intentions**

1. That Christ may visit his holy Church and keep watch over her always, let us pray to the Lord.

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

2. That Christ may guide the minds of those who govern us to promote the common good according to his will, let us pray to the Lord.

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

3. That Christ may banish disease, drive out hunger, and ward off every

affliction, let us pray to the Lord.

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

4. That Christ may find us watching when he comes, let us pray to the Lord.

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

5. That Christ may grant eternal repose to the souls of the faithfully departed, let us pray to the Lord.

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

### **Priest's Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God, who bring salvation to all and desire that no one should perish, hear the prayers of your people and grant that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule, and your Church rejoice in tranquility and devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

—**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of



human hands it will become our  
spiritual drink  
– **Blessed be God forever.**

**(ALL STAND)**

Pray, brethren [brothers and sisters],  
that my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God, the almighty  
Father.

*The people answer:*

**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 Church.**

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the same Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar  
just as he filled with his power the  
womb of the blessed Virgin Mary.  
[→ **Eucharistic Prayer**]

### **PREFACE OF ADVENT II**

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and  
our salvation, always and everywhere  
to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God, [through  
Jesus Christ our Lord].

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. He it is who grants our anticipating with joy the mystery of his birth, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, as we sing the hymn of your glory without end we acclaim:

*The priest reads the preface of the day; when he finishes, everybody say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and † Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.***

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and giving you thanks he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.***

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until  
you come again.**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs [with Saint N: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint] and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church

on earth, with your servant N. our  
Pope and [N.] our Bishop, the Order of  
Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire  
people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this  
family, whom you have summoned  
before you: in your compassion, O  
merciful Father, gather to yourself all  
your children scattered throughout the  
earth.

† To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you at  
their passing from this life, give kind  
admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the  
fullness of your glory through Christ  
our Lord, through whom you bestow  
on the world all that is good. †

[—»Through him, and with him...]

## **COMMUNION RITE**

At the Savior's command and formed  
by divine teaching, we dare to say:

***Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom  
come; Thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil.***

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every  
evil, graciously grant peace in our

days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.***

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I leave you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance to your will, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

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

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

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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## **CONCLUDING RITE**

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The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ENTRANCE SONG**

Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung from mountains high

Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing alleluia

### **OFFERTORY:**

O Holy night, the stars are brightly  
shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's  
birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error  
pining  
Til He appeared and the soul felt it's  
worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world  
rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious  
morn

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine!  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine!  
O night, o night divine!

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

#### **HARK THE HERALD**

**Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king"  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king"**

#### **SOUL OF CHRIST**



**Soul of Christ, Sanctify me  
Body of Christ save me  
Water from the side of Christ  
Wash me, Passion of Christ  
Give me strength**

**Chorus:**

**Hear me Jesus  
Hide me in thy wounds  
That I may never leave thy side  
From all the evil that surrounds me  
Defend me and when the call of  
death arrives  
Bid me come to thee  
That I may praise thee  
With thy saints forever.**

**RECESSIONAL:**

**O Sanctissima, O piissima  
Dulcis Virgo Maria  
mater amata, intemerata  
Ora pro nobis (2x)**

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