



## 4th Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

### 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.

### Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

*Ref:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high And cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Ref:*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all humankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our Prince of Peace. *Ref:*

### First Reading **Mi 5:1-4a**

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

### Responsorial:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### Second Reading **Heb 10:5-10**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### Gospel **Lk 1:39-45**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

## Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offertory/Communion Hymn

Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer, For he who calls you is no stranger: Awake, God's own Jerusalem! Hear, the midnight bells are chiming The signal for his royal coming: Let voice to voice announce his name! We feel his footsteps near, The Bridegroom at the door – Alleluia! The lamps will shine with light divine As Christ the Savior comes to reign.

Zion hears the sound of singing: Our hearts are thrilled with sudden longing: She stirs, and wakes, and stands prepared. Christ, her friend, and lord, and lover, Her star and sun and strong redeemer –

At last his mighty voice is heard. The Son of God has come To make with us his home: Sing hosanna! The fight is won, the feast begun; We fix our eyes on Christ alone.

Glory, glory, sing the angels, While music sounds from strings and cymbals; All humankind, with songs arise! Twelve the gates into the city, Each one a pearl of shining beauty; The streets of gold ring out with praise. All creatures round the throne Adore the holy One With rejoicing: Amen be sung by every tongue To crown their welcome to the King.

## Communion Antiphon

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

## Closing Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king: Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.



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