

2017

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

Refrain

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.
tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866 alt.

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

The assembly is now invited to make an examination of conscience.

This can be done in silence or by reading an examination of conscience.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

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,

All strike their breasts as they say...

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.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

PRAYER

HYMN

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749
tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Then the penitents go to the priests designated for individual confession, and confess their sins. Each one receives and accepts a fitting act of satisfaction and is absolved. After hearing the confession and offering suitable counsel, the priest extends his hands over the penitent's head (or at least extends his right hand) and gives him or her absolution. Everything else which is customary in individual confession is omitted.

After receiving absolution the penitents may return to the main body of the church and spend some time in private prayer, but are otherwise dismissed.