

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT < C

December 18 - 19, 2021

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Priest:
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us 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.

People:

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you always

People : **And with your Spirit**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : 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.

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

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Oratio Imperata

Prayer after Communion

[Worthy Celebration]

STAND

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.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

We are now close to Christmas and we are already full of joy. Let it not be a superficial cheer but a joy that comes from saying yes to God, to his plans, to his love, and of giving ourselves in love to those around us.

R/ Amen.

May God give you this joy and bless you all: the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Let us go and recognize the Lord to welcome him into our lives.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. *[The Advent Plea]*

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 Act

Our sins have kept us from being close to the Lord and we have hidden him from other people.

We now ask the Lord to forgive us:

(pause)

Come, Lord Jesus, fulfill the promise you have made and save your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Come, Lord Jesus Christ, liberate our hearts and communities from all sin and evil:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Come, Lord Jesus, fill us with your life and your peace; and make us like you:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, take us in your forgiving love and let us share in your life. Lead us to the joy of everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria Is Not Said

C: Collect *[From Suffering to Glory]*

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, one God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading *Mi 5:1-4a*

[The Messiah from Bethlehem]
Micah speaks of the glory of Bethlehem, a lone town among the people of Judah. From Bethlehem shall come forth the promised one who shall stand firm and strong in the Lord.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80 [Turn to the Lord]

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

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us. **(R.)**

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,

and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **(R.)**

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **(R.)**

(R.)

Second Reading *Heb 10:5-10*

[Doing God's Will]

Jesus said the sacrifices, sin offerings and holocausts did not delight the Lord. But he has come to do the will of God to establish a second covenant.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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, "Sacrifice and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he

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.

The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Lk 1:38
[The Lord’s Handmaid]

STAND

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Lk 1:39-45 **[The Visitation]**
Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

The Lord be with you.
R/ And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

As our Advent pilgrimage draws near to a close, we relight the candles of hope, peace, joy, and we light the candle of love, which signifies God’s redeeming love for us. With longing for the

Christ’s coming at Christmas, we offer our prayers to the loving Father:

(Pause)

For the bishops of the Church: that by the grace of their office they may be courageous and faithful in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel and to open-wide God’s house to all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For legislators and leaders of nations: that the Lord may guide their decisions, in order to protect and to uphold the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all Christian families: that we may open-wide our homes and our hearts to bear witness to the hope that is born from the fruit of love and that our words and actions may bring God’s peace to those around us. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life: that young men and women may generously respond to the calling of God’s will for them. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to welcome Your presence that comes through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving Father, make us turn to you. Let us see your face and walk in your light that we shall be saved, for Jesus is our Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

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.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

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.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, 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
[Power of the Spirit]

STAND

May the 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. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

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

Preface II of Advent

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 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.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, 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 an Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord’s Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it 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.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy