

## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT < A

December 17 - 18, 2022

and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

### 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 Joseph, her spouse, 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.***

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*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

### 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**

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing*

May your peace which is so much greater than we can understand guard our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**R/ Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**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

If the Lord is with us, why do we act so often as if he was not? Let us ask the Lord to forgive us:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, why are we still so often groping in the dark? Be our light: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, why do we too often not know where we are? Be our way: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, why do we not recognize you in good people? Be our truth: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, show us your forgiving mercy. Be our companion on the road and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### The 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, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading** *Is 7:10-14 [The Virgin with Child]*

*The words of the prophet spoken to the king are applied to the birth of the Savior.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah  
The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 24 [The King of Glory]*

**R./ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **(R.)**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. **(R.)**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Rom 1:1-7 [Jesus the Savior]*

*The Messiah is a descendant of David according to the flesh and the Son of God according to the Spirit. His salvation is for all humankind.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Alleluia** Mt 1:23 [Emmanuel] **STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



*"Joseph . . . took his wife [Mary] into his home."*

**Gospel** Mt 1:18-24 [God-with-Us]

*Emmanuel means God is with us. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,* which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

The Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and

she shall name him Emmanuel. With longing for the Lord and his coming at Christmas, we offer our prayers to the eternal Father:

*(Pause)*

For the Church, the Body of Christ: that she will draw light and strength from the intercession of Mary and Joseph and spread the fire of God's love to all the nations. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

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

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

For all Christian families: that they will bear witness to the hope that is born from the fruit of love; and extend their helping hands to the isolated, the oppressed, the forgotten, the sick and the needy. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life: that young men and women will generously respond to the calling of Jesus. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace of joy and peace on Your coming this Christmas and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

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

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**Loving Father, make us capable of great love.**

Eternal Father, you so loved the world that you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer. In him all our expectations will be fulfilled, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**SL: 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,