

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

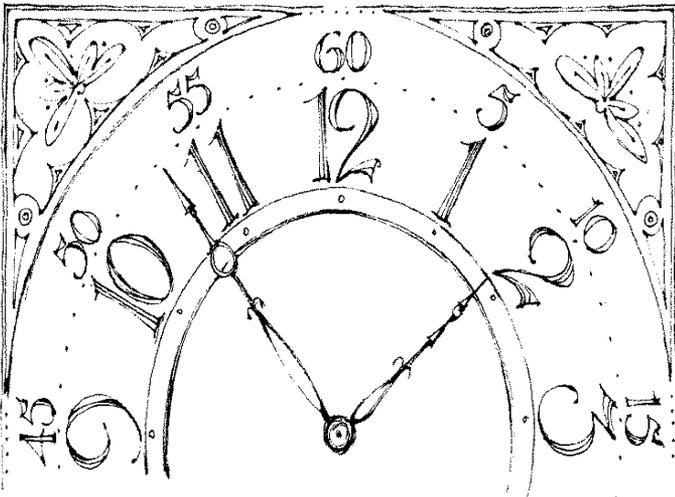
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*Catholic In Faith
A People Empowered*

November 29, 2020

WELCOME

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THEREFORE KEEP AWAKE

WELCOME

We are blessed to be able to keep in touch!

All Saints Cathedral Parish is a community of the Polish National Catholic Church that welcomes and serves the spiritual needs of all people who wish to follow Christ in the Catholic tradition.



We are blessed by your participation in our celebration of God's presence among us and we hope you will continue to join us as we worship together.



November 29, 2020

9 AM - Holy Mass (English)

Blessing of Advent Wreath

Lighting of the First Candle of the Advent
Wreath

Blessing of Christmas Wafers

11 AM - Holy Mass (Polish)

READING I: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

READING II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Mass is being celebrated following CDC guidelines (face masks which must cover the nose and the mouth, social distancing, sanitizing), with the congregation present. Mass is also available on Facebook (live) and YouTube (recorded) during this time of pandemic. Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass in person while following the guidelines for safe worship.



WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, send us Your Grace this Advent Season so that we can prepare for the birth of Your Son. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve You and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by Your Spirit and so help transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that You came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. Amen.



December 6, 2020

9AM - Lighting of the Second Candle of the Advent

Wreath

Holy Mass (English)

11 AM - Holy Mass (Polish)



PARISHIONERS: Mary Andersen, Charles & Mary Scott, Adeline Kozak, Robert Maycan, Joan Maluchnik, Gerald Maycan, Bernardine Mrozek, Don & Joan Pagels, Barbara Heath, Richard Stark, Gene Paprocki, Stephen Scott, Jerry Gap

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Luz Raygosa, Emma Freshwater, David Petrosky, Carmen Cordero, Andrew Bear, Wayne Wright, Karen Ream, Vicky Bergstrom, Tina Tziolas, Donald Andrew, Allison Bertlet, Ann Zalak, Carol Kay, Michael Campanelli, Clark Pagels, John Lynch, Donald Overby, Dorothy Lichthardt, Anna Niedzwiecki, Nan Cramer, Tom Jez, Very Rev. Augustin Sicard, Jane Delhaye, Tom Masters, Richard Lauritzen, Connie Kincaide, Jeannette Strelau

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Michael Kosowski, Dorothy Krzysko, Dolores Urban

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events listed below and watch future bulletins for more information –

December 6 - Second Sunday in Advent

December 9 – Solemnity-Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 13 – Third Sunday in Advent

December 20 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24 – Vigil of the Nativity

December 25 – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

December 29 – Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

January 1 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

January 2 -Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

January 3 – Solemnity – Holy Family

January 6 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

January 10 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

January 18 – 24 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 31 – Music Scholarship Sunday

PARISH NEWS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

Dear members of All Saints Cathedral Parish,

Giving thanks and being appreciative of the blessings in our lives is a good frame of mind and a good thing to do. As I sit and think about the past few weeks of being a Bishop of the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church, and the Pastor of All Saints Cathedral Parish I am greatly humbled by the events of these days. The power of the Holy Spirit certainly was present in the Cathedral of St. Stanislaus in Scranton, PA at the time of consecration ceremony. Lying on the floor in the Cathedral I prayed for many things, and certainly, I offered many prayers for All Saints Parish family. It is so hard to believe that I have been greatly blessed by being with you this past year. You have welcomed me and my wife as members of the parish family and have helped to make my transition from Kewanee very easy. I also offer my sincerest thanks to my Assistant Pastor, Father David for his great work and dedication, and the Parish Committee for your hard work.

Please know of my continuing prayers for each of you and I ask for your prayers for me as for your Pastor and Bishop.

Let me close by thanking you in advance for your continued active engagement in our parish. It takes all of us - pastors, members of the parish committee, parents, kids to be the complete Body of Christ. I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store as we enter this new Liturgical year.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving season.

With a grateful heart,

Rt. Rev. Jerry Rafalko
Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese
Polish National Catholic Church

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE IS AN ADVENT SEASON

“Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation, and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and His presence among us – as one of us – give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned. May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives.”

- **ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY** – School of Christian Living families will participate in this ceremony each Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Candle and offering of prayers.

The participants for today are: Steve Lindenmuth Family

- **ADVENT** – The liturgical church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent which introduces a season of four Sundays with the theme of preparation for the coming of Christ. The joyous hymn “Glory to God in the Highest” is omitted from the Mass and the celebrant sings “Let us bless the Lord” following the Post Communion Prayer. The liturgical color of Advent is blue and no flowers are used in the Church.



PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE ADVENT WREATH** One of the most enduring symbols of the season, the Advent Wreath brings together several powerful images: The circular wreath reminds us that God’s love for us has no beginning and no end. The evergreen sprigs often added to the wreath call to mind the eternal life God offers us in Jesus. The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are blue, the liturgical color of Advent and remind us of the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The one rose candle is a sign of joy, even in the midst of waiting, and is lit on the third Sunday because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. As we light another candle each week, light increasingly dispels darkness, just as the Light of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death in our lives. The white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, represents Christ, and is lit on Christmas Eve. Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.
- **CHRISTMAS WAFERS** (Oplatki) are being blessed before Mass today and will be available in the vestibule. They are available for a free will offering. We should all strive to uphold the beautiful Church tradition of sharing of the “oplatek” at the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper or on Christmas Day with our family and friends.
- **ADVENT COMMUNION VISITS** will be made by the Clergy to all of the sick and homebound of the Parish during the month of December. Anyone who cannot attend any of the Christmas Masses is asked to contact the Clergy to arrange an Advent Communion visit.

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- **OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** The Nominating Committee is hard at work developing a slate of candidates to stand for election to the Parish Committee for 2021. As Christians, we are called to generously give of our time and talents. As members of the Polish National Catholic Church, we are governed by a Constitution which allows for each congregation to elect representatives to conduct the business of their Parish. As several members of our Parish Committee are stepping down after years of faithful service, filling the slate of candidates is especially challenging this year. We ask you to prayerfully consider standing for election to the Parish Committee. Your Nominating Committee members - Bishop Jerry, Father David, Doug Scott, Irena Kneeland and Judie Szydlowski – will be contacting potential candidates personally over the next several weeks. But you do not need to wait for our call. Feel free to contact us at any time. The election will take place on Sunday, December 13 immediately following 9AM Mass.
- **SOCL/PTO CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT** – A Giving Tree is set up in the church vestibule with tags listing items needed for gifts for the sick and homebound of our Parish family. Parishioners and friends are invited to be a “Christmas Angel” and provide a *\$10 gift card* from Target, Jewel or Walgreens to bring some Christmas cheer to our sick and homebound. Gift cards may be given to Margaret Rowinski or mailed to her attention at the church by December 6. Any questions should be directed to Margaret Rowinski (630-307-2990).





The PTO/SOCL is Sponsoring a REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

FOR EACH DAY OF NOVEMBER ADD THE ITEM LISTED BELOW TO
A BOX/BAG. THEN, BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS TO
CHURCH EACH WEEK, OR ALL AT ONE TIME ON
DECEMBER 6TH

- November 1 - box of cereal
- November 2 - peanut butter/nut butter
- November 3 - stuffing mix
- November 4 - boxed potatoes
- November 5 - macaroni and cheese
- November 6 - canned fruit
- November 7 - canned tomatoes
- November 8 - canned tuna
- November 9 - dessert mix
- November 10 - jar of applesauce
- November 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- November 12 - cranberry sauce
- November 13 - canned beans
- November 14 - box of crackers
- November 15 - package of rice
- November 16 - package of oatmeal
- November 17 - box of pasta
- November 18 - spaghetti sauce
- November 19 - chicken noodle soup
- November 20 - tomato soup
- November 21 - can of corn
- November 22 - can of mixed vegetables
- November 23 - can of carrots
- November 24 - can green beans
- November 25 - canned chicken
- November 26 - box of granola bars
- November 27 - powdered milk
- November 28 - olive or canola oil
- November 29 - jar of honey
- November 30 - box of tea/can of coffee

Food donations will be given to a local food pantry.

You are invited to join in . . .

Northcentral Seniorate Advent Retreat

Theme: *“Come Lord Jesus”*

Sunday, December 19, 10am-12 noon (cst)
via Zoom

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 862 6338 1967

Passcode: 172540

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdW6BF4kgX>



Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

Advent Bible Study

Tuesdays, November 24, December 1, 8, 15
7PM – 8PM via GoToMeeting

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/790179797>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 790-179-797

Watching & Waiting

The season of Advent is a time to watch and wait. The word *Advent* comes from a Latin word that means “arrival.” During these 4 weeks we await – and eagerly anticipate – the celebration of Jesus’ birth, the Savior who came to us in Bethlehem, his first advent.

Mary and Joseph waited and watched during that very first Advent season. They awaited the birth of Mary’s firstborn son, the child who was “the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32), the child to be named “Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Mary “gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger” (Luke 2:7). That first Christmas night, shepherds waited in the fields near Bethlehem, “keeping watch over their flock by night: (Luke 2:8) and probably waited for daylight. Light came, but it was the glory of the Lord. The waiting was over! An angel brought good news: “Unto you is born this day . . . a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christmas. But Advent is also a time of waiting and watching for Jesus to fulfill his promise that he will come again on the Last Day. That will be our Lord’s Second Advent. At his first Advent, Jesus came to live and grow, to teach and heal and to die on the cross, suffering the penalty of death for our sins. Then he rose victorious over death. At his Second Advent, Jesus will come as the King of glory to judge the nations.

At Jesus’ first Advent in Bethlehem, few people on earth knew of his arrival. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the people of Bethlehem knew the holy child was born. At his Second Advent, his coming on the Last Day, “every eye will see him” (Revelation 1:7) He will come “in his glory, and all the angels with him” (Matthew 25:31). He will raise us up to eternal life “and so we will always be with the Lord” (I Thessalonians 4:17).

God’s people did not know when the Messiah would be born, but they had God’s promise and so they waited in hope. We do not know when Jesus will come again, but we have his promise. “Surely, I am coming soon (Revelation 22:20), and so we wait in hope. Through this season of Advent and until he comes again, we wait and watch and pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

At this time, the 'better-safe-than-sorry' approach to our common life in our Parish is the approach to take for the immediate future. Face masks must cover the nose and mouth.

Therefore, at the passing of the Peace during Mass, we will eliminate handshaking, kissing and hugging as signs of God's peace being with you. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted for the other gestures to ensure the health safety of all and to remove from some the stigma of their not desiring to participate in the Peace at this time while others would. Making the sign of the cross when entering to the church without the Holy Water. Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place. A smile and the brief greetings offered as usual will be sufficient.

Coughing and sneezing into your elbow and arm instead of uncovered into the air around you will be appreciated by everyone and reduce the risk of infection. As always, parishioners who are ill on a Sunday morning or exhibiting flu-like symptoms should remain at home from Mass until they are fully recovered from their illness.

The clergy will continue to wash their hands before Mass as they always do. Additionally, they will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after distributing communion. The CDC explains the following: Coronavirus symptoms include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms could appear two to 14 days after exposure. The virus spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People can also become infected by touching something with the virus on it then touching their mouth, nose or possibly eyes. We will observe these precautions as long as necessary.

PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:30 AM Every Sunday (September through May)

Superintendent: Margaret Rowinski (630-307-2990)

YOUTH ASSOCIATION (Age 8 and up are welcome)

Next Meeting: TBA

Advisors: Doug Scott, Jennifer Gradowski, Katy Scott

MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: TBA

Chairman: Father David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 7PM

Chairman: Phillip Smolka (773-380-7131)

PARISH COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 7PM

Chairman: Gary Kurzynski (630-924-7504)

PARENT – TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 17, 11:15AM

President: Doug Scott (312-623-6825)

Childcare is provided during PTO Meetings.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Barbara Bratkowski (224-558-9846)

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA

Next Meeting – TBA

DISTRICT SIX - Director: Christine Wachna (630-350-1787)

BRANCH #37 - President: Robert Maycan (847-318-7975)

Interim Branch Secretary: Rev. David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

PARISH INFORMATION

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Cemetery Secretary: Jill Lindenmuth cemetery@ascpncc.org

Cemetery Visiting Hours: 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Spring & Summer Decorations: April 1 – September 30

Fall & Winter Decorations: November 1 – February 28

SUNDAY MASS: 9:00AM (English) 11:00AM (Polish)

DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the weekly bulletin.

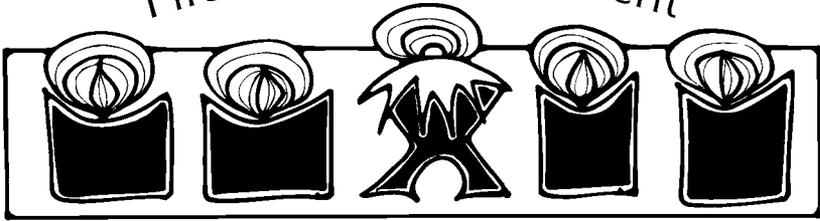
HOLY DAY MASSES are held as announced in the weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM arrangements should be made with the Pastor as soon as possible or at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS AND DEATH should be reported to Bishop Jerry immediately.

First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2020



OPENING HYMN: “Celebrate God!”

Refrain:

Celebrate God with your hands,
Celebrate God with your voice!
Celebrate God in all that you do,
And He will be with you.

1. Listen to Him with your ears;
Listen to Him with your heart!
Listen to Him as He speaks with you,
And He will be with you.

Refrain

2. Touch Him in all those you love;
Touch Him in all those you love!
Touch Him in them and let them touch you,
And He will be with you.

Refrain

3. Celebrate God with us!
Celebrate God with us!
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!
Celebrate God with us!



ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

C: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: **Who made heaven and earth.**

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: **And let our cry come to You.**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: **And also with you.**

C: Let us pray:

Almighty God and Father, pour forth Your blessing upon us and upon this Advent wreath. May the light of these candles reflect the splendor of Christ Who is to come, for He is our Lord, forever and ever.

R: **Amen.**

Celebrant sprinkles wreath with holy water

C: The peace and blessing of Almighty God: the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit, descend upon this wreath and remain with us forever.

R: **Amen.**

C: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome Him.

R: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, we pray to the Lord.

R: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the Lord.

R: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

R: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord. *R.*

R: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

C: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father:

All: Our Father ...

C: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

R.: Amen.



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of a new church year.

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation as we try to stay alert and ready for the second coming of Christ.

Advent is also a time of joyous anticipation for the celebration of Christmas, His “first coming” into the world.

ALL: “Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Reader 2: We begin each Mass on the Sundays of Advent with the lighting of a candle on our Advent wreath.

Each candle represents a thousand years of waiting by the people of God for the light of Christ, which finally appeared in the world with the birth of Jesus.

ALL: “Lay aside the work of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

Reader 3: We will hear in the prayers of today’s Mass that in order to be ready for the Lord’s coming, we must “live as children of the day” and “walk in the light of the Lord” and “make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.

We light * the first candle to remember to walk in the light of the Lord.

ALL: “Keep awake, you do not know what day your Lord is coming.”

Reader 4: Loving Father, we “put on the armor of light” when we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ”. We come to You to “lay aside the works of darkness” through Your Son in the Sacrament of Penance.

And we come to receive Him in the Sacraments of the Word and the Eucharist. As long as we remain in Him, we know we can look for His coming, not with fear or dread, but with joyful hope and great expectation.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord †

Response: **Who has made heaven and earth.**

C: O Lord, hear our prayers.

R: **And let our cry come to You.**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

C: Let us pray:

Loving Father, as we begin our preparations to celebrate Your gift of a Savior this Christmas, we ask You to draw closer to us and to enable us to truly prepare our hearts that we might once again share the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the Wise men with one another this Christmas Day.

R: **Amen.**

C: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, bountiful in Your goodness, always faithful in Your promise to be with us always. We ask You to bless † and sanctify † these Christmas wafers (oplatki). As we share them with our family and friends this Christmas season, may we share the love, peace, joy and unity that is Your gift to each of us through Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: **Amen.**

C: The blessing of almighty God, the Father † the Son † and the Holy Spirit descend upon these Christmas wafers and all those who will share them with one another this Christmas season.

R: **Amen.**

CONFITEOR

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws

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in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.



ENTRANCE VERSE

- V. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word.
My soul looks for the Lord more than the sentinels for daybreak.
- R. **Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.**
- V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



READING I: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 (Please be seated)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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



READING II: I Corinthians 1:3-9 (Remain seated)

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37 (Remain standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy + Gospel according to **Mark:**

Response: **Glory be to You Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE WORD



HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of
an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face; Sure - ly the
pres - ence of the Lord is in this place. *Optional transition to "He Is Here"*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The final system includes a double bar line and a key signature change to C major, with the instruction "Optional transition to 'He Is Here'".

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Nicene Creed)

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary

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AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(Please stand)

The Celebrant introduces the intercessions:

Celebrant: Knowing the times in which we are living, let us pray that our deeds will take on the light of Christ's love.

then the Lector begins by saying:

L: Remembering God's faithfulness toward the House of Israel, we pray for the grace to be faithful to God's will in our lives. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: Mindful of Christ's teaching to keep vigilant, we ask the Spirit to intensify our life of prayer. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: Acknowledging our need for God's redeeming love, we pray that Christ will find us ready for the reign of heaven. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: Longing for God to open the heavens and come down, we ask for the grace to open our hearts to let in the poor of Christ. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: Grateful for the many spiritual gifts we possess, we pray that Christ will find us working diligently for the final harvest of justice and peace. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: Rejoicing that God is the potter and we the clay, we ask for the grace to receive the word of God that fashions us into a holy priesthood, a nation dedicated to right. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

L: By the splendor of Your mercy welcome into the day of salvation those who have died. As we await the day of Christ Jesus, we ask:

R: Saving God, help us.

The Celebrant will now offer the concluding prayer.

C: God our Creator, fill us with the new life of grace that we may cling to Your love and abide in hope as the day of Christ draws near. Grant our prayers in Jesus' name.

R: Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Hosea” . . . Solo

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav-en and earth are_ full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho -
san-na on high._____ Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na on high._____

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are_ full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na on high._____ Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na on high._____". There are some musical ornaments like a fermata and a grace note over the final "na" in the last line.



AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.

The musical score for "Amen" is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melodic line with the lyrics "A - men. A - men. A - - - - men." underneath. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

OUR FATHER (Please stand)

Vocals



1 Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven hal - low - ed be Thy name,

2 Thy king - - - dom come, Thy will be done

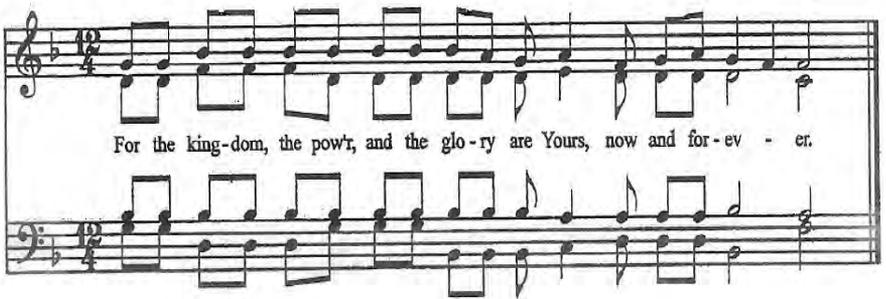
3 on earth as it is in hea - ven.

4 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give

5 us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us

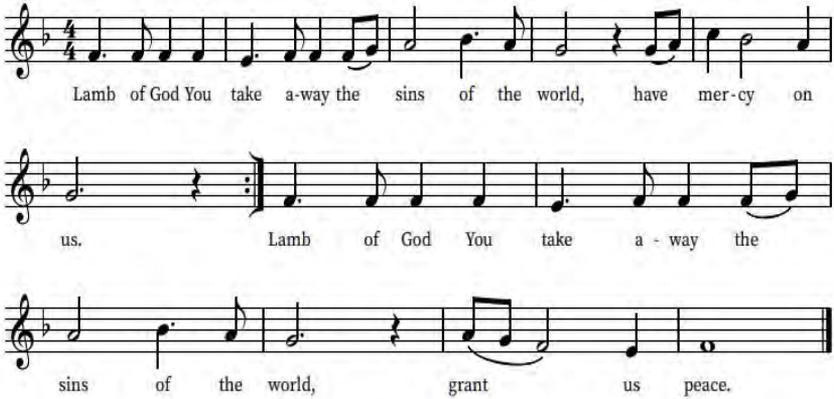
6 and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Bur de - liv - er us from e - vil.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION



For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are Yours, now and for - ev - er.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God You take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.



COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and my Savior,



COMMUNION HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I, who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

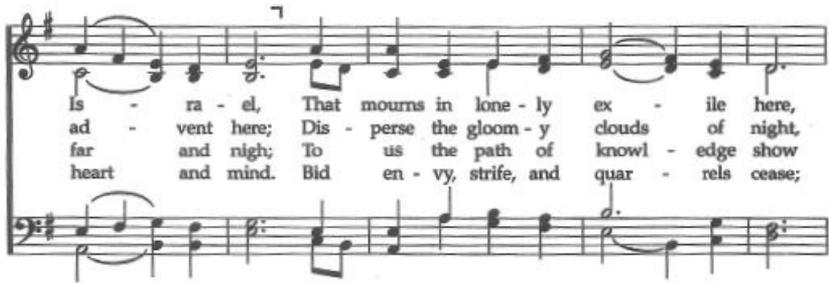
POST COMMUNION HYMN:

“Soon And Very Soon” . . . Youth Choir

CLOSING HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high And or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one



7
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show
heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;



Refrain
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el