

Liturgy – Advent Week 1
December 2, 2023 at 5pm, Light of Christ ECC
Responses of the people are in ***bold***

Welcome: Announcements end with “please remain seated.”

Opening Song: Mary Sing with a Joyful Heart

AVE MARIA

Mary, Sing with Joyful Heart

Steve Angrisano



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| 1. Ma - ry, sing with joy - ful heart: | “You shall bear Em- |
| 2. “Sing, my soul, of God’s great love! | Sing, my heart, your |
| 3. An - gels sing as shep - herds watch: | “Praise to God, his |
| 4. “Now I see the world’s true light! | Glo - ry shines on |
| 5. “Where is Je - sus, child of grace?” | “Here, in God my |



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| 1. man - u - ell” | Vir - gin Moth - er, full of |
| 2. song of joy! | Praise his won - ders, praise his |
| 3. peace on earth! | Christ the Sa - vior, Shep - herd - |
| 4. Is - ra - el! | God’s great glo - ry, Christ the |
| 5. Fa - ther’s house! | Where the Son is, there is |



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| 1. grace, | pray for us to God, your Son! |
| 2. name, | praise his gift of God, my Son!” |
| 3. King, | sleeps in straw in Da - vid’s town!” |
| 4. Lord, | comes to claim his dwell - ing - place!” |
| 5. God! | I am God’s new house of prayer!” |



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a!



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a!

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Verses: 1. The Annunciation, 2. The Visitation, 3. The Nativity, 4. The Presentation in the Temple,
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation,
and the Breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite

Teri: Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen
and understand, and our lives may be transformed.

Creator God, You offer grace and mercy for healing, Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Jesus the Christ, You teach us the value of forgiveness, Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Spirit, Your gift of reconciliation is a gift we both receive and share, Lord
have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed
life and love eternal. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed
in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life.
Together now we say. **Amen**

(Let us grab our holy noisemakers, as we sing our glory to God)

Gloria

GLORIA

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

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Opening Prayer

Teri: Let us pray....Loving God – Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with, or the gifts we give or receive. Our joy comes from you. It dwells deep in our soul. In our souls. It is the joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise ones who traveled and followed a star, and Mary and Joseph too. It is the joy that can transform our hearts and is the root of hope. Let us strive not only to know that joy, but to be the joy that is at the center of the soul of the world. For this is the work of the church. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

First Reading: Shannon

Shannon : Our First Reading is from the Book of Lamentations (5:1-5, 8-15)

O Holy One, remember what has happened to us!
Pay attention and see our disgrace.
Our heritage has been handed over to strangers,
our homes, to those who do not know us.
We've become orphans, without fathers.
Our mothers are like widows.
We pay money to drink our own water!
Our own wood comes at a price.
With a yoke on our necks, we are driven.
We are worn out, but allowed no rest...
Servants rule over us,
with no one to tear us from their hands.
We risk our lives just to get bread, exposed to the desert heat.
Our skin heats up like an oven,
from the searing blasts of famine.
Women are raped in Zion,
young women in the cities of Judah.
Princes have been hanged, elders shown no respect.
Young men carry millstones.
Boys stagger under loads of wood. The elders have abandoned the gate,
the young their music.
The joy of our hearts has ceased. Dancing has turned into mourning.

This has been a reading from the Book of Lamentation.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm (with rosaries)

Teri (10 times): Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Congregation: ***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us (children), now and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

Second Reading: Shannon

The Second Reading is from the 2nd Letter of Peter (3:8-15a)

Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: that with God, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. God is not slow in carrying out promises, as some think of slowness. Rather God is patient, wanting no one to be lost, and all to be found.

But the day of God, when it comes, will come like a thief. Then, the cosmos will pass away with an enormous roar. The elements will be destroyed by fire. The earth, and all that is in it, will be burned up.

Consider, then, what sort of people we ought to be. We must lead lives of holiness and dedication, as we anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God. On that day, the heavens will catch fire and the elements melt in the heat. But relying on God's promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth where justice makes its home.

So, beloved, while we are waiting, strive to live rightly and to be at peace with God so that God may find us above reproach. Bear in mind that God's patience is an opportunity to mature in faith.

This has been a reading from the 2nd Letter of Peter.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor:

1, 5. Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, God of
 2. Tree of life and end-less wis - dom, be our
 3. Liv - ing wa - ter, we are thirst - ing for the
 4. Come, O Spir - it, kin - dle fire in the

All:

mer - cy and com - pas - sion:
 root, our growth and glo - ry: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 life that you have prom - ised:
 hearts of all your peo - ple:

lu - ia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

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The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (13:1a, 2, 3b-5a, 7-8, 14-27, 33-37)

Glory to you, O God+

My siblings in Christ, Jesus was making his way out of the Temple area and said to the disciples, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be one stone left upon another. All will be thrown down.”

Later, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Jesus privately, “Tell us when this will happen and what sign there will be when all these things are about to come to an end?...”

Jesus replied: “When you hear of wars and threats of war, do not be alarmed. Such things happen; but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes and fires... and there will be famines. These are just the beginnings of the labor pains.

“When you see the desolating sacrilege set up (in the Temple) where it ought not be..., then those in Judea must flee to the hills. The one on the housetop must not go down to enter the house or fetch anything out. The one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. Alas for those who are pregnant and those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it may not happen in winter. For in those days, there will be suffering such as has not been from the beginning when God created until now, and never will be again. And if God had not cut short those days, no human being would survive; but God has cut short those days for the sake of those whom God chose.

“If anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look, there’s the one who will save us!’, do not believe it; for false leaders and false prophets will appear and produce signs and wonders to mislead the chosen, if possible. Therefore, be watchful. Remember, I have warned you of everything...

“In those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened. The moon will not give its light. The fiery stars will fall from the heavens and all the powers in the cosmos will be shaken. And then they will see the Chosen One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. The Chosen One will send out winged messengers, and gather the chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“In truth I tell you, before this generation passes away, all these things will have taken place. The heavens and with them, the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But as for that day or hour, no one knows, neither the cosmic messengers of God, nor the Chosen One. No one knows but God. So, be on your guard. Keep watch. For you do not know when the time will come. It’s like someone going on a journey, leaving home, putting others in charge, each with their own work, and ordering the guard to stand watch. Stay awake! For you do not know when the owner will come home, in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or at dawn. You don’t want the owner to come

unexpectedly and find you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: Keep watch!"

The Gospel according to Mark. ***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily:

Creed: (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We 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, One in 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 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered died 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People - Shannon

Teri: I'd like to invite "Shannon " back to lead us in the prayers that have been prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Shannon : Our response today is: God, help us be a Light in the darkness. ***God, help us know your abundance.***

For the world that waits in darkness, that they know that God is near, that hope replaces despair and love overcomes fear. We pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

For the church, that we work to manifest the gospel message of love, justice and equity to all. We pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

For those who are sick, especially M.L. Thomas and Graham Shead. May the healing touch of God bring them comfort. We pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

For those who struggle, who feel lost, unheard and alone. We especially pray for those who wrestle with this time of year. That we may see them, hear them and know them as you have done for each of us. We pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

For those who have died, especially Annie Belle Reed mother of Marlene Rogers. May they live now in the full embrace of God and God's love. We pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

Shannon : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***God, help us know your abundance.***

Shannon : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will

reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Teri: Collect (*adlib*)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: Holy is His Name

708 **HOLY IS HIS NAME** John Michael Talbot
 Acc #248 / CP# #308

Verses



1. My soul_ pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, _
 2. He has mer-cy _____ in ev - 'ry gen-er - a - tion. He



1. and my spir-it ___ ex-ults in God my Sav-ior. For he has
 2. has ___ re-vealed ___ his pow-er and his glo - ry. He has cast



1. looked with mer-cy on my low-li - ness, and my name _ will be for-
 2. down the might-y in their ar-ro-gance, and has lift - ed up ___ the



1. ev - er ex - alt - ed. For the might - y God has done great
 2. meek and the low - ly. He has come to help his ser - vant



1. things for me, and his mer-cy ___ will reach from age to
 2. Is - ra - el; he ___ re-mem - bers ___ his prom - ise to our

Refrain



1. age. ___ And ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is his name.
 2. fa - thers.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Let us open up our hearts. ***We open them up to God.***

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: We thank you, God, for this good Earth, with all of its many diverse peoples and elements. We thank you for its wisdom, and all that it has to teach us as it spins like Your own rosary bead. Let us cherish the peoples and creatures, the landscape and the waters and the atmosphere of this rich planet. Let us imagine peace in every corner of your Creation.

Creative God, breath of all life through whom all things are created and sustained; all sons and daughters and children, flocks and herds, all birds of the air and fish of the sea. You walked this earth as child and Creator. You touched the soil, quenched your thirst, embraced this world, shared joy

and light, love and laughter. You moved toward those who lived in shadows to shine your Loving Light. Creative God, breath of all life through whom all things are created and sustained, we delight in You. Now with all of creation, with the angels and shepherds, and all the holy ones who have passed the thin veil before us, we are glad to sing of your glory.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**
(bow)

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."**
(bow)

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

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Teri: Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation and abilities, differing in politics and even religion. As we come together we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more differences we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred, of You God, in our midst. May our gathering remind us of the joy that you have placed in our souls.

We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. Grant them grace for leadership each day. And bless their families who must share these loved ones with us. We are thankful for them, and the love and support they offer our bishops.

We trust that all our beloved who have died, now rest in your eternal embrace. We especially remember Annie Belle Reed, who crossed the thin veil on Monday to join You God in the fullness of Your Love. May we one day join her, and all the holy ones.

Teri: Together now, we say..... ***Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.***

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

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LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: On our rosaries, the single beads are where one would traditionally pray the Our Father. Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now, spin our beads, and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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...

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:
God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,

Last time
Cantor: mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you
All:

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

(Invitation to Communion)

We are invited to these tables just as we are.

Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: here in this

place, here in this community, here at this table. Let us look for God in the breaking of this bread.

Communion Song: # 833 I Myself Am the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Rory Cooney

Refrain



I my-self am the bread of life. You and I
are the bread of life, tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and
shared by Christ that the world might live. live.
That the world might live. That the world might live.

Verses



1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak - er's
2. Here is God's king - dom giv - en to us as
3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto - ries shared a -
1. love, and we who share it _____ know that we can be
2. food. This is our bod - y, _____ this _____ is our
3. loud, be - come a ban - quet, a shel - ter ___ for the
1. one:
2. blood: } a liv - ing sign of God in Christ.
3. world: }

1-3 to Verses Final

to Refrain

Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Sacred One, Sharer of Joy,
You fill the hungry with good things. In this Eucharist you have filled us with the word and the bread of life, and nourished our joy. Make us hunger now for Christ's new coming in the hearts and the homes of all. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God continue to be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing.

May God's joy be born in us and shared with the world. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ.... ***We are Light of Christ***

Let us go forth as such..... ***Let us go forth as such***


Loving and serving God..... ***Loving and serving God***

As we get to love and serve in God's world....***As we get to love and serve in God's world.***

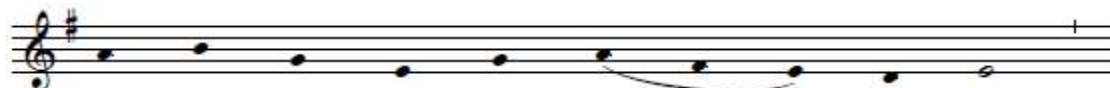
And the people respond together, ***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: # 323 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel


O Come, O Come, Emmanuel




1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



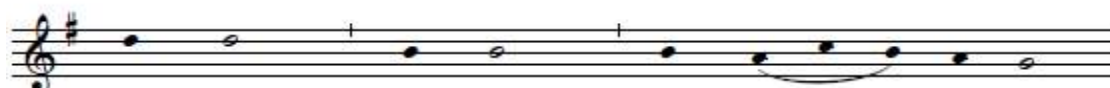
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them;
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the law,
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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

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

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

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