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LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU



**A PENANCE SERVICE
FOR ADVENT 2018**

**Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents
with Individual Confession and Absolution**

Introductory Rites

Opening Hymn
Greeting
Introduction
Opening Prayer

Celebration of the Word of God

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Verse
Gospel
Homily
Examination of Conscience

Rite of Reconciliation

General Confession of Sin
Litany of Repentance
Lord's Prayer
Concluding Prayer
Individual Confessions of Sin and Absolution
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy
Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving

Concluding Rite

Blessing
Dismissal
Closing Hymn

PREPARATION

- Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions are included herein.)
- A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo. The appropriate number of candles may be lit on the Advent Wreath.
- Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

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 we already rejoice
at the mystery of his Nativity,
so that he might find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise...

~ Preface II of Advent
The twofold expectation of Christ

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

See suggestions herein

GREETING

Presider: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Presider: *In these or similar words...*

**Brothers and sisters,
We live in a world where we are constantly bombarded by
information, advice, and opinions. We hear politicians and political
commentators who try to convince us that their views are correct. We
are faced with advertisements for food, clothes, and cars which offer
an alleged path to happiness. Most troubling, we are confronted with
a culture which tries to tell us what is morally right or wrong.**

**We know what God has taught us and when we have failed to heed his
voice. But we gather here tonight [today] to listen, once again, to his
holy word and to encounter his grace in this sacrament. He offers his
forgiveness so that we may, once again and still, turn back to him.**

**In this Advent season-- during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's
birth and anticipate Christ's return -- let us better appreciate the
salvation which Christ has won for us. And may we, his disciples,
bring that Good News of mercy and reconciliation to a world badly in
need of it.**

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: My brothers and sisters,
We look forward to celebrating the mystery
of Christ's incarnation.
Let us pray that when he comes again,
he may find us awake and ready to receive him.

Silent prayer

**Almighty and merciful God,
you have brought us together in the name of your Son
to receive your mercy and grace in our time of need.
Open our eyes to see the evil we have done.
Touch our hearts and convert us to yourself.
Where sin has divided and scattered,
may your love make us one again;
where sin has brought weakness,
may your power heal and strengthen;
where sin has brought death,
may your Spirit raise us to new life.**

**Give us a heart to love you,
so that our lives may reflect the image of your Son.
May the world see the glory of Christ
revealed in your Church,
and come to know that he is the One whom you have sent,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

All: Amen.

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength,
that what our sins may impede
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect
Thursday of the First Week of Advent

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.

The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Let the clouds rain down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Lord, make us turn to you and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
*May the Lord strengthen your hearts
for the coming of the Lord Jesus.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Verse: *The day of the Lord is near:
Behold, he comes to save us.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-6 (or 3:1-12)
Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

The assembly is now invited to make an examination of conscience. This can be done in silence or by using the examination below. Two readers might alternate. Allow a brief period of silence between each question or phrase.

Presider: The following examination of conscience is based upon the Confiteor. Please reflect quietly as each part is read.

I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD

- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?
- Do I seek a deeper relationship with God in this sacrament of reconciliation?

AND TO YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, or fellow students?
- Have I contributed to the well being and happiness of others at home?
- Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?

THAT I HAVE SINNED THROUGH MY OWN FAULT

- Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?
- Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse? my parents? my children? my parish?
- Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?

IN MY THOUGHT AND IN MY WORDS

- Have ever harbored ill thoughts against another person?
- Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?
- Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor, the unborn, or people of other races?
- Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?

IN WHAT I HAVE DONE

- Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?
- Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?
- Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?
- Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?
- Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO

- **Have I neglected by responsibilities to my family?**
- **Have I neglected my health?**
- **Have I neglected my prayer life?**
- **Do I use the earth's resources wisely?**

AND I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER VIRGIN AND ALL THE SAINTS

- **Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?**
- **Do I worship with my Community each Sunday?**
- **Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?**

AND YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- **Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?**
- **Do I support and defend other members of my family?**
- **Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?**
- **Do I treat those who wait on me or who work with me with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?**

TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD OUR GOD

- **Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?**
- **Do I remember to pray for others in my parish, especially for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments?**
- **Do I pray for the living and the dead?**



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

Presider: God who is infinitely merciful
pardons all who are repentant
and takes away their guilt.
Confident in his goodness,
let us ask him to forgive all our sins
as we confess them with sincerity of heart.

All: 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,
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

Presider: Let us turn to Christ with confidence and ask his mercy.

Minister: You came into the world to seek and save what was lost.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You came to give us life, life in its fullness.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Once and for all you died for our sins,
the innocent one for the guilty.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: In your mercy free us from the past
and enable us to begin a new life of holiness.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Make us a living sign of love for all to see:
people reconciled with you and with each other.

All: Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Now, in obedience to Christ himself,
let us join in prayer to the Father,
asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.

All: Our Father, ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: Almighty and eternal God
you sent your only-begotten Son
to reconcile the world to yourself.
Lift from our hearts the oppressive gloom of sin,
so that we may celebrate the approaching
dawn of Christ's birth with fitting joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confession should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Confessor: God the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

Psalm 136:1-9, 16, 24-26

**Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his mercy endures forever;**

**Who alone does great wonders,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who made the heavens in wisdom,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures forever;**

**Who made the great lights.
for his mercy endures forever;
The sun to rule over the day,
for his mercy endures forever;
The moon and the stars to rule over the night,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who led his people through the wilderness,
for his mercy endures forever;**

**Who freed us from our foes,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who gives food to all flesh,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures forever;**

Another psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the scripture citations below.

Psalm 28: 6-7

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11

Psalm 54

Psalm 66

Psalm 95

Psalm 98: 1-9

Psalm 100: 1-5

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18

Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175

Psalm 145: 1-21

Psalm 146: 2-10

Isaiah 12: 1b-6

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Jeremiah 31: 10-14

Daniel 3:52-57

Luke 1:46-55

Ephesians 1:3-10

Revelation 15: 3-4

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: Lord God,
Creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,
in your great love for this world
you gave up your only Son for our salvation.
His cross has redeemed us,
his death has given us life,
his resurrection has raised us to glory.
Through him we ask you
to be always present among your family.
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;
fill our hearts with faith,
our days with good works,
our lives with your love.
May your truth be on our lips
and your wisdom in all our actions,
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

Presider: May the Father bless us
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Son show us his saving power,
for he died and rose for us.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness
and lead us by the right path, for he dwells in our hearts.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Presider: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**I am the LORD, there is no other;
I form the light, and create the darkness,
I make well-being and create woe;
I, the Lord, do all these things.
Let justice descend, o heavens,
like dew from above,
like gentle rain let the skies drop it down.
Let the earth open and salvation bud forth;
let justice also spring up!
I, the LORD, have created this.**

**For thus says the LORD,
The creator of the heavens,
who is God,
The designer and maker of the earth
who established it,
Not creating it to be a waste,
but designing it to be lived in:
I am the LORD, and there is no other.**

**Who announced this from the beginning
and foretold it from of old?
Was it not I, the LORD,
besides whom there is no other God?
There is no just and saving God but me.
Turn to me and be safe,
all you ends of the earth,
for I am God, there is no other!
By myself I swear,
uttering my just decree
and my unalterable word:
To me every knee shall bend;
by me every tongue shall swear;
Saying, "Only in the LORD
are just deeds and power.
Before him in shame shall come
all those who vent their anger against him.
In the LORD shall be all the vindication and the glory
of all the descendants of Israel.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)

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 above the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love

for one another and for all,

just as we have for you,

so as to strengthen your hearts,

to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father

at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,

we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,

as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God

-- and as you are conducting yourselves --

you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave you

through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The day of the Lord is near:

Behold, he comes to save us.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea
and saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair
and had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey.
At that time Jerusalem, all Judea,
and the whole region around the Jordan
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.

[When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming to his baptism, he said to them,
'You brood of vipers!
Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.
And do not presume to say to yourselves,
'We have Abraham as our father.'
For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.
Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand.
He will clear his threshing floor
and gather his wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."**]**

The Gospel of the Lord.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: ALTERNATIVE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-10a	The Lord will save us.
Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10	God himself will come to save us.
Isaiah 40:1-11	God consoles his people
Isaiah 54: 1-10	The Lord calls you back.
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	O, that you would rend the heavens and come down
Jeremiah 7:21-26	Listen to my voice...I will be your God and you will be my people
Jeremiah 23:5-8	I will raise up a righteous shoot to David...
Hosea 2:16-25	I will make a covenant for you that day
Joel 2: 12-18	For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness
Zephaniah 3:14-18a	The Lord has removed judgment against you...the Lord is in your midst

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 25	Teach me your ways, O Lord
Psalms 36:2-13	How precious is your unfailing love, O Lord.
Psalms 51: 3-21	Give back to me the joy of your salvation.
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
Psalms 85: 9ab,10, 11-12, 13-14	Our God will come and save us.
Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5	The Lord is loving and kind: his mercy endures forever.
Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10	The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalms 130: 1-8	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption
Psalms 145:1and9, 10-11, 12-13	The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and of great kindness
Psalms 147:1-6	Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 3: 22-26	Justified by the gift of God, Christ Jesus
Romans 6:2-14	You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God
Romans 12:1-2, 9-19	Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction...
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	God is faithful
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	God reconciled the world to himself through Christ
Ephesians 1: 3-14	The Father's plan of salvation
Ephesians 2:1-10	But God who is rich in mercy...brought us to life with Christ
Ephesians 4: 22-32	Forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ
Philippians 1:4-11	Show yourself pure and blameless for the day of Christ
Philippians 4: 6-9	Have no anxiety at all
James 5:7-10	Make your hearts firm, the coming of the Lord is at hand
1 Peter 1: 13-23	You have been redeemed...by the precious blood of Christ
1 Peter 1: 14-21	You were ransomed from your futile conduct
1 John 1:5 -2:2	If we acknowledge our sins he is faithful and just

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:1-8	Have confidence, my son, your sins are forgiven.
Matthew 18:12-14	The shepherd seeks one lost sheep
Matthew 21:28-32	Man had two sons... John came and sinners believed in him
Luke 7: 36-50	Her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love.
Luke 19: 1-10	The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost
John 1:29-34	Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
John 5:33-36	I have testimony greater than John's
John 15: 9-14	You will live in my love, if you keep my commandments

SAMPLE PENANCES

Choose one of the following penances as a way of accepting God's mercy.

- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of abuse or neglect. Read Matthew 25: 31-46.**
- **As a family, prepare a basket of food or toiletries and give it to a family in need.**
- **Skip a meal at your favorite restaurant. Use the money to purchase a Christmas gift for a person served by a parish organization or local charity.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended since your last confession and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Think of someone you have been especially uncharitable towards and send a Christmas card with a note of kindness attached to it.**
- **Work at a soup kitchen or food pantry during Advent for a couple of hours.**
- **Reflect on the Beatitudes.....find someone who meets one of those needs, such as one who mourns, and send them a note or visit them during Advent.**
- **Speak a word of affirmation to each member of your household this week. Make an effort to lift a burden from one of your friends or family members.**
- **Offer to share something you have - or something you're doing - with someone who would appreciate it.**
- **Make time for prayer (ten minutes or so), and ask God if there is something He would like to say to you... and LISTEN.**
- **Call or write a note to someone who may be lonely or in need of "comfort and joy".**
- **Gather your family members for a reading of the "Christmas Story" from the Gospel of Matthew or Luke. Discuss what it means to them and to you.**
- **Include a weekday Mass in your plans during Advent.**
- **Every morning until Christmas, say a Hail Mary for peace.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person at school. Invite him or her to sit with you and your friends.**
- **Prayerfully pray Psalm 51.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Give up some leisure time to shovel an elderly neighbor's driveway.**

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE 2018

HYMNODY

Amazing Grace	Newton (various)
Clear the Voice	Hagan (OCP)
Come, O Long Expected Jesus	Wesley (various)
Comfort, Comfort, O My People	Winkworth (tr.) (OCP)
Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Paul Tate (WLP, 007381)
Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Rudy Borkowski (WLP, 006272)
Find Us Ready	Tom Booth (GIA)
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning (GIA)
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler (GIA, G-6129 [collection])
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen (GIA)
Sion, Sing	Lucien Deiss (WLP)
The Advent of Our God	Coffin/Chandler (WLP; various hymnals)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber (various)
When the King Shall Come Again	Christopher Idle (various)

HYMNODY AND RELATED SCRIPTURE

(Is. 25) Praise the Lord, My Soul	Tom Parker (GIA)
(Is. 25) God's Holy Mountain We Ascend	(WLP)
(Is. 35) Walk in the Reign	Rory Cooney (GIA)
(Is. 35) Ready the Way	Bob Hurd (OCP)
(Is. 35) Come, Emmanuel	Light/Tate (WLP)
(Is. 35) Let Desert Wasteland Now Rejoice	Delores Duffer (GIA)
(Is. 40) Comfort, Comfort, O My People	(various)
(Is. 40) A Voice Cries Out	Michael Joncas (GIA)
(Is. 40) Treasures Out of Darkness/ <i>Tesoros Ocultos</i>	Alan Revering (WLP)
(Joel 2) Let Justice Roll Like a River	Marty Haugen (GIA)
(Rom. 6) I Know That My Redeemer Lives	(various)
(Rom 6) We Know That Christ is Raised	(various)
(Rom. 12) Christians, Let Us Love One Another	Foltz/Nigro (OCP)
(2 Cor.) Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit (various)
(Eph. 1) Ephesians 1:3-10	Eugene Englert (GIA; WIII)
(Eph. 4) Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit (various)
(1 John 1) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Kathleen Thomerson (various)
(1 John 1) Our Darkness	Taize (GIA)
(1 John 1) God is Love	David Haas (GIA)
(Matt. 3) Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice	(GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
(Matt. 3) When John Baptized by River Jordan	(GIA; various hymnals)
(Matt. 13) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	(various)
(Matt. 13) Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	(GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
(Matt. 13) The Reign of God	Delores Dufner (GIA)
(John 15) Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit (various)
(John 15) No Greater Love	Michael Joncas (GIA)
(John 15) The Master Came to Bring Good News	Ralph Finn (GIA; various hymnals)

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY
FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK	COMMENTS
Sunday	Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent – Year C	2	Lect #3, Preface I of Advent
Monday	Dec 3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	10	Lect #685
Tuesday	Dec 4	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #176
Wednesday	Dec 5	Wednesday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #177
Thursday	Dec 6	Thursday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #178
Friday	Dec 7	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #688
Saturday	Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM <i>Patronal feast of the United States of America</i>	3	Lect #689; holy day of obligation, Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Dec 9	Second Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #6
Monday	Dec 10	Monday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #181
Tuesday	Dec 11	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect # 182
Wednesday	Dec 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe USA	7	Lect #690 A or Com of BVM
Thursday	Dec 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	10	Lect # 692
Friday	Dec 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #693
Saturday	Dec 15	Saturday of the Second Week of Easter	13	Lect #186
Sunday	Dec 16	Third Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #9
Monday	Dec 17	Monday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #193 Preface II of Advent <i>O Antiphons begin</i>
Tuesday	Dec 18	Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #194
Wednesday	Dec 19	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #195
Thursday	Dec 20	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #196
Friday	Dec 21	Friday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect # 197
Saturday	Dec 22	Saturday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #198
Sunday	Dec 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #199
Monday	Dec 24	Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent	9	Lect #200

*Cf. *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 59

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**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Monday/ Tuesday	Dec 24/ Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas	2	Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” Preface I, II or III of Christmas Vigil: Lect #13 Midnight: Lect #14 Dawn: Lect #15 Day: Lect #16
Wednesday	Dec 26	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	7	Lect #696
Thursday	Dec 27	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	7	Lect #697
Friday	Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	7	Lect #698
Saturday	Dec 29	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9	Lect #202
Sunday	Dec 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph	5	Lect #17 Preface I-III of Christmas
Monday	Dec 31	Seventh Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9	Lect #204
Tuesday	Jan 1, 2019	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord	3	Lect #18 Holy day of obligation
Wednesday	Jan 2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	10	Lect #510 (or 719 or 725)
Thursday	Jan 3	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect. #206
Friday	Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious USA	10	Lect #510A or Common HMW
Saturday	Jan 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop USA	10	Lect #510B or Common of Past
Sunday	Jan 6	The Epiphany of the Lord	2	New Mass texts for Vigil/Day Lect #20, Proper Preface, Solemn Blessing #4 Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	Jan 7	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 212
Tuesday	Jan 8	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 213
Wednesday	Jan 9	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 214
Thursday	Jan 10	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 215
Friday	Jan 11	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 216
Saturday	Jan 12	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect # 217
Sunday	Jan 13	The Baptism of the Lord	5	Lect #21C, Proper Preface



LECTIONARY FOR MASS -- YEAR C

First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018)

Lectionary #3

First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm	Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Gospel	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Saturday, December 8, 2018)

Lectionary #689

First Reading	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4 (1a)
Second Reading	Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12
Gospel	Luke 1: 26-38

Second Sunday of Advent (December 9, 2018)

Lectionary #6

First Reading	Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)
Second Reading	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Wednesday, December 12, 2018)

**Lectionary # 690 A or
Common of BVM 707-712**

First Reading	Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Responsorial Psalm	Judith 13: 18bcde, 19
Gospel	Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47

Third Sunday of Advent (December 16, 2018)

Lectionary #9

First Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Responsorial Psalm	Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)
Second Reading	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:10-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23, 2018)

Lectionary #12

First Reading	Micah 5:1-4a
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45

The Nativity of the Lord – At the Vigil Mass **Lectionary #13, ABC**
 First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)
 Second Reading Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
 Gospel Matthew 1: 1-25 [or 1: 18-25]

The Nativity of the Lord - Mass at Midnight **Lectionary #14, ABC**
 First Reading Isaiah 9: 1-6
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Luke 2:11)
 Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14
 Gospel Luke 2: 1-14

The Nativity of the Lord – Mass at Dawn **Lectionary #15, ABC**
 First Reading Isaiah 62: 11-12
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-12
 Second Reading Titus 3: 4-7
 Gospel Luke 2: 15-20

The Nativity of the Lord – Mass During the Day **Lectionary #16 ABC**
 First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)
 Second Reading Hebrews 1: 1-6
 Gospel John 1: 1-18 [or John 1: 1-5, 9-14]

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (December 30, 2018) **Lectionary # 17C**
 First Reading 1 Samuel 1:30-22, 24-28 *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (cf. 5a) *or Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*
 Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 *or Colossians 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17*
 Gospel Luke 2:41-52

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Tuesday, January 1, 2019) **Lectionary #18, ABC**
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
 First Reading Numbers 6: 22-27
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)
 Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7
 Gospel Luke 2: 16-21

The Epiphany of the Lord (January 6, 2019) **Lectionary #20 ABC**
 First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

The Baptism of the Lord (January 13, 2019) **Lectionary #21 C**
 First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 *or Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1) *or Ps 29:1-2,3-4, 3, 9-10*
 Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 *or Acts 10:34-38*
 Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

The Roman Martyrology for December 24 contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with the creation of the world, mentions key events in the history of the people of Israel, and concludes with the birth of Jesus during the Roman Era.

A formal *Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* may be chanted or recited after the greeting and introduction of the Christmas Midnight Mass. The Gloria and Collect immediately follow the proclamation.

The proclamation may also be sung or proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Hours on Christmas Eve. If it is used at Morning or Evening Prayer, it follows the introduction of the hour and precedes the hymn. When it is proclaimed in the Office of Readings, it precedes the *Te Deum*.

It may be sung or recited at the ambo by a deacon, cantor, or reader. -- RT

After the greeting, the presider may introduce the Mass and the proclamation in these or similar words:

**Presider: Throughout the season of Advent,
the Church reflected on God's promises,
so often spoken by the prophets,
to send a savior to the people of Israel who would be Emmanuel,
that is, God with us.
In the fullness of time, those promises were fulfilled.
With hearts full of joy,
let us listen to the proclamation of our Savior's birth.**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION)

From the Roman Martyrology - see Roman Missal, third edition (page 1450-1452, USCCB edition)

This proclamation is chanted or recited on December 24 during the Liturgy of the Hours or before the beginning of Midnight Mass. It may not replace any part of the Mass. The underlines are provided here to assist the minister who will chant it.

**The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,
and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,
came out of the Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led
by Moses
in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the world being at peace,**

**JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah and was made man:**

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.



PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER

to be sung on the Solemnity of the Epiphany
after the singing of the Gospel, the deacon or cantor may chant the following.
For chant notation, please see the Roman Missal, Appendix, page 1448-1449 (USCCB edition).

The Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts

**Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters),
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.**

**On the sixth day of March
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.**

**On the twenty-first day of April
you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the second day of June (thirtieth day of May),
will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**On the ninth day of June,
the feast of Pentecost.**

**On the twenty-third day of June,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

**On the first day of December,
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



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