

Church of the Little Flower
Berkeley Heights, NJ



Second Sunday of Advent
December 3 - 4, 2022

LITANY FOR ADVENT

Litany of the Word

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1. Word of jus - tice, Al-le-lu - ia, Come to dwell here. Ma-ra-na-tha!
2. Word of mer - cy, Al-le-lu - ia, Live a - mong us. Ma-ra-na-tha!
3. Word of pow - er, Al-le-lu - ia, Live with - in us. Ma-ra-na-tha!
- *4. Word of free-dom, Al-le-lu - ia, Save your peo - ple. Ma-ra-na-tha!

*Additional verses available in accompaniment books.
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First Reading
Isaiah 11: 1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 2-13, 17

PSALM 72: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A



R. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

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O God, with your judgment endow the King,
and with your justice, the King's Son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Justice shall flower in His days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May He rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

For He shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor He shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

May His name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun His name shall remain.
In Him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim His happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Second Reading
Romans 15: 4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:
Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cantor):

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

(All):

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

(Cantor):

Gospel Verse

(All):

Lord Jesus, come!

Gospel
Matthew 3: 1-12

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

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,

(All Bow)

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with 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, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts
(Instrumental or Vocal Selection)

HOLY

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line.

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AMEN

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott

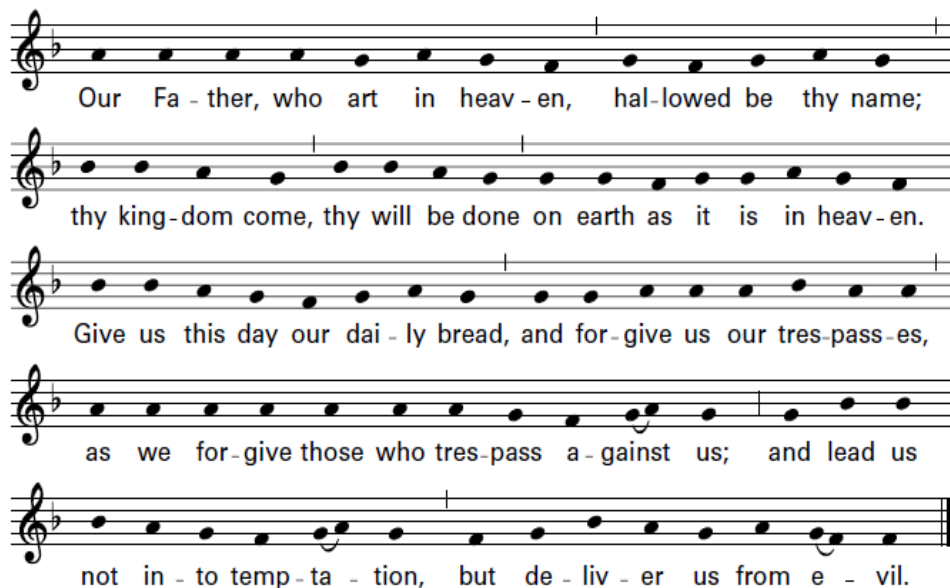
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody for 'Amen' is written across the staff, with a long horizontal line above the notes indicating a sustained or breath-held sound. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are placed below the notes.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Chant



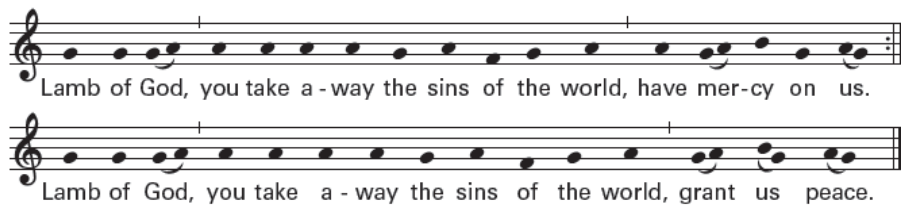
Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

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.

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CHANGE OUR HEARTS

Rory Cooney

Refrain



Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our
 minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the peo-
 - ple your call set a-part, Lord, this time change our
 hearts. hearts. This time change our hearts. This time
 change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

1-3 to Verses | Final

Verse 1



1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in
 1. par-a-dise, one in the waste; drawn by your prom-is-es,
 1. still we are lured by the shad-ows and the chains we leave be-hind. But

to Refrain

Verses 2, 3



2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, of-f'ring a - bun - dan -
 3. Show us the way that leads to your side, o - ver the moun-tains -

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CHANGE OUR HEARTS (CONT. 2)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains a melody with lyrics: "ces, ___ full - ness of joy. Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -" for the second line and "___ and sands of the soul. Be for us man - na, ___ wa - ter from" for the third line. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "2. real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But" for the second line and "3. stone, _____ light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And" for the third line. The second staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Refrain".

2. ces, ___ full - ness of joy. Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
3. ___ and sands of the soul. Be for us man - na, ___ wa - ter from

2. real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
3. stone, _____ light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

to Refrain

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

AMEN.



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READY THE WAY

Bob Hurd


Verses



1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. Des - ert and
 4. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are
 5. Strength-en the ones who are weak. Strength-en the



1. way of the Lord!" A voice ___ cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum -
 3. waste-land will bloom. ‡ Glo - ry and splen-dor will fill the
 4. deaf will then hear. ‡ Those who are lame will then leap for
 5. ones who are weak. ‡ Say to the fright-ened: "Have cour -




1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. (to Verse 4)
 4. joy. Those who are mute will then sing. (to Refrain)
 5. age." Strength-en the ones who are weak. (to Refrain)

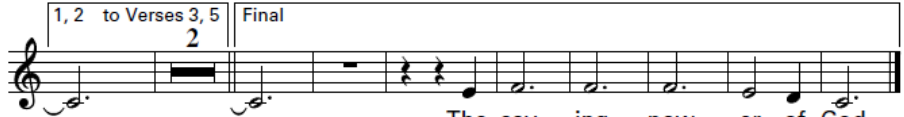
Refrain



Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.



Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.



The sav - ing pow - er of God.

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