

(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(Psalm 145:18, 21)

P The LORD is near to all who | call on him,*
to all who call on | him in truth.

C My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

John 1:19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

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Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

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The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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“Savior of the Nations, Come”

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“Wide Open Stand the Gates”

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Nunc Dimittis - Thanksgiving - Post-Communion Collect

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Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction

Closing Hymn: “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

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