

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Isaiah 45:8

Drop down, you heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES



FeM: Veni Redemptor gentium; ascr. to St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; German tr. by Martin Luther, 1483-1546; English tr. sts. 1-3, 5 by William M. Reynolds, 1812-1876, alt.; st. 4 by Martin L. Seltz, 1909-1967, alt., © 2006, Augsburg Fortress Func: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, 77-77; Geinliche Gesonghüchlein, Wittenberg, 1524

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

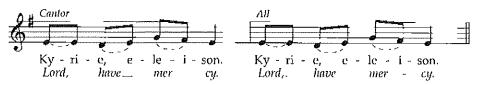
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

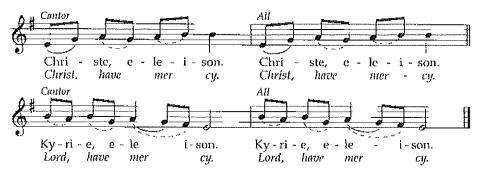
Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.



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**COLLECT** 

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kin-

Michah 5:1-4a

dred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 80



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

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse up your might and come to save us. \( \mathbb{R} \).

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted, the son of man you have claimed for yourself. R.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have confirmed as your own.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

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### SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God."

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,

#### Hebrews 10:5-10

holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the sec ond. By this "will," we have been conse crated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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GOSPEL

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among wom

en, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

### **HOMILY**

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, (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 Scrip-

# Nicene Creed

Luke 1:39-45

tures. 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.

# PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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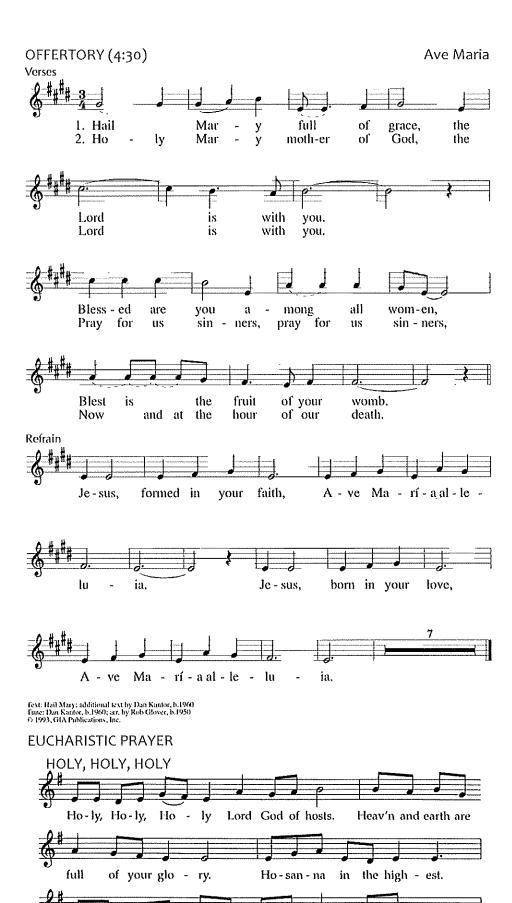


### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY (10:00)

Ave Maria
John Michael Trotta

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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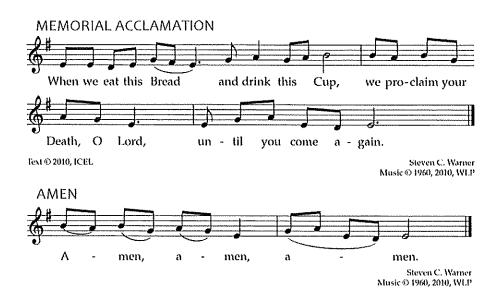
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# **COMMUNION RITE**

### LORD'S PRAYER

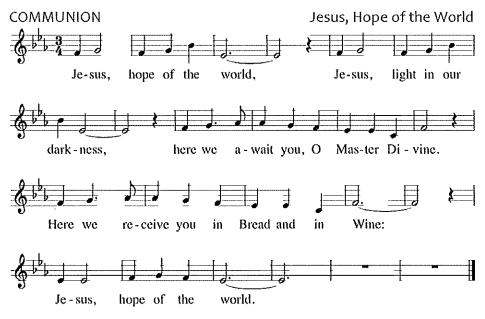


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#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



- 1. Come to us, O Son of Godl Come to us, O Son of Manl Come, Son of Godl Come, Son of Manl Shepherd your people in love!
- Come to us, O Promised King! Come to us, O Promised Peace!
   Come, Promised King! Come, Promised Peace! Come and be Lord of our hearts!

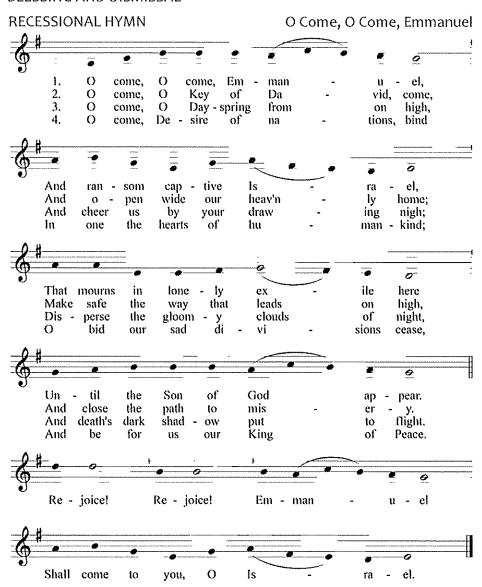
- Come to us, O Rising Sun! Come to us, O Endless Light!
   Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light! Shatter the darkness of death!
- Come to us, O Heart's Desire! Come to us, O Saving Love!
   Come, Heart's Desire! Come, Saving Love! Banish our doubt and our fear!

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## **CONCLUDING RITES**

# **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**



Text: Veni, veni Emmanuel, Latin 9yh C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I, 15th C. Frensch; adapt by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give Your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will. Amen.