

Sunday Mass in English

on SATURDAY 20th December 2025

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ENTRANCE SONG



O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave:

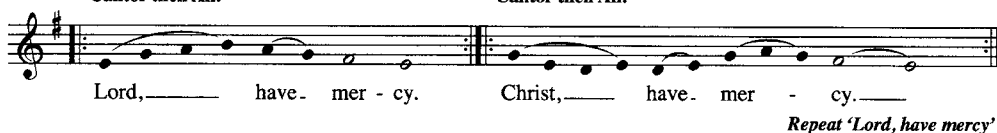
O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

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Cantor then All:

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FIRST READING ISAIAH 7:10-14

R: The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

PSALM 23(24)

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

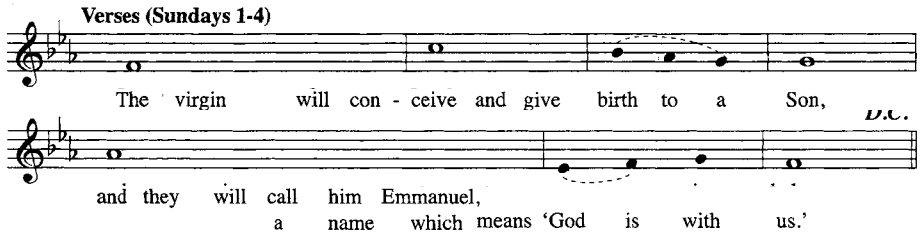
He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING ROMANS 1:1-7

R: From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL MATTHEW 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

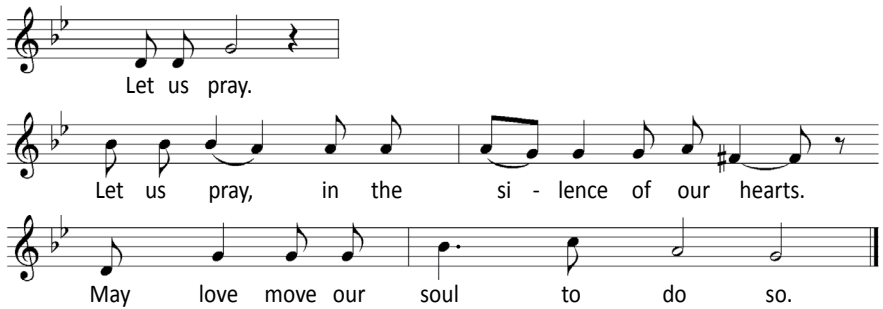
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THE CREED

Refr: I believe in God, the father almighty, in Jesus Christ his Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



COLLECTION

All the finances for the Krijtberg have to come from the weekly collections. There are no subsidies from the government or from the diocese – on the contrary: the churches pay taxes like everybody else.

We can balance our budget when all adult visitors - who can afford that - give at least five Euros every celebration.

Our ushers will come with the collection tray, and at the entrance of the church is an electronic paying device. Or use the QR-code. Thank you for your kindness.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. _____

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Heav - en and earth are full, _____ full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across measures. There are several long horizontal lines indicating where the music continues on another page.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-rec - tion, un - til you come - a-gain.

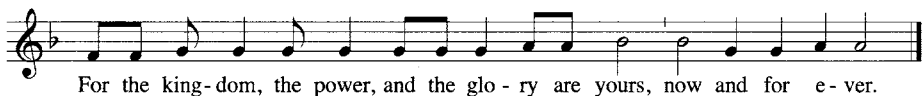
The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is a simple, rhythmic sequence of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

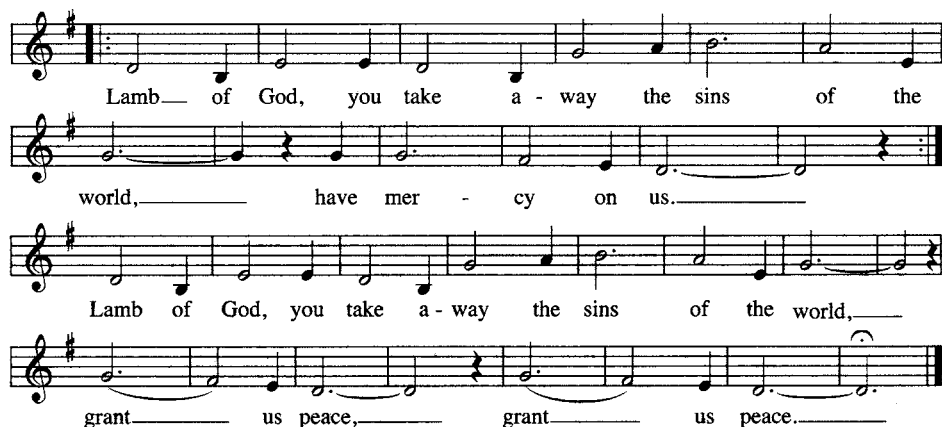


Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be thy name, thy king-dom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and for-give us our tres-passes, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us;
and lead us not in - to temp- ta- tion, but de - li - ver us from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



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver.

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

FINAL SONG



1. Com - fort, com - fort, now my peo - ple, Speak of peace - so says your God;



com - fort all who sit in dark - ness, bur - dened by a hea - vy load.



To Je - ru - sa - lem pro - claim: God will take a - way your shame;



Now get rea - dy to re - cov - er, guilt and suf - fe - ring are ov - er.

2 Hear the herald's proclamation
in the desert far and near,
calling all to true repentance,
telling that the Lord is near.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
For your God prepare a way.
Let the valleys rise to greet him
and the hills bow down to meet him.

3 Straighten out what has been crooked,
make the roughest places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
Soon the glory of the Lord
shall on earth be shed abroad;
Human flesh shall surely see it;
God is ready to decree it.

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