# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020



# Holy Redeemer Church - College Park, Maryland

5:00 Vigil Mass (December 19), 8:00 Mass, 10:00 Mass, 12:00 Mass

**Entrance Antiphon** | *Response:* O let the heavens open wide, the Just One come like rain.

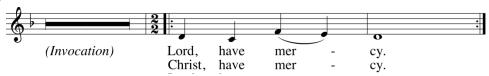
# Entrance Hymn | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

I. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son on God appear.

Rejoice! Rjoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. 4. O Come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. O Come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

#### Penitential Act



Collect Prayer

### First Reading | 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

# Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29



#### Second Reading | Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

#### Gospel | Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

# Homily

### Profession of Faith | 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,

(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.

Prayer of the Faithful | Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

# Offertory Hymn | Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Savior of the Nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood, But the Spirit of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh, Woman's offspring, pure and fresh. 3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous child Of the Virgin undefiled! Very God, and Mary's son, Eager now his race to run!

4. From God's heart the Savior speeds, Back to God his pathway leads; Out to vanquish death's command, Back to reign at God's right hand.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Presider: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

#### Lamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:

miserére nobis. (2x)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:

dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

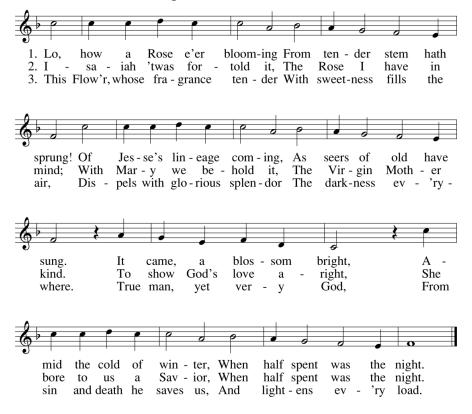
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

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.

### Communion | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



# Marian Antiphon for Advent and Christmas | Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti, Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti, Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére. Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again,

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before, you who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

## Final Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude Hymn | People, Look East

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