

Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy *Psalm 136:1-9, 24-26*
(May be offered at the altar or at your place after receiving the Sacrament)

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his mercy endures forever.

Who alone does great wonders,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who made the heavens in wisdom,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures forever;

Who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures forever;
The sun to rule over the day,
for his mercy endures forever;
The moon and the stars to rule over the night,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who led his people through the wilderness,
for his mercy endures forever;

Who freed us from our foes,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who gives food to all flesh,
for his mercy endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures forever.



An Advent Reconciliation Service

General Confession of Sin

**All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Litany of Repentance

Response: Lord, have mercy.

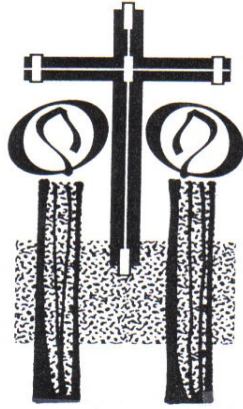
The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayers of Thanksgiving

*As the confessors move to their stations, we sing three times:
"Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel."*

Individual Confession and Absolution

*Thank you for your respectful and prayerful silence as all who
are gathered take part in the Sacrament. Please pray for all to
make good confessions, including yourselves.*



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Gathering Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*O come O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily,
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease and be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Greeting

Introduction

Opening Prayer

First Reading *Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25*
Let the clouds rain down.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

Antiphon: *Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face,
and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*
May the Lord strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Verse: Behold, he comes to save us.

Gospel *Matthew 3:1-6*
Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Homily

Examination of Conscience

Presider: Have I put God first in my life?
Does he have priority in our home?

All: **O Wisdom,
you come forth from the mouth of the Most High.
You fill the universe and hold all things together
in a strong yet gentle manner.
O come to teach us the way of truth!**

Silent pause.



Presider: Do I use God's name with care?
Do I talk badly about other people?

All: **O Adonai and leader of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in a burning bush
and you gave him the Law on Sinai.
O come and save us with your mighty power!**

Silent pause.



Presider: Do I attend and participate in Mass on Sunday?
Do I keep Sunday as a day of worship and rest?

All: **O stock of Jesse,
you stand as a signal for the nations;
kings fall silent before you whom the
peoples acclaim.
O come to deliver us, and do not delay.**

Silent pause.



Presider: Do I honor my mother and father and other authority
figures?

Am I patient and kind towards my children and others?

All: **O key of David and scepter of Israel,
what you open no one else can close again;
what you close no one can open.
O come to lead the captive from prison;
free those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death!**

Silent pause.



Presider: Have I been hurtful to others, either in words or actions?
Have I told the truth?
Have I been open and honest with others?

All: **O Rising Sun,
you are the splendor of eternal light
and the sun of justice.
O come and enlighten those who sit in
darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Silent pause.



Presider: Have I treated my body
and the bodies of others with respect?
Have I kept my mind and thoughts pure?

All: **O King whom all the peoples desire,
you are the cornerstone
which makes all one.
O come and save us
whom you made from clay!**

Silent pause.



Presider: Have I respected the belongings of others?
Have I been happy with what I have
instead of being jealous of others?

All: **O Emmanuel,
you are our king and judge,
the One whom the peoples await
and their Savior.
O come and save us, Lord, our God.**

Silent pause.

