

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

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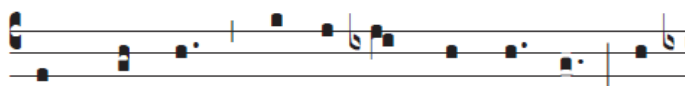


Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word booklets.

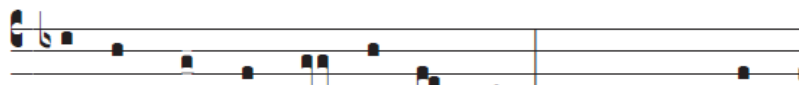
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (5:00PM & 8:30AM) *Rorate caeli*

ISAIAH 45:8


Please join in the antiphon below after the cantor introduction and between psalm verses.

I. 

DROP down dew * from a- bove, you heav-ens, and



let the clouds rain down the Just One ; let the earth be



o- pened and bring forth a Sav- ior.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (11:00AM) *Rorate caeli*

ISAIAH 45:8; PSALM 18:2

Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum; aperiatur terra et germinet Salvatorem. *℟. Caeli enarrant glóriam Dei: et ópera mánuum eius annúntiat firmaméntum.* / Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. *℟. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.*

KYRIE

MASS XVII

VI 

KY-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Chrí ste e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri- e




e- lé- i-son. Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24



Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.

ALLELUIA



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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11:00AM) Ave Maria

LUKE 1:28

Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. / Hail

Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

OFFERTORY (ALL MASSES)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

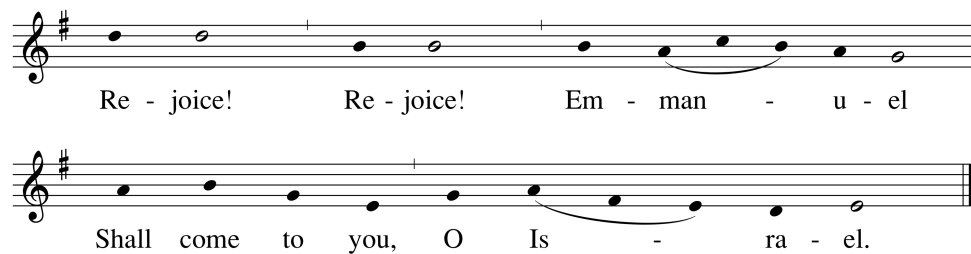
VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
That trust your might - y power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.



6. 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.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

SANCTUS

MASS XVII

S an- ctus, * Sán- ctus, Sán- ctus Dóminus Dé- us Sá- ba- oth. Plé- ni sunt cae- li
et tér- ra gló- ri- a tú- a. Ho- sán- na in excél- sis. Bene- díctus qui vé- nit in nó-
mi- ne Dómi- ni. Ho- sán- na in excél- sis.

AGNUS DEI

MASS XVII

A - gnus Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: mi- se- ré- re nó- bis.
Agnus Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. A- gnus
Dé- i, * qui tól- lis peccá- ta mún di: dóna nó- bis pá- cem.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion. All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer.

Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

I
B E-hold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and
his name will be called Em-ma-nu-el.

POSTCOMMUNION (11:00AM)

AVE MARIA ANGELUS DOMINI

FRANZ BIEBL

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.* Mary said: 'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to your word.' *Hail Mary...* And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. *Hail Mary...* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

—Words from the *Angelus*, traditional Catholic midday prayer

PLEASE RESPECT OUR CUSTOM OF STAYING THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSING HYMN.

THIS IS OUR CORPORATE ACT OF THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS. THANK YOU!

CLOSING HYMN

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH (*VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE*)

1. O come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day
2. O come, De-sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et long fore-told,
3. O come, in peace and meek-ness, For low - ly will your cra-dle be:

When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re-deem the long-lost fold.
Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We shall your God-head see.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your
face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O

come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

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