EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I - Roman Canon - see Mass book page 13 Acclamation after the consecration - see Mass book page 17 or 18 The Lord's Prayer - see Mass book page 20 or 21.

Agnus Dei is from plainsong Mass XVII



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Dicite: Pusillamines confortamini, et Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear nolite timere: ecce Deus noster not: behold our God will come, and will save veniet, et salvabit nos.

Communion motet:

"Veni, Domine!" by Moreira

Come, O Lord, do not delay! Release Thy people Israel from their sins.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

praeparent. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. davs. Amen.

Tuam, Domine, clementiam We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that this imploramus, ut haec divina subsidia, a divine help we have received may purify us of vitiis expiatos, ad festa ventura nos our faults and prepare us for the coming feast

Organ voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf!" (Sleepers, wake!) by J.S. Bach

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT VESPERS AND BENEDICTION WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY

John sent word to Jesus to ask Him. "Are you the One who is to come? Or shall we await another?" Jesus replied,



"Tell John what you hear and see the blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead are raised to life."

INTROIT

A Gaudete in Domino semper: Rejoice in the Lord always: nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione nothing solicitous: but in every thing by petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. prayer let your petitions be made known to Psalm. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: God. Psalm. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3. Kyrie from Missa Brevis in C (K220) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791

COLLECT

nativitatis dominicae festivitatem fideliter fully await the festival of the Lord's exspectare, praesta, quaesumus, ut valeamus ad birth, grant us, we beseech Thee, the tantae salutis gaudia pervenire, et ea votis strength to reach the joys brought us by sollemnibus alacri semper laetitia celebrare. Per Thy great salvation, and exultantly to Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum....per omnia celebrate those joys for ever with our saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Deus, qui conspicis populum tuum O God, who seest that Thy People faithsolemn offering of worship.

First Reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended. Verbum Domini. R. Deo gratias.

GRADUAL

Joseph.

Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. V. Qui stir up Thy might and come. V. Give ear, O regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Second Reading is from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Verbum Domini. R. Deo gratias.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save veni, ut salvos facias nos

¬ GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew.

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, `Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.' Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Verbum Domini. R. Laus tibi, Christe.

CREDO III—see Mass book page 27 or 28 At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.



Offertory Motet "O Maria, vernans Rosa" by Jacobus Clemens (Clemens non Papa) 1510-1556 O Mary, Rose of Springtime, Beauteous Gate of Heaven, Brighter than the stars! Guide me, support me, defend and comfort me, lest I be overcome by my foes.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS quae et sacri peragat instituta mysterii, et mandment to celebrate the sacred mystersalutare tuum nobis potenter operetur. Per ies, and powerfully work Thy salvation Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeterne Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae tramitem reseravit: ut, cum sedundo venerit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto demum munere capiamus, quod vigilantes nunc audemus exspectare promissum. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

May the sacrifice of our devotion be con-Devotionis nostrae tibi, Domine, tinually offered unto Thee, O Lord, we quaesumus, hostia iugiter immoletur, beseech Thee; may it both fulfil Thy comwithin us.

> It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God.,

> Who at his first coming humbly took flesh in fulfilment of the ancient covenant and opened up for us the path of eternal salvation, so that when He comes again in the glory of His majesty, we may at last manifestly obtain what now we await in earnest expectation.

Wherefore with angels and archangels. with thrones and dominations and with all the company of heaven, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

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