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 The Lord's Prayer - see Mass book page 20 or 21.

*The Agnus Dei is from the Mass by Lasso*

**K** COMMUNION ANTIPHON  
 Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium:  
 et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

*Behold! The Virgin shall conceive and shall  
 bear a Son; and His name shall be called  
 "Emmanuel" - 'God is with us!'*

Communion Motet: "Ecce concipiet"  
 by Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*"Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a  
 son, and shalt call His name "Jesus".  
 He will be great, and will be called the  
 Son of the Most High God."*



**L** POST COMMUNION PRAYER  
 Sumpto pignore redemptionis  
 aeternae, quaesumus, omnipotens  
 Deus, ut quanto magis dies salutiferae  
 festivitatis accedit, tanto devotius  
 proficiamus ad Filii tui digne nativitatis  
 mysterium celebrandum. Per Christum  
 Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*We who have received the pledge of eternal  
 redemption pray Thee, O Lord God  
 almighty, that as the festive day which  
 brings our salvation draws ever nearer, so  
 we may we be ready to celebrate worthily  
 the mystery of Thy Son's birth with daily  
 increasing devotion.*

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION  
 WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O  
 Emmanuel,  
 Rex et  
 Legifer nos-  
 ter, expec-  
 tatio gen-  
 tium



et Salvator  
 earum: veni  
 ad salvan-  
 dum nos,  
 Domine  
 Deus noster.

**O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,  
 awaited by the nations, and their Saviour;  
 Come to save us O Lord, our God!**

**A** INTROIT  
 Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant  
 iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet  
 Salvatorem. Psalm. Caeli enarrant gloriam  
 Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat  
 firmamentum. *Drop down dew, ye heavens, from  
 above, and let the clouds rain the Just  
 One: let the earth be opened and bring  
 forth the Saviour. Psalm The heavens  
 show forth the glory of God: and the fir-  
 mament declares the work of His hands.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie from "Messe Douce Memoire" by Orlando di Lasso (1535-1594)

**B** COLLECT  
 Gratiam tuam, quaesumus, Domine,  
 mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, An-  
 gelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem  
 cognovimus, per passionem eius et crucem ad  
 resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per  
 Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.....Per  
 omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen. *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
 Thy grace into our minds, that we to  
 whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son  
 has been made known by the Angel's  
 message, may be brought through His  
 passion and cross to the glory of His  
 resurrection.*

**C** First Reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah.  
 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 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. *Verbum Domini. R. Deo gratias.*

**D GRADUAL**  
Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. V. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum: et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum eius.

*The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name.*

**E Second Reading from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans.**  
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.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

**F GOSPEL ALLELUIA**  
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa *Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the facinora plebis tuae*

**G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.**  
Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus. Verbum Domini. **R. Laus tibi, Christe.**

**CREDO** I—see Mass book page 25 or 26  
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.*

7. **S** UB tú-um praesi-di-um confúgimus, \* sáncta Dó-i  
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-  
si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-  
per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

**Offertory Motet "Av e Maria" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina" (1525-1594)**  
*"Hail, Mary! Full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."*

**H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**  
Altari tuo, Domine, superposita mu- nera Spiritus ille sanctificet, qui beatae Mariae viscera sua virtute replevit. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*O Lord, may the same Holy Spirit who overshadowed the Blessed Mary's womb with His power, make holy these gifts which we have placed upon Thine Altar.*

**J PREFACE**  
Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Quem praedixerunt cunctorum praeconia prophetarum, Virgo Mater ineffabili dilectione sustinuit, Joannes cecinit affuturum et adesce monstravit. Qui suae nativitatis mysterium tribuit nos praevenire gaudentes, ut et in oratione pervigiles et in suis inveniat laudibus exultantes. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

*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;*

*Whom the proclamations of all the prophets foretold, whom the Virgin Mother carried with ineffable love, and whom John announced and made known; Who has granted us joyfully to anticipate the mystery of His nativity, so that He might find us watchful in prayer and rejoicing in His praises.*

*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*

*Sanctus is from plainsong Mass XVII*

San- ctus, \* San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cœ- li et  
ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Bene- dictus qui ve-nit in  
nó-mi-ne Dómini. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.