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**Agnus Dei
from the
plainsong
Mass
XVII for
Advent**

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

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 virgo concipies" by Heinrich Isaac(1450-1517).

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 & 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

On the last Sunday of Advent, we turn our attention at Mass from Isaiah and John the Baptist towards Our Lady. We remember that after the long centuries of waiting for the Promised Saviour, foretold by the Prophets, it was in the womb of Our Lady that God the Son, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, became man. As we hear the Gospel of the Annunciation, we remind ourselves that Our Lady is the living tabernacle of Almighty God's dwelling on earth as man.

After the cheerful Rosy-coloured vestments and the playing of the Organ at last Sunday's Mass, it seems at first sight strange to go back to purple vestments and the, almost 'austere' sound of unaccompanied singing when we are in fact a week closer to Christmas than we were last Sunday. Yet how often life is like that. We frequently anticipate some joyful event in the future, but before it is fulfilled we have still to wait with patience. Our joy in looking forward is mitigated by the realisation that we have not yet been given what we long for, which we trust shall soon be given us. So, too, as Christians we are aware that even though as St. Paul says, *'our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed'* yet we are still awaiting it in a world that is dark through sin.

A INTROIT

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. *Psalm.* Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmitermentum.

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain on the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth the Saviour. Psalm. The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declares the work of His hands.

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Kyrie from "Conditor alme siderum" by Giovanni Animuccia (1500-1571)

B COLLECT

Gratiam tuam, quaesumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, Angelo 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 from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you. But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.

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 is from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans
 Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

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

G GOSPEL – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
 At that time: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "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, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her
 Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO I—see Mass book page 25 nor 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.

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Offertory Motet - “Audivi vocem in caelo” by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
I heard a voice coming from Heaven. Come all you most wise virgins, gather oil in your lamps before the bridegroom arrives. At midnight a great noise is heard—behold the bridegroom is here.

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
 Altari tuo, Domine, superposita munera Spiritus ille sanctificet, qui beatæ Mariæ 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.

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;

Quem praedixerunt cunctorum praeconia prophetarum, Virgo Mater ineffabili dilectione sustinuit, Joannes cecinit affuturum et adesse monstravit. Qui suae nativitatis mysterium tribuit nos praevenire gaudentes, ut et in oratione pervigiles et in suis inveniat laudibus exultantes.

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.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

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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