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

*Agnus Dei is from plainsong Mass XVII*



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

Communion motet : "Veni Domine"  
 by Moreira

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



**L** POST COMMUNION PRAYER  
 Tuam, Domine, clementiam imploramus, ut haec divina subsidia, a vitiis expiatis, ad festa ventura nos praeparent. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen. *We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that this divine help we have received may purify us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feast days.*

**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**

## 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."

**A** INTROIT  
 Gaudete in Domino semper: *Rejoice in the Lord always: iterum dico, gaudete: modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Psalm. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.* *again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Psalm. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.  
 Kyrie from "Mass in G" by Franz Schubert (1979-1828)

**B** COLLECT  
 Deus, qui conspicias populum tuum *O God, who seest that Thy People faith-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. solemn offering of worship.*

**C** 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.*

## D GRADUAL

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*  
Joseph. *like a sheep.*

## E 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.**

## F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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

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

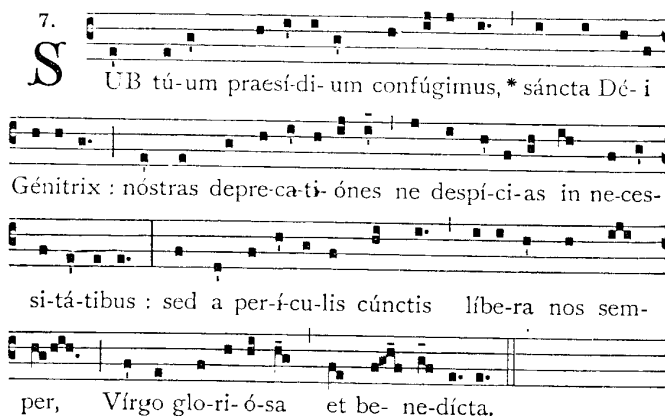
At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by  
his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for an-  
other?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive  
their sight and the lame walk, lepers 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 glori-  
ous and blessed Virgin.*

7.   
S UB tú-um praesi-di-um confúgimus, \* sáncta Dé-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 "Benedixisti Domine terram tuam"

by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Lord, Thou has blessed Thy land : Thou has turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast  
forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.*

## H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Devotionis nostrae tibi, Domine, *May the sacrifice of our devotion be con-*  
quaesumus, hostia iugiter immoletur, *tinually offered unto Thee, O Lord, we*  
quae et sacri peragat instituta mysterii, et *beseech Thee; may it both fulfil Thy com-*  
salutare tuum nobis potenter operetur. Per *mandment to celebrate the sacred myster-*  
Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen. *ies, and powerfully work Thy salvation*  
*within us.*

## J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum  
et salutare, nos tibi semper et  
ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pa-  
ter, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Chris-  
tum Dominum nostrum.

Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis  
assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus  
implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae  
tramitem reseravit: ut, cum sedundo ven-  
erit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto de-  
mum 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:

*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 ev-  
erlasting God.,*

*Who at his first coming humbly took  
flesh in fulfilment of the ancient cove-  
nant 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:*

*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.