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We hope to see you soon.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent



# The Sunday of *Love*

Jesus shows us God's perfect love.  
He is God's perfect love in human form.  
Those who believe in him and live in him,  
live in love.  
Love transforms and perfects all things.  
It never ends.

We light this candle today to remind us  
that God is love.

We thank God for the hope he gives us,  
for the peace he bestows on us,  
for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for  
the love that redeems us and shows us the way

# O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the  
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient  
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy  
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the  
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -  
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry  
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
 2. ways to go.  
 3. ty and awe.  
 4. o'er the grave.  
 5. mis - er - y.  
 6. put to flight.  
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

# Fourth Sunday Of Advent

## Gathering Song:

### O Come O Come Emmanuel



# Greeting

## **Penitential Act: *Confiteor***

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints;  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,  
Christ have Mercy,  
Lord have Mercy





## 1st Reading 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

# Liturgy of the Word

When King David was settled in his palace,  
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies  
on every side,  
he said to Nathan the prophet,  
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,  
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”  
Nathan answered the king,  
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,  
for the LORD is with you.”  
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:  
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:  
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”  
“It was I who took you from the pasture  
and from the care of the flock  
to be commander of my people Israel.  
I have been with you wherever you went,  
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.  
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the  
earth.

I will fix a place for my people Israel;  
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place  
without further disturbance.  
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as  
they did of old,  
since the time I first appointed judges over my people  
Israel.  
I will give you rest from all your enemies.  
The LORD also reveals to you  
that he will establish a house for you.  
And when your time comes and you rest with your  
ancestors,  
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your  
loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.  
I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.  
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever  
before me; your throne shall stand firm  
forever.”

The Word of the Lord,  
~Thanks be to God



## **Responsorial Psalm** PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

**R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**



## 2nd Reading ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you,  
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,  
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages  
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,  
according to the command of the eternal God,  
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,  
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ  
be glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

The Word of the Lord,  
~**Thanks be to God**



## **Alleluia** PS 85:8

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is near.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Good News.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**





## Gospel LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,  
of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.  
And coming to her, he said,  
“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”  
But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.  
Then the angel said to her,  
“Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his  
father,  
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel,  
“How can this be,  
since I have no relations with a man?”  
And the angel said to her in reply,  
“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, Elizabeth, your relative,  
has also conceived a son in her old age,  
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;  
for nothing will be impossible for God.”  
Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.”  
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord,  
**~Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



## Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

## Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayers



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection, until you come again.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

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## The Lord's Prayer

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Sign of Peace

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

For the kingdom, the power and glory  
are yours now and forever.~Amen



## Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**





# THERE IS A LONGING

Anne Quigley

## Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

## Verses

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,



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|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. for free - dom,   | for mer - cy:             | hear our prayer. | In |
| 2. for cour - age,   | for com - fort:           | hear our prayer. | In |
| 3. for whole - ness, | for new life:             | hear our prayer. | In |
| 4. take pit - y,     | light in our dark - ness. |                  | We |

## to Refrain



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|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. sor - row,   | in grief: | } be near, hear our prayer, O God. |
| 2. weak - ness, | in fear:  |                                    |
| 3. sick - ness, | in death: |                                    |
| 4. call you,    | we wait:  |                                    |

# Communion Song: There Is A Longing





# Concluding Rite

## Closing Song: *People Look East*

1. People look East. The time is near. Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table. People look East, and sing today: Love, the Guest is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more seed is planted there; Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People look East and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars keep the watch when night is dim. One more light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People look East and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels announce on this great feast: Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming. With the word, the Lord is coming. People look East and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.



## Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations  
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.  
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,  
grant to those You have called  
the willingness and the generosity of spirit  
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents  
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
and especially the faith of those You are calling.  
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**



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*Love*

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

