

**Gathering Hymn**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, For  
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When  
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing; His hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing; As morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, Be - hold the Child of our long - ing!  
qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.  
qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light; Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -  
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer And love our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And  
kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To  
won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And  
sto - ry. May God fill ev - 'ry day we share And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## **Greeting**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

## **Penitential Act Form A (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.

## **Collect**

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

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."

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

**R.** 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."

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**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.

**Reading 2** **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.

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**Alleluia** **LK 1:38**

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**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**P.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel** **LK 1:26-38**

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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.

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**P.** The Gospel of the Lord

**R.** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **Homily**

### **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**

**P.** Gabriel assured Mary that nothing will be impossible for God, and so we have the confidence to bring our needs before the Lord, no matter how difficult they seem to us.

**LECTOR:** For the Church, that we may continually prepare our own house, growing in holiness as we build the kingdom of God on earth, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** That all nations may reject the use of weapons of war as ways to settle disagreements or assert power, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** For those who find the holiday season difficult to endure because of loss or loneliness, that they may find comfort and hope in the Incarnation, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** For non-Christians, who may feel excluded during this season, and for tolerance and respect for those of other faiths or no faith at all, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** That the people we touch may see the goodness and generosity of God in our works of charity and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** For the repose of the soul of Dick Spence who died this past week, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**L.** For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**P.** Generous God, we thank you for all you have given us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your greatest gift of all. Continue to look with favor on us and grant the prayers we make through the One whose coming we long for, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen

### **Preparation of the Gifts and Altar**

#### Immaculate Mary



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;  
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,  
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known  
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved;  
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.  
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.  
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.  
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.  
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a.



A - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him:  
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.

7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,  
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

**P.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R.** Blessed be God for ever.

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

**P.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R.** Blessed be God for ever.

### **Invitation to Prayer**

**P.** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.*

*Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:*

**P.** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:*

**P.** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**R.** Amen.

## **Preface Dialogue**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**P.** Lift up your hearts.

**R.** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R.** It is right and just.

## **Preface Acclamation**

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

## **The Mystery of Faith**

**P.** The mystery of faith.

**R.** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**P.** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R.** 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.

## **Doxology**

**P.** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R.** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

## **Sign of Peace**

**P.** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

**P.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And with your spirit.

*If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

**P.** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some*

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*other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**P.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And with your spirit. Lamb of God 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. **Invitation to Communion**

**P.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **Communion Hymn (Next Page)**

## Communion Hymn

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



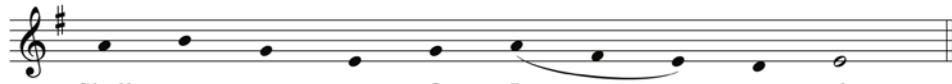
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
In an - cient times once gave the Law  
That trust your might - y power to save,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
*Gau - de!* *Gau - de!* *Em - mán - u - el*



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.  
*Na - scé - tur pro te Ís - ra - el.*

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I, 15th C. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

## Concluding Rites

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**P.** Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

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## Closing Hymn

### Salve Regína / Hail, Queen of Heaven



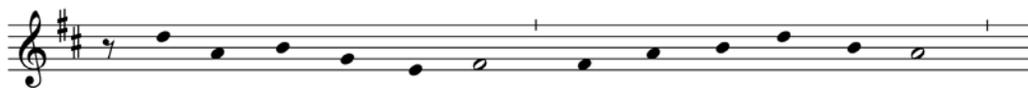
Sal - ve Re - gí - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cór - di - ae:  
*Hail, Queen of Heav-en, hail, our Moth - er com - pas - sion - ate,*



Vi - ta, dul - cé - do et spes no - stra sal - ve.  
*True life and com - fort and our hope, we greet you!*



Ad te cla - má - mus, éx - su - les fí - li - i He - vae.  
*To you we ex - iles, chil-dren of Eve, raise our voic - es.*



Ad te sus - pi - rá - mus, ge - mén - tes et flen - tes  
*We send up sighs to you, as mourn-ing and weep-ing,*



in hac la - cri - má - rum val - le. E - ia er - go,  
*we pass through this vale of sor - row. Then turn to us,*



ad - vo - cá - ta no - stra, il - los tu - os  
*O most gra - cious Wom - an, those eyes of yours,*



mi - se - ri - cór - des ó - cu - los ad nos con - vér - te.  
*so full of love and ten - der-ness, so full of pit - y.*



Et Je - sum, be - ne - dí - ctum fru - ctum ven - tris tu - i,  
*And grant us af - ter these, our days of lone - ly ex - ile,*

no - bis post hoc ex - sí - li - um o - stén - de.  
the sight of your blest Son and Lord, Christ Je - sus.

O cle - mens, O pi - a,  
O gen - tle, O lov - ing,

O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a.  
O ho - ly, sweet Vir - gin Mar - y.

Text: *Salve Regina, mater misericordiae*, c.1080, tr. by John C. Selner, SS, 1904–1992, © 1954, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: SALVE REGINA, Irregular; Mode V; acc. by Gerard Farrell, OSB, 1919–2009, alt.