

Advent Wreath Ceremony

4th Week of Advent

- V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.
V. Let us pray:
R. Stir up your might, O Lord, and come! With all your strength, run to our rescue. Our feet have been held back by our sinfulness. May we now press on, then, by the help of your grace and loving pardon. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(Four candles are lit.)

- V. To you I lift up my soul; in You, O my God, I trust.
R. Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exalt over me.
V. No one who waits for You shall be put to shame.
R. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn: O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind.
Make all our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Evening Prayer

- V. God, come to my assistance.
All: Lord make haste to help me. Glory Be...

Hymn: 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

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, "The Lord is coming"
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 He comes, the desire of all human hearts; his dwelling place shall be resplendent with glory, alleluia.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: *
"Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, *
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, *
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment *
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: *
"Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, *
in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends *
I say: "Peace upon you."
For love of the house of the Lord *
I will ask for your good.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer (Read Silently): When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

Ant. He comes, the desire of all human hearts; his dwelling place shall be resplendent with glory, alleluia.

Ant. 2 Come, Lord, do not delay; free your people from their sinfulness.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, *
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive *
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: *
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, *
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord *
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak *
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy *
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem *
from all its iniquity.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

*Psalm Prayer (Read Silently): Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord.
The forgiveness of sins is yours. Do not look on the wrong we have done, but
grant us your merciful kindness.*

Ant. Come, Lord, do not delay; free your people from their sinfulness.

Ant. 3 The fullness of time has come upon us at last; God sends his Son into the world.

Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave,*
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!

Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

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READING 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

RESPONSORY

Lord, show us your mercy and love.
– Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,
– your mercy and love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– Lord, show us your mercy and love.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Jesus is Lord, born of the Virgin Mary. Let us pray to him with joyful hearts:
- Come, Lord Jesus!

Son of God, you will come again as the true messenger of the covenant,
– help the world to recognize and accept you.

Born in your Father's heart, you became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
– free us from the tyranny of change and decay.

In your life on earth, you came to die as a man,
– save us from everlasting death.

When you come to judge, show us your loving mercy,
– and forgive us our weaknesses.

Lord Jesus, by your death you have given hope to those who have died,
– be merciful to those for whom we now pray.

Emmanuel, God with us, you are present to your Church through the ministry of your priests,
– reward them with the gift of Yourself for all eternity.

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

FOURTH DAY

December 19

We pray the Rosary, using the intentions numbered below as the meditation and intention for each decade.

1. In the first decade of the Rosary, let us contemplate the holy pilgrims Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. Let us ask God for the grace to help others on their journey through life by manifesting to others the goodness and kindness of God.

Aspiration after each decade:

V. Come Divine Child and dwell in me,

R. For I desire to live only for Thee.

2. In the second decade, let us contemplate the thoughtfulness of Mary as she asked Joseph to stop and rest knowing he walked the entire journey. Let us ask God for the grace to have consideration for those with whom we live and work.
3. In the third decade, let us contemplate Joseph in his concern for Mary during the long journey to Bethlehem. Let us ask for the grace to be able to accept the concern and help of others just as the Infant Savior was prepared to accept the care of Joseph and Mary.
4. In the fourth decade, let us contemplate the silence and recollection of Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. Let us ask God for these virtues so that we may hear His word in our souls and recognize His will in our lives.
5. In the fifth decade, let us contemplate the kindness of Mary and Joseph toward other travelers. We ask for the grace of a generous love that it may be a healing power for our neighbor and bring him to find hope in our loving Savior.

(After the 5th decade is finished, we walk in procession while praying the Litany)

Hail Holy Queen...

LITANIA LAURETANAE

Kyrie, eleison. *Christe, eleison.*
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, audi nos. *Christe, exaudi nos.*
Pater de caelis, Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Fili Redemptor mundi, Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Spiritus Sancte, Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Sancta Maria, *ora pro nobis.*
Sancta Dei Genetrix,
Sancta Virgo Virginum,
Mater Christi,
Mater Ecclesiae,
Mater divinae gratiae,
Mater purissima,
Mater castissima,
Mater inviolata,
Mater intemerata,
Mater amabilis,
Mater admirabilis,
Mater boni consilii,
Mater Creatoris,
Mater Salvatoris,
Virgo prudentissima,
Virgo veneranda,
Virgo praedicanda,
Virgo potens,
Virgo clemens,
Virgo fidelis,
Speculum justitiae,
Sedes sapientiae,
Causa nostrae laetitiae,
Vas spirituale,
Vas honorabile
Vas insigne devotionis,
Rosa mystica,
Turris davidica,
Turris eburnea,
Domus aurea,

Foederis arca,
Janua caeli,
Stella matutina,
Salus infirmorum,
Refugium peccatorum,
Consolatrix afflictorum,
Auxilium Christianorum,
Regina Angelorum,
Regina Patriarcharum,
Regina Prophetarum,
Regina Apostolorum,
Regina Martyrum,
Regina Confessorum,
Regina Virginum,
Regina Sanctorum omnium,
Regina sine labe originali concepta,
Regina in caelum assumpta,
Regina sacratissimi Rosarii,
Regina familiarum,
Regina pacis,
Regina Décor Carmeli,
V. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, R. *Parce nobis,*
Domine.
V. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, R. *Exaudi nos,*
Domine.
V. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, R. *Miserere*
nobis

POSADAS (Spanish)

A tus puertas llegan a pedir posada
José peregrino y su esposa amada.

¿Quién, quién a estas horas viene a importunar?
Y el tranquilo sueño, nos viene a quitar?
Y el tranquilo sueño, nos viene a quitar?
Y el tranquilo sueño, nos viene a quitar?

Posada pedimos amable casero,
Por solo una noche donde recogernos.

Aunque amor nos sobre, posada no damos
Porque es chica y pobre la casa en que estamos.

Venimos rendidos desde Nazaret,
Yo soy carpintero de nombre José.

Yo no doy posada, en esta ocasión.
Sigán adelante; que aquí no es mesón.

De tierras distantes, venimos los dos,
Dadnos pues posada, por amor de Dios.

Decid vuestros nombres si sois peregrinos
Porque hay malos hombres por estos caminos.

Mi esposa es María, la Reina del cielo
Y madre va a ser, del divino Verbo.

¿Eres tú José? ¿Tu esposa es María?
Pasen peregrinos; no los conocía.

Dios pague, señores, vuestra caridad,
Y así os colme el cielo, de felicidad.

*Cantemos con alegría, todos al considerar
Que Jesús, José y María, hoy nos han venido a honrar.
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NOVENA PRAYERS

O Christ, our Lord and King, come for the sake of Your people, that by the strength and unity of Your love, they may proclaim to all the world the glory and joy of Your kingdom. In a bond of union, draw mankind to Your reign of love, gentleness, mercy and truth. Help each of us to spread Your kingdom and to prepare our hearts in love for Your coming. Amen.

V. Lord, God of power and might,
R. Let Your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.

RESPONSE: LORD, PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE.

You promised to plant the seed of justice among Your people and preserve the holiness of Your Church... *(Sing one of short hymns below)*

Lord, teach all men and women to listen to Your word, and help believers to persevere in holiness... *(Sing one of short hymns below)*

Father, most merciful, strengthen us to the last until the day of the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord... *(Sing one of short hymns below)*

ME PIDE POSADA

Me pide posada la Virgen María,
Está muy cansada, la noche muy fría,
Está muy cansada, la noche muy fría.
Ven dulce esperanza, consuelo de Sión.
Oh, Madre, descansa! Descansa en mi corazón.

O PEREGRINA AGRACIADA

O peregrina agraciada!
O bellísima María!
Yo te ofrezco el alma mía
Para que tengáis posada.

HUMILDES PEREGRINOS

Humildes peregrinos
Jesús, María y José
Mi alma os doy y con ella
Mi corazón también. (repeat)

Let us pray:

(All) O Lord, our God, who has given us a share in Your apostleship, may this Advent be a reminder that You wish all men to belong to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that the day will quickly approach when His reign will be universal, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO MARY AND JOSEPH

O blessed parents of the Infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph, if we came to ask you to obtain for us worldly prosperity, joys, honors and comforts, our prayers could never reach the cradle of a God, poor, humble even to annihilation, forgotten, suffering, weak and lying in a manger; but these are not our desires or petitions.

No, we humbly and earnestly implore you to beg for us, at the crib of your Infant Son, that like Him, and as His true and faithful followers, we may love to live in humility, disengagement from creatures, contempt of worldliness and its vanities, constant recollection of the holy presence of God, fervor and fidelity in all our duties, and in the practice of the tenderest charity to all persons.

May we never be ashamed at the humility of the crib nor at the poverty and simplicity of Bethlehem. May we ever rejoice at our happy state as true spouses of Jesus Christ. We pray that all may come to bless, to praise, and to love the Savior Who comes to redeem us.

V. Infant Jesus, poor and simple,
R. Grant our petition.

V. Infant Jesus, humble and obedient,
R. Grant our petition.

V. Infant Jesus, silent and recollected,
R. Grant our petition.

V. Holy Mother of the Infant Jesus,
R. Pray for us.

V. Blessed St. Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

V. All you saints devoted to the holy infancy of Jesus,
R. Pray for us.

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

ANDALE CHANA

Andale, chana, sal del Rincon
Con la canasta de la colación;
Andale, chana, no te dilates
Con la canasta de los cacahuates.