

# CHURCH OF THE *A*SSUMPTION

## ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

December 20, 2020

\*If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to sing the hymns. If you are with us at church, please refrain from singing out loud for everyone's safety.

### *The Introductory Rites*

OPENING HYMN

*Immaculate Mary*

Verses

1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You  
1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.

Refrain

A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first two staves are labeled 'Verses' and contain two lines of lyrics. The third staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the refrain.

Text: *The Immaculate Hymnbook*, 1897 Music: Pyrenean Melodi Tune: LOURDES HYMN

LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Roman Missal*  
Richard Proulx

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

## FIRST READING

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 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."

## PSALM

Psalms 89

Graham

## SECOND READING

Romans 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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Luke 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.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the  
1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes.

Text Greek, translated by John Brownlie, Tune: MORNING SONG from *Kentucky Harmony*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping with us at home)

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The Concluding Rites*

DISMISSAL

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*Ave Maria*  
Guilio Caccini

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