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OUR GOD WILL COME AND SAVE US

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**A PENANCE SERVICE
FOR ADVENT 2014**

**Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents
with Individual Confession and Absolution**

Introductory Rites

**Opening Hymn
Greeting
Introduction
Opening Prayer**

Celebration of the Word of God

**First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
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Gospel
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Examination of Conscience**

Rite of Reconciliation

**General Confession of Sin
Litany of Repentance
Lord's Prayer
Concluding Prayer
Individual Confessions of Sin and Absolution
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy
Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Concluding Rite

**Blessing
Dismissal
Closing Hymn**

PREPARATION

- Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)
- A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo. The appropriate number of candles should be lit on the Advent Wreath.
- Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

GREETING

Presider: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Presider: *In these or similar words...*

We all love heroes. We rejoice when a fireman rescues someone from a burning building. We cry when we see people lift a child from a house leveled by an earthquake. We marvel when someone bravely runs in to pull someone from a car accident.

How often do we truly reflect on the fact that God has saved us? Throughout salvation history, God has sent prophets to teach us and saints to lead us. He gives us his revealed truth in the Scriptures. He gives us grace in each sacramental encounter. He sent his only begotten Son to save us from our sins and to free us from death. He offers his ever-present Spirit to guide us still. We have been saved!

Tonight [today], let us trust in God's mercy, remember his kindness, and be grateful for his faithfulness to his covenant.

In this sacrament of reconciliation, let us be mindful of those times when we have failed to follow God's commandments and resolve, once again, to cooperate in his plan for our salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: **My brothers and sisters,
God calls us to conversion;
let us therefore ask him
for the grace of sincere repentance.**

Silent prayer

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
you do not wish the sinner to die
but to be converted and live.
Come to the aid of your people,
that they may turn from their sins and live for you alone.
May we be attentive to your word,
confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness,
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.
Help us to live the truth in love
and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.**

All: **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.

For ease of rehearsal, the readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6 a, 10

God himself will come to save us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85: 9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14

“LORD, let us see your kindness.”

OR

“Come, O LORD, and set us free.”

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled the world to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

The Kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the Gospel!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8, 14-15

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee preaching the Gospel of God” “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

The assembly is now invited to make an examination of conscience. This can be done in silence or by using the examination below. One reader alone may read the questions or two readers might alternate. Allow a brief period of silence between each one.

Reader #1: How have I failed to worship God in private and communal prayer?

- **Do I receive the sacraments regularly?**
- **Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?**
- **Do I value the sacrament of reconciliation?**
- **Have I tried to grow in my faith through prayer and the reading of the word of God?**
- **Do I pray daily?**
- **Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?**

Reader #2: How have I failed to use the gifts of God in daily living?

- **Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?**
- **Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?**
- **Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?**
- **Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?**
- **Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?**

Reader #1: How have I failed in my relationships with others?

- **In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?**
- **Do I treat my parents with respect?**

- **Am I ever angry with those I love?**
- **Have I been faithful in my relationships?**
- **Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights? Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?**
- **Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?**
- **Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?**
- **Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?**

Reader #2: Have I failed to share God's love with the world?

- **Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?**
- **When I saw someone hungry, did I give them food?**
- **When I saw someone thirsty, did I give them drink?**
- **When I saw someone needing clothing, did I clothe them?**
- **When I saw a stranger, did I welcome them?**
- **When someone was homebound or imprisoned, did I visit them?**
- **When someone was ill, did I care for them?**
- **Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?**
- **Do I use the earth's resources wisely?**



RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

Presider: God who is infinitely merciful
pardons all who are repentant
and takes away their guilt.
Confident in his goodness,
let us ask him to forgive all our sins
as we confess them with sincerity of heart.

All: 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;
and 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.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Presider: Let us turn to Christ with confidence and ask his mercy.

Minister: You came into the world to seek and save what was lost.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You came to give us life, life in its fullness.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Once and for all you died for our sins,
the innocent one for the guilty.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: In your mercy free us from the past
and enable us to begin a new life of holiness.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Make us a living sign of love for all to see:
people reconciled with you and with each other.
All: Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Now, in obedience to Christ himself,
let us join in prayer to the Father,
asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.
Our Father, ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: Almighty and eternal God,
you sent your only-begotten Son
to reconcile the world to yourself.
Lift from our hearts the oppressive gloom of sin,
so that we may celebrate the approaching
dawn of Christ's birth with fitting joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confession should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Confessor: God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of His Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church,
may God grant you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13

**R: The LORD is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R: The LORD is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom
and speak of your might.

**R: The LORD is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

Let them make known to men your might
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.
Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**R: The LORD is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

ALTERNATES: The Magnificat, a hymn, litany or psalm may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.

Psalm 28: 6-7

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11

Psalm 54

Psalm 66

Psalm 95

Psalm 98: 1-9

Psalm 100: 1-5

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18

Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175

Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29

Psalm 146:2-10

Tobit 13:1-8

Isaiah 12: 1b-6

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Jeremiah 31: 10-14

Daniel 3:52-57

Ephesians 1:3-10

Revelation 15: 3-4

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: Almighty and merciful God,
how wonderfully you created man
and still more wonderfully remade him.
You do not abandon the sinner,
but seek him out with a father's love.
You sent your Son into the world
to destroy sin and death by his passion
and to restore life and joy by his resurrection.
You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts
to make us your children and heirs of your kingdom.
You constantly renew our spirit
in the sacrament of your redeeming love,
freeing us from the slavery of sin
and transforming us ever more closely
into the likeness of your beloved Son.
We thank you for the wonders of your mercy,
and with heart and hand and voice
we join with the whole Church in a new song of praise:
Glory to you through Christ
in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

Presider: May the Father bless us
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Son show us his saving power,
for he died and rose for us.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness
and lead us by the right path, for he dwells in our hearts.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Presider: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

READINGS

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

**The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
They will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.**

**Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak.
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication,
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.**

**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.**

**Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.**

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R: Lord, let us see your kindness.

**I will hear what God proclaims;
The LORD – for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.**

R: Lord, let us see your kindness.

**Kindness and truth shall meet;
Justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall yield its increase.**

R: Lord, let us see your kindness.

**The LORD himself will give his benefits;
Our land shall yield its increase,
justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.**

Alternative refrain: “Come, O LORD, and set us free.”

SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

2 Cor 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;

behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ

and given us the ministry of reconciliation,

Namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,

not counting their trespasses against them

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin

who did not know sin,

so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.

GOSPEL

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 1:1-8, 14-15

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

***Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”***

**John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.**

**John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**

**After John was arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: ALTERNATIVE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-10a	The LORD will save us.
Isaiah 55:1-11	...turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God who is generous and forgiving.
Isaiah 40:1-11	God consoles his people
Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25	There is no just and saving God but me.
Isaiah 54: 1-10	The LORD calls you back.
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	O, that you would rend the heavens and come down
Jeremiah 7:21-26	Listen to my voice...I will be your God and you will be my people
Jeremiah 23:5-8	I will raise up a righteous shoot to David...
Joel 2: 12-18	For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness
Zephaniah 3:14-18a	The Lord has removed judgment against you...the Lord is in your midst

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 25	Teach me your ways, O LORD
Psalms 36:2-13	How precious is your unfailing love, O LORD.
Psalms 51: 3-21	Give back to me the joy of your salvation.
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever.
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	LORD, make us turn to you and we will be saved.
Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10	The LORD is kind and merciful
Psalms 130: 1-8	With the LORD there is mercy and fullness of redemption
Psalms 145: 1, 9, 10-11, 12-13	The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and of great kindness.
Psalms 147:1-6	Blessed are all who wait for the LORD.

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 3: 22-26	Justified by the gift of God, Christ Jesus
Romans 4:13-17, 20-25	Inheritance through faith
Romans 6:2-14	You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God
Romans 12:1-2, 9-19	Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction...
Ephesians 1: 3-14	The Father's plan of salvation
Ephesians 2:1-10	But God who is rich in mercy brought us to life with Christ
Ephesians 4: 22-32	Forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ
Philippians 1:4-11	Show yourself pure and blameless for the day of Christ
Philippians 4: 6-9	Have no anxiety at all
James 5:7-10	Make your hearts firm, the coming of the LORD is at hand
1 Peter 1: 13-23	You have been redeemed...by the precious blood of Christ
1 Peter 1: 14-21	You were ransomed from your futile conduct
1 John 1:5 -2:2	If we acknowledge our sins he is faithful and just

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12	Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand
Matthew 9:1-8	Have confidence, my son, your sins are forgiven.
Matthew 13:24-30	Weeds and wheat growing together
Matthew 18:12-14	The shepherd seeks one lost sheep
Matthew 21:28-32	A man had two sons... John came and sinners believed in him
Luke 7: 18b-23	Go tell John what you have seen and heard
Luke 19: 1-10	The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost
John 1:29-34	Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
John 5:33-36	I have testimony greater than John's
John 15: 9-14	You will live in my love, if you keep my commandments

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Psalms 32: 1-7, 10-11	Rejoice in the Lord and sing for joy, friends of God
Psalms 98:1-9	The Lord remembered his mercy

SAMPLE PENANCES

Choose one of the following penances as a way of accepting God's mercy.

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ◆

- Pray Psalm 51, 63, 72, 80, 122, 145, or 146 and reflect on its meaning in your life.
- Plan a visit or make a call to someone who is ill or alone.
- During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of abuse or neglect. Read Matthew 25: 31-46.
- Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food bank.
- As a family, prepare a basket of food or toiletries and give it to a family in need.
- Skip a meal at your favorite restaurant. Use the money to purchase a Christmas gift for a person served by a parish organization or local charity.
- Identify a person whom you have offended since your last confession and pray for them each day for a week.
- Pray the Our Father once a day for a month in thanksgiving for the joy of reconciliation.
- Reflect on one of the following Advent readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2 Peter 3:8-14	Romans 16:25-27

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS ◆

- Every morning until Christmas, say a Hail Mary for peace.
- Reach out to a lonely person at school. Invite him or her to sit with you and your friends.
- Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.
- For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.
- Donate the money you would have spent on a CD or digital game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.
- Share some of your Christmas treats with a schoolmate you find difficult to like.
- Give up some leisure time to shovel an elderly neighbor's driveway.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE 2014

HYMNS

A Voice Cries Out	Michael Joncas	OCP
All You Who Are Thirsty	Michael Connelly	RS644
Amazing Grace	John Newton	various
Clear the Voice	Hagan/Walker	OCP
Come to the Water	Grayson Brown	OCP
Come, Emmanuel	Light/Tate	WLP
Come, O Long Expected Jesus	Wesley/Witt	various
Come to Us, Emmanuel	Light/Tate	GIA
Comfort, Comfort, O My People	Olearius/Goudimel	various
Deep Within	David Haas	GIA
Find Us Ready	Tom Booth	GIA
Gift of God	Marty Haugen	GIA
God's Holy Mountain We Ascend	Omar Westendorf	WLP
Help Me, Lord	Jerry Galipeau	WLP
I Will Be Your God	Gerard Chiusano	OCP
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning	GIA
Let Desert Wasteland Now Rejoice	Delores Duffer	GIA
Let Justice Roll Like a River	Marty Haugen	GIA
Maranatha, Come	Francis P. O'Brien	GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen	GIA
O Beauty, Ever Ancient	Roc O'Connor	OCP
On Jordan's Bank	Coffin/Wittwe	OCP, various
Our Father, We Have Wandered	Kevin Nichols/ICEL	OCP
Praise the Lord, My Soul	Tom Parker	GIA
Ready the Way	Bob Hurd	OCP
Seek the Lord	Roc O'Connor	various
Sion, Sing	Lucien Deiss	WLP
The Advent of Our God	Coffin/Mercer	WLP
The Trumpet in the Morning	Rory Cooney	GIA
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Frederick Faber	various
Though the Mountains May Fall	Dan Schutte	OCP
Treasures Out of Darkness/ <i>Tesoros Ocultos</i>	Alan Revering	WLP
Tree of Life	Aaron Thompson	WLP
Turn to Me	John Foley Rory	OCP
Walk in the Reign	Cooney Marty	GIA
We Are God's Work of Art	Haugen	GIA
When the King Shall Come Again	Christopher Idle	GIA, various
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice	Daw/White	Hope, various

LITANIES

Gather Us in Mercy, Lord	Huck/trad chant	GIA
Gift of God	Marty Haugen	GIA
Litany of the Word	Bernadette Farrell	OCP

PSALM 85

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free	ICEL/Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote	GIA
Let Us See Your Kindness	Marty Haugen	GIA
Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness	ICEL/Corroll/Proulx	GIA
Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness	Paul French	WLP
Lord, Show Us Your Mercy	ICEL/Owen Alstott	OCP
<i>Muéstranos, Señor/Show Us, O Lord</i>	CEEL/Cortez	OCP
Show Us, Lord, Your Kindness	The Grail	GIA
Show Us Your Kindness	Bob Hurd	OCP

MUSIC TO COMPLEMENT THE ALTERNATIVE READINGS – NEW TESTAMENT

Rom 6	I Know That My Redeemer Lives (various)
Rom 6	We Know That Christ is Raised (various)
Rom 12	Christians, Let Us Love One Another, Foltz/Nigro (OCP)
Eph 4	Where Charity and Love Prevail, Benoit (various)
Jam 5	Patience, People, John Foley (OCP)
Jam 5	Wait While the Seed is Planted, Delores Duffer (GIA)
1 John 1	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, Kathleen Thomerson (various)
1 John 1	Our Darkness, Taize (GIA)
1 John 1	God is Love, David Haas (GIA)
Matt 3	When John Baptized by River Jordan (GIA; various hymnals)
Matt 13	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (various)
Matt 13	Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing (GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
Matt 13	The Reign of God, Delores Duffer (GIA, <i>The Glimmer of Glory in Song</i>)
Matt 18	The King of Love My Shepherd Is (various)
Luke 19	When Jesus Passed Through Jericho (GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
John 1	Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice (GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
John 15	Where Charity and Love Prevail, Benoit (various)
John 15	This is My Will (GIA; various hymnals)
John 15	No Greater Love, Michael Joncas (GIA)
John 15	The Master Came to Bring Good News (GIA; various hymnals)

PROCLAMATIONS OF PRAISE

Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Paul Tate (WLP, 007381)
Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Rudy Borkowski (WLP, 006272)
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly (WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson (OCP, 20267 Z2)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young (GIA, G-2896)
Isaiah 12	Robert Batastini (GIA, G-2443)
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler (GIA, G-6129, collection)
Psalms 32	<i>Psalms and Canticles for Singing</i> (Isele; Westminster)
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker (OCP, 7150)

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ABBREVIATION GUIDE

GC	Gather Comprehensive (GIA)	RS	Ritual Song (GIA)
WLP	World Library Press	OCP	Oregon Catholic Press
WIII	Worship III (GIA)		

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY
FOR THE SEASONS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK*	COMMENTS
Sunday	Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent – Year B	2	Lect #2
Monday	Dec 1	Monday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #175
Tuesday	Dec 1	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #176
Wednesday	Dec 3	St. Francis Xavier, priest	10	Lect #685
Thursday	Dec 4	Thursday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect # 178
Friday	Dec 5	Friday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #179
Saturday	Dec 6	St. Nicholas, bishop	12	Lect #687
Sunday	Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #5
Monday	Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Patronal Feast of the USA	3	Lect #689 Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted
Tuesday	Dec 9	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #182
Wednesday	Dec 10	Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #183
Thursday	Dec 11	Thursday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #184
Friday	Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	7	Lect #690A or Com of BVM
Saturday	Dec 13	St. Lucy, virgin and martyr	10	Lect #692
Sunday	Dec 14	Third Sunday of Advent (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)	2	Lect # 8
Monday	Dec 15	Monday of the Third Week of Advent	13	Lect # 187
Tuesday	Dec 16	Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	13	Lect #188
Wednesday	Dec 17	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect # 193 <i>O Antiphons begin</i>
Thursday	Dec 18	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #194
Friday	Dec 19	Friday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #195
Saturday	Dec 20	Saturday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #196
Sunday	Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #11
Monday	Dec 22	Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent	9	Lect #198
Tuesday	Dec 23	Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent	9	Lect #199
Wednesday	Dec 24	Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent	9	Lect #200 <i>for Mass in Morning</i>

*Cf. *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, no. 59

A O V E N T

Thursday	Dec 24 and Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas	2	Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit...” Vigil: Lect #13 Midnight: Lect #14 Dawn: Lect #15 Day: Lect #16
Friday	Dec 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	7	Lect #696
Saturday	Dec 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	7	Lect #697
Sunday	Dec 28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	7	Lect #17
Monday	Dec 29	Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord <i>St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr</i>	9 12	Lect #202 <i>Lect #699</i>
Tuesday	Dec 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9	Lect #203
Wednesday	Dec 31	Seventh Day Within the Octave of Christmas <i>St. Sylvester I, pope</i>	9 12	Lect #204 <i>Lect #700</i>
Thursday	Jan 1, 2015	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, The Holy Mother of God	3	Lect #18 Holy day of obligation
Friday	Jan 2	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church	10	Lect #510
Saturday	Jan 3	Christmas Weekday <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	13	Lect #206 <i>Lect #983</i>
Sunday	Jan 4	The Epiphany of the Lord	3	Vigil or Mass During Day, Lect #20, Proper Preface, Epiphany Proclamation
Monday	Jan 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA)	10	Lect #510B
Tuesday	Jan 6	Christmas Weekday <i>Blessed André Bessette, religious (USA)</i>	13 12	Lect #213 <i>Lect #510C</i>
Wednesday	Jan 7	Christmas Weekday <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest (USA)</i>	13 12	Lect #210 <i>Lect #511</i>
Thursday	Jan 8	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect #215
Friday	Jan 9	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect #216
Saturday	Jan 10	Christmas Weekday	13	Lect #217
Sunday	Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord	5	Lect #21, Proper Preface

CHRISTMAS TIME

LECTIONARY -- YEAR B

First Sunday of Advent (November 30, 2014)

Lectionary #2

First Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Psalm Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Second Sunday of Advent (December 7, 2014)

Lectionary #5

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)
Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Mark 1:1-8

**Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM
(Monday, December 8, 2014)**

Lectionary #689

First Reading Genesis 3: 9-15, 20
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4
Second Reading Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12
Gospel Luke 1: 26-38

Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12, 2014)

**Lectionary #690 A or
Common of BVM 707-712**

First Reading Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Responsorial Psalm Judith 13: 18bcde, 19
Gospel Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47

Third Sunday of Advent (December 14, 2014)

Lectionary #8

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21, 2014)

Lectionary #11

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)
Second Reading Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

The Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Second Reading Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
Gospel Matthew 1: 1-25 [or 1: 18-25]

Lectionary #13, ABC**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the Night**

First Reading Isaiah 9: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14
Gospel Luke 2: 1-14

Lectionary #14, ABC**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass at Dawn**

First Reading Isaiah 62: 11-12
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-12
Second Reading Titus 3: 4-7
Gospel Luke 2: 15-20

Lectionary #15, ABC**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass During the Day**

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading Hebrews 1: 1-6
Gospel John 1: 1-18 [or John 1: 1-5, 9-14]

Lectionary #16 ABC**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
(Sunday, December 28, 2014)**

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a) *or Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*
Second Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 *or Col 3:12-17 or Col 3:12-21*
Gospel Luke 2:22-40 *or Luke 2:22, 39, 40*

Lectionary # 17 B**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:
Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2015)**

First Reading Numbers 6: 22-27
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8
Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel Luke 2: 16-21

Lectionary #18, ABC**The Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday, January 4, 2015)**

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

Lectionary #20 ABC**The Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, January 11, 2015)**

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel Mark 1:7-11

Lectionary #21 B

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

The Roman Martyrology for December 24 contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with the creation of the world, mentions key events in the history of the people of Israel, and concludes with the birth of Jesus during the Roman Era.

In 1994, a new translation was approved for use in the dioceses of the United States by the USCCB. Later that year, it was confirmed by the Apostolic See. It was published in the 2004 *Sacramentary Supplement*. The translation that appears in the Roman Missal's third edition returns to the original.

A formal *Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* may be chanted or recited after the greeting and introduction of the Christmas Midnight Mass. The Gloria and Opening Prayer immediately follow the proclamation.

The proclamation may also be sung or proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Hours on Christmas Eve. If it is used at Morning or Evening Prayer it follows the introduction of the hour and precedes the hymn. When it is proclaimed in the Office of Readings, it precedes the *Te Deum*.

It may be sung or recited at the ambo by a deacon, cantor, or reader. -- RT

After the greeting, the presider may introduce the Mass and the proclamation in these or similar words:

**Presider: Throughout the season of Advent,
the Church reflected on God's promises,
so often spoken by the prophets,
to send a savior to the people of Israel who would be Emmanuel,
that is, God with us.
In the fullness of time, those promises were fulfilled.
With hearts full of joy,
let us listen to the proclamation of our Savior's birth.**



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
(THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION)**

From the Roman Martyrology Please see the Roman Missal Appendix (p. 1450 USCCB edition)

This proclamation is chanted or recited on December 24 during the Liturgy of the Hours or before the beginning of Midnight Mass. It may not replace any part of the Mass. The underlines are provided here to assist the minister who will chant it.

The twenty-fifth day of December,
when ages beyond number
had run their course from the creation of the world
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth
and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first centuries since Abraham, our father in faith
came out of the Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel
were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the city of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus;
the whole world being at peace,
JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,
and was made man:
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.



PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER

*This proclamation is to be sung on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.
After the singing of the Gospel, the deacon or cantor may chant the following.
For chant notation, please see the Roman Missal, Appendix, pages 1448-1449.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVABLE FEASTS

**Know, dear brethren, [brothers and sisters],
that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.**

**On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.**

**On the fifth day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the seventeenth [fourteenth] day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord
Jesus Christ,**

On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**On the twenty-ninth day of November,
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**



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**O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!**



**O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!**



**O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people
come to save us without delay!**



**O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!**



**O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death!**



**O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!**



**O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!**

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