

The Fourth Sunday in Advent



These things were done in Bethabara, beyond Jordan

INTROIT

Rorate coeli (Isaiah 45)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness: Let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour.

(Psalm 19) The heavens declare the glory of God: And the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

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THE COLLECT

OLORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen



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COLLECT 2 Of Advent

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4.4-7

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

(Psalm 145)

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: Yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: And let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

The following Alleluia with its verse is said on Sundays only. i.e, it is omitted on Ferias in Advent.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come, O Lord, and tarry not: Forgive the misdeeds of thy people.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1.19-28

THIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY

St. Luke 1

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that the same may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the attainment of everlasting salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

PREFACE Of the Most Holy Trinity

COMMUNION

Isaiah 7

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

POSTCOMMUNION

OLORD, who hast here vouchsafed unto us to be partakers of thy bounty grant, we beseech thee, that we may so continue to draw near unto the same; that growing more and more in grace, we may attain in the end to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen..