



## The First Sunday of Advent

The Entrance Procession stops at the Advent Wreath

### The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

**Priest:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**All:** Who has made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** Let us pray:

O God, by whose Word all things are made holy,  
pour ✠ forth Your blessing upon this wreath,  
and grant that we who use it  
may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. *Amen*

The Wreath is sprinkled with Holy Water and the first candle is lit.

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(Blue or Purple)

## The Introit *Ad te, Domine, levavi, Psalm 25*

Rossini 8



### Antiphon:

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; \*  
my God, I put my trust in you;

Let me nev-er be put to shame, \*  
nor let my enemies tri-umph o-ver me.

2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappoint-ed in their schemes.

### Psalm:

R-8-P



3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

[4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.]

Continued...

## Gloria Patri:



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of a-ges. A-men

## Repeat Antiphon

### The Kyrie, No Gloria

### The Collect

O Lord, we implore you to put forth your power and come, that with you as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may obtain our salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.  
*Amen*

### The Old Testament: **Isaiah 64:1-12**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is

unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people. Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. After all this, will you restrain yourself, O LORD? Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?

### The Gradual **Psalm 25**

R-8-P



- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

### The Epistle: **Romans 13, 11-14**

Brethren: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the

armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### The Alleluia:



**Ps. 85: 7** Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

### The Gospel: **Luke 21:25-33**

At that time Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## The Offertory: Psalm 85:6-7

Tone VII



6 Will you not give us life a-gain, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

## The Prayer over the Gifts:

May these Holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, that we may approach with greater purity, him who is their foundation, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

## Preface of Advent (Ambrosian)

It is truly right and just, our joy, and helpful to our salvation, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father and everlasting God, as we speak Your praises with joyful hearts.

Our redemption is drawing nigh,  
the ancient hope of the nations is on His way;  
the promised resurrection of the dead is at hand,  
as the glory of the Blessed One already shines forth.

And so, with all the angels we give You glory  
in this, their joyful hymn of praise:

## **or The Preface of the Holy Trinity**

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,  
that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
are one God, one Lord;

not in the unity of a single person,  
but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation  
concerning your glory,  
that same we believe of your Son,  
that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead,  
we shall adore the Persons as distinct,  
their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise;  
day by day they cry out unceasingly saying as with voice:...

## **The First Sunday in Advent before the Pax Domini**

*Priest:* May the Lord Jesus Christ, Who by His blessed Advent  
did come to save the world, sanctify your minds and  
bodies.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He grant you, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to  
understand the precepts of His Law, that you may be able  
to await His Second Coming without fear.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He so free you from all sin, that when He comes, He may not judge you in wrath but take you to His reward in glory.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

*Priest:* The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

### The Communion: Psalm 25

Tone VII



1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;↓  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

### The Postcommunion:

May we receive your mercy in the midst of your temple, O Lord, that we may worthily prepare for the coming feast of our redemption; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages.

*Amen*