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### The Introit **Populus Sion, Isaiah 30:19,30,29; Psalm 80** TONE III



### Antiphon:

Peo-ple in Zion, the Lord will come and save the na-tions, \*  
and in gladness of heart you will hear the majestic voice of God.

### Psalm:

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Is-ra-el, \*  
leading Joseph like a flock.
- [3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neigh-bors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; ↓  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a-way from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.]

### Gloria Patri:

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son↓, and to the Holy Spir-it, \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of a-ges. Amen

## Repeat Antiphon

### The Kyrie, No Gloria

#### The Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of your only begotten Son so that through his coming we may be able to serve you with purified minds; 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: **Malachi 3:1-7**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of

Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

## The Gradual **Psalm 50**

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- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beau-ty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep si-lence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a ra-ging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a-bove \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Ga-ther before me my loyal fol-lowers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sa-cri-fice."

## The Epistle: **Romans 15:4-13**

Brethren: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the

Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### The Alleluia:



**Ps. 122: 1** I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD." Alleluia

### The Gospel: **Matthew 11:2-10**

At that time, When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet?\* Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am

sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

**The Offertory**      **Psalm 85:6, 7**

**Tone VII**



**6** Will you not give us life again, O God, \*  
so that your people may rejoice in you?

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

**The Prayer over the Gifts:**

O Lord, we pray that you would be pleased by the prayers and gifts which we humbly offer you; and knowing our unworthiness, grant us your assistance; 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 Preface of Advent**

Because you sent your beloved Son  
to redeem us from sin and death,  
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power  
and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

**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 Second Sunday in Advent before the Pax Domini**

*Priest:* May Almighty God, by whose grace you believe in the Advent of our Saviour Christ, and wait for His coming again, sanctify you through the light of His Advent, and enrich you with the gift of His blessing.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He protect you from all adversity, as you run the race that is set before you, and show Himself merciful in judgment.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May you, who, by the power of God, have been set free from the defilements of sin, may wait for the Day of Judgment unafraid.

*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:** Baruch 5:5, 4:36

Tone VII



5 A-ri-se, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; \*  
look toward the East.

And see your children  
gathered from West to East at the word of the Holy One, \*  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

36 Look toward the East, O Jerusalem \*  
And see the joy that is coming to you from God.

**The Postcommunion:**

O Lord, we who are filled with spiritual food ask you to teach us, who share in these Holy Mysteries, to reject things earthly and to love things heavenly; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*