

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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Sunday, November 30, 2008

First Sunday in ADVENT

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

9:00 AM - *"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"*

PRAYER: *(please say with Celebrant)*

O Father, we remember with awe and joy that the world is yours, and that life is your gift. Lift up our thoughts from the littleness of our own minds to the greatness that is yours, so that our lives might more adequately reveal the truth that Christ brought to the world. Amen.

BLESSING THE WREATH:

Celebrant: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath, the symbol of eternity, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE:

Reader: O Lord, stir up your might, we beg of You, and come, that by your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by your deliverance. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63 *(please note: No "Gloria" during Advent)*

READING I - Is 63, 16-17, 19; 64, 2-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, harken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R/: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O Lord of Hosts, look down from heaven, and see; Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted [the son of man whom you yourself made strong.]

R/: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

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READING II - 1 Cor. 1, 3-9

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

GOSPEL - Mk 13, 33-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew: **R/: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you! You do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows, or at early dawn. Do not let him come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: be on guard!"

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"O Come, O Come, Emanuel"*

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - *"From Heaven A Voice Comes Down to Earth" & "Mother Dear, We Greet Thee"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"*





PREPARE YE

(The Way of the Lord)

(from the musical *ìGodspellì*)

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Offertory Hymn

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here.
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come,
Thou wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

(repeat chorus)

O come, Desire of nations, Bind all
peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels
cease; Fill the whole world with
heaven's peace.

(repeat chorus)

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Communion Hymn

FROM HEAV'N A VOICE COMES DOWN TO EARTH

(*Glos Wdzieczny Z Nieba*)

From heav'n a voice comes down to earth,
A star fortells the Savior's birth,
It shines through darkness, sin, and grief
And brings to mankind's soul relief.
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Come and rejoice, ye saints above,
Receive the promise of His love,
Bear now, ye men who dwell in fear,
The Savior of the world is near.
The Savior of the world is near.

Post Communion Hymn

MOTHER DEAR, WE GREET THEE

(*Zdrowas Badz Maria*)

Mother Dear we greet Three, Heaven's beauteous lily;
For our God did favor Thee, Mother of all mercy,
Hope of all who call on Thee, O Most Holy Mary.

Mother, Thou wast chosen Bless above all women,
By the God of Heaven, Author of Salvation,
Through the birth of Thy dear Son,
He would bring Redemption.

Recessional Hymn

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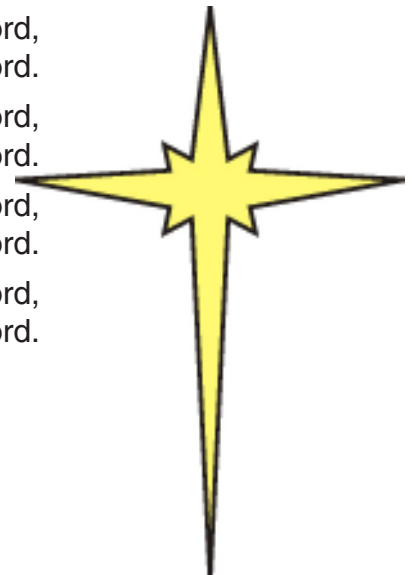
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St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

