

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Introit

Is 45: 8; Ps 18

I

R O-rá-te * cae- li dé- su- per, et nu- bes plu-
ant iu- stum : ape-ri- á- tur ter- ra, et gérmí-net
Sal-va- tó- rem. *T.P.* Alle-lú- ia, alle- lú- ia.
Ps. Cae-li enárrant gló-ri- am De- i : et ó-pe-ra mánu- um
e-ius annúnti- at firmamén- tum.

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Saviour. *∞* The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Opening Prayer

GRATIAM TUAM, quæsumus, Dómine, méntibus nostris infúnde, ut qui, Angelo nuntiánte, Christi Fílii tui incarnatiónem cognóvimus, per passiónem eius et crucem ad resurrectiónis glóriam perducámur.

LORD, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection.

First reading

- A. Is 7: 10-14: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive.
 B. 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16: David's royalty will endure.
 C. Mic 5: 1-4a: You, O Bethlehem of Judah!

Gradual

Ps 144: 18, v. 21

P **v** Ro-pe est Dómi-nus * ómnibus
 invo-cán-ti-bus e- um : ómni-bus qui ín-
 vo-cant e- um in ve-ri-tá- te.
 V. Lau-dem Dómi-ni
 loqué-tur os me-um :
 et be-ne-dí-cat o-mnis ca-ro no-
 men sanctum e- ius.

The Lord is close to all who call him, who call on him in the sincerity of their hearts. v. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord; let all flesh bless his holy name.

Second reading

- A. Rom 1: 1-7: *This good news concerns Jesus.*
 B. Rom 16: 25-27: *This mystery has been revealed.*
 C. Heb 10: 5-10: *Here I am to do your will.*

Alleluia

III

A L- le- lú- ia.

∇. Ve- ni, Dó- mi- ne, et no- li

tar- dá- re : re- lá- xa fa- cí-

no- ra ple- bis tu- ae.

Come Lord! do not delay. Pardon the sins of your people.

Gospel

- A. Mt 1: 18-24: *The angel appears to Joseph.*
 B. Lk 1: 26-38: *The Annunciation.*
 C. Lk 1: 39-45: *The Visitation.*

Offertory

Lk I: 28

VIII

A - ve * Ma-rí- a,

grá- ti- a ple- na, Dó-

mi- nus te- cum : be- ne- dí- cta tu in

mu- li- é- ri- bus, et bene- dí- ctus fru- ctus

ven- tris tu- i. *T. P.* Al- le- lú- ia.

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

Prayer over the Gifts

AL TARI TUO, Dómine, super-
pósita múnera Spíritus ille
sanctíficet, qui beátæ Mariæ
víscera sua virtúte replevit.

LORD, may the power of the
Spirit, which sanctified
Mary the mother of your Son,
make holy the gifts we place
upon this altar.

Communion

Is 7: 14

I

E C-ce virgo * concí-pi- et, et pá- ri- et

fí- li- um : et vo- cá- bi- tur no-men e- ius

Em- má- nu- el. *T. P.* Alle- lú- ia.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

SUMPTO pignore redemptionis
æternæ, quæsumus, omni-
potens Deus, ut quanto magis
dies salutiferæ festivitatis accé-
dit, tanto devótius proficiámus
ad Fílii tui digne nativitátis
mystérium celebrándum.

LORD, in this sacrament we
receive the promise of sal-
vation; as Christmas draws near
make us grow in faith and love
to celebrate the coming of
Christ our Saviour.