Entrance Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Starting with Verse 7.

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ransom
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, Who or-d'rest
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
to know ledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
give the law, In cloud and maj-es-ty, and awe.

4. O come, thou Rod of Jes-se's tree, Free them from
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
give the law, In cloud and maj-es-ty, and awe.

5. O come, thou Key of Da-vid, come, And o-pen
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
make safe the way that live in the earth,

6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us
make safe the way that live in the earth,
bid thy people come to the mountain of the Lord, that they may be taught.

7. O come, De-sire of nat-tions, bind In one the
make safe the way that live in the earth,
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el
shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.
In those days,  
Hannah brought Samuel with her,  
along with a three-year-old bull,  
an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine,  
and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh.

After the boy’s father had sacrificed the young bull,  
Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said:  
“Pardon, my lord!  
As you live, my lord,  
I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD.

I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.  
Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;  
as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.”

She left Samuel there.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

“My heart exults in the LORD,
my horn is exalted in my God.
I have swallowed up my enemies;
I rejoice in my victory.”

“The bows of the mighty are broken,
while the tottering gird on strength.
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread,
while the hungry batten on spoil.
The barren wife bears seven sons,
while the mother of many languishes.”

“The LORD puts to death and gives life;
he casts down to the nether world;
he raises up again.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich,
he humbles, he also exalts.”

“He raises the needy from the dust;
from the dung heap he lifts up the poor,
To seat them with nobles
and make a glorious throne their heritage.”

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

“Veni Emmanuel Alleluia”
Jennifer Pascual

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.”

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months
and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
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My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
"My Soul Rejoices"
Owen Alstott

My soul rejoices in God my savior.

My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.

1. My soul proclaims your mighty deeds. My spirit sings the greatness of your name.
2. Your mercy flows throughout the land, and every generation knows your love.
3. You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life.
4. You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away.
5. Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel.

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Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Ellacombe

The Concluding Rites

Recessional Hymn

1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, Great David’s great
   er Son! Hail, in the time appointed, God’s
   reign on earth begun! Christ comes to break up

2. He shall come down like showers upon the fruit-
   ful earth, And joy and hope, like flowers, Spring
   in his path to birth: Before him on the

3. Kings shall bow down before him, And gold and in-
   cense bring; All nations shall adore him, His
   praise all peoples sing; To him shall prayer un

4. O’er every foe victorious, He on his throne
   shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All
   blessing and all blest. The tide of time shall

1. pres - sion, To set the captive free; To take a -
2. moun - tains Shall peace, the herald, go; And right - eous -
3. ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend; His king - dom
4. nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall

1. way trans - gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
2. ness in found - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
3. still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
4. stand for - ev - er, That name to us is love.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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