

**Solemn Vespers
First Sunday of Advent**



*The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:5b*

**Saint Mary's Basilica
November 27, 2016**

Motet: Adoramus Te, Christe

(Sung by Choir)

Adoramus Te, Christe,
Et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per sanctam crucem tuam
Redemisti mundum.

*We adore you, O Christ,
And we bless you.
Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.*

(T. Dubois, 1837-1924)

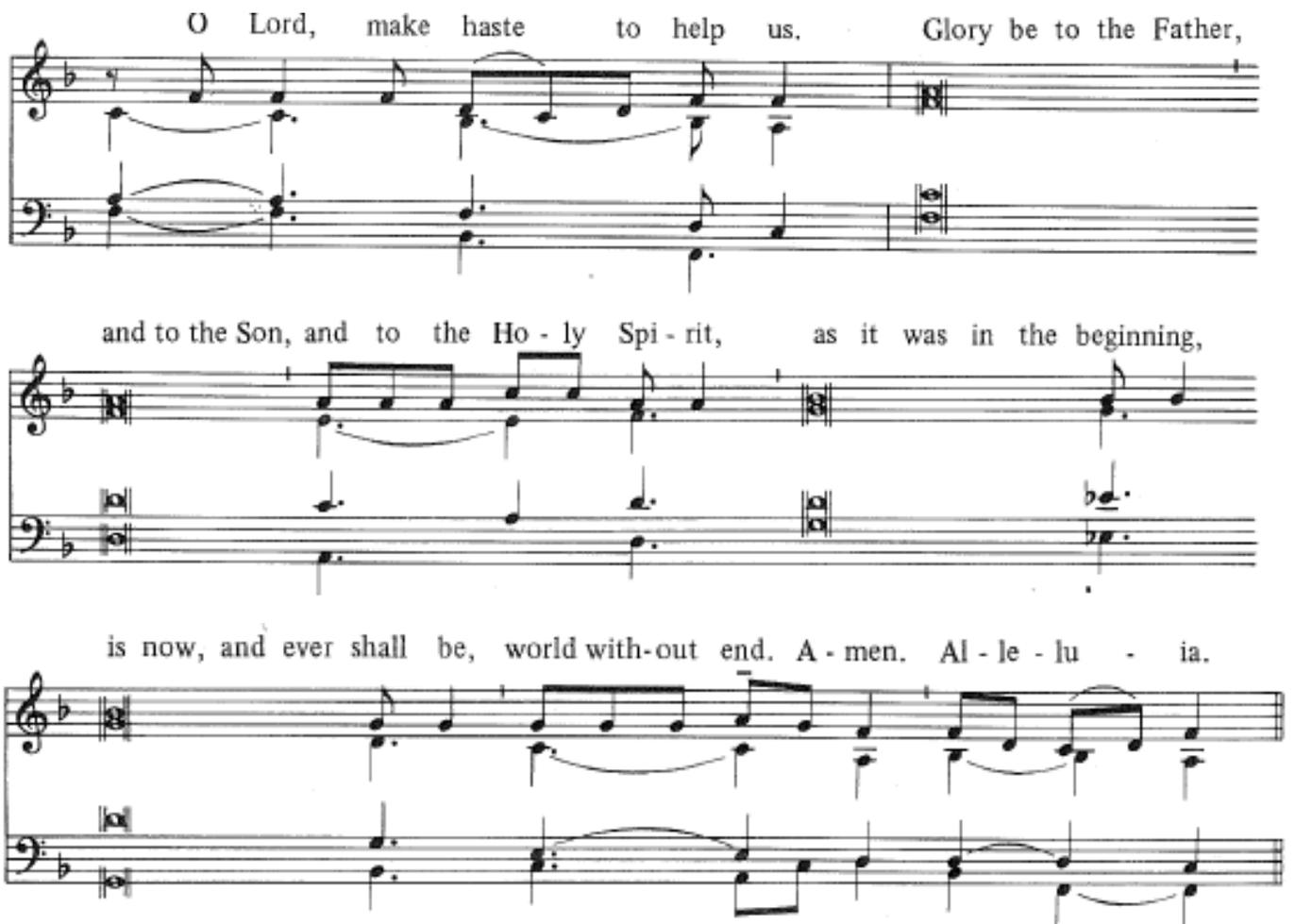
Introduction to the Hour

Presider:



O God, come to our aid.

ALL:



O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

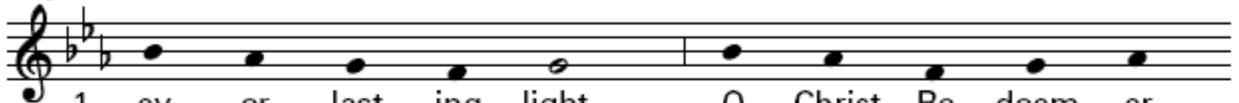
Opening Hymn

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

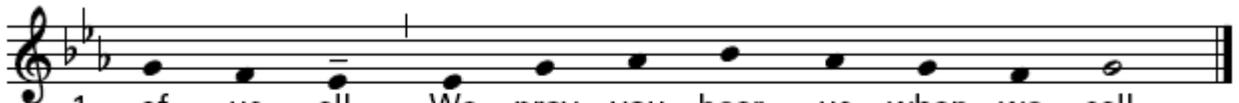
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
2. death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and



1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



Psalm 114

Antiphon:

*Christ our King will come to us,
the Lamb of God foretold by John.*



When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,

**Judah became the Lord's own temple,
Israel became his kingdom.**

The sea fled at the sight,
the Jordan turned back on its course,

**the mountains leapt like rams,
and the hills like yearling sheep.**

Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

**Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?**

Tremble, o earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; then the God of peace will be with you.

Reflection

Franciscan Reading:

Bonaventure, The Soul's Journey to God.

Our mind, like the house of God, is inhabited by divine Wisdom; it is made a daughter of God, spouse and friend; it is made a member of Christ the Head, sister and coheir; it is made a temple of the Holy Spirit, grounded on faith, built up by hope and dedicated to God by holiness of mind and body. All of this is accomplished by a most sincere love of Christ which is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Reflection

Homily

Intercessions

After each intercession, all respond:

Musical score for the intercession response. It consists of two staves of music in treble clef. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: "Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e,". The second staff has four measures with lyrics: "Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum)". The second staff includes a fermata over the final note and the instruction "Last time" above it. The time signature changes from 2/4 to 3/4 and back to 2/4.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e,

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum)

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Our Father

Musical score for the prayer "Our Father". It consists of five staves of music in treble clef, all in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil." The score uses a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests.

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-lowed be thy name;

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es

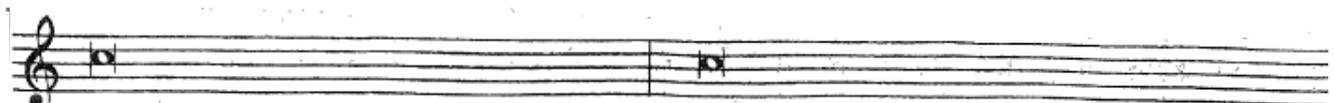
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us

not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Concluding Prayer

All-powerful God,
increase our strength of will for doing good
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever,
Amen.

Blessing



V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.



V. May Al - might - y God bless you, the Fa - ther,



and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it. R. A - men.

Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ. R. Thanks be to God.

Antiphon to Our Lady

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER



Al - ma Re - dem - ptó - ris Má - ter,
quae pér - vi - a caé - li pór - ta má - nes, et stél - la má - ris,
suc - cur - re ca - dén - ti, sú - rge - re qui cú - rat pó - pu - lo: Tu quae ge - nu - ís - ti,
na - tú - ra mi - rán - te, tú - um sánc - tum Ge - ni - tó - rem:
Vír - go pri - us ac pos - té - ri - us, Ga - bri - é - lis ab ó - re
sú - mens íl - lud A - ve, pec - ca - tó - rum mi - se - ré - re.

Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners.