Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Prelude

Ant. Roráte cæli désuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiátur terra, et gérminet Salvatórem.

Ant. *Bring forth dew, O heavens, from above, and may the clouds rain forth the Just One: may the earth be opened, and bring forth the Savior.*

V. Cæli enárrant glóriam Dei, et ópera mánuum eius annúntiat firmaméntum.

V. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth his handiwork.*

Offertory

Ant. Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Ant. *Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel.*

Vv. Ps. 18(19)

Communion Antiphon

Ant. O Clavis David, et sceptrum Domus Ísrael, qui áperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo áperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo cárceris, sedéntem in ténebris et umbra mortis.

Ant. *O Key of David, and scepter of the House of Israel, who openeth, and none shall close; who closeth, and none shall open: come, and lead the captive forth from the house of captivity, he that dwelleth in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Vv. Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55)

Communion Meditation

Veni, redémptor géntium,
Osténde partum Vírginis:
Mirétur omne sǽculum,
Talis decet partus Deum.

Come, thou redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Non ex viríli sémine,
Sed mýstico spirámine
Verbum Dei factum est caro,
Fructúsque ventris flóruit.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised Fruit to Man displayed.

Alvus tuméscit Vírginis,
Cláustrum pudóris pérmanet:
Vexílla virtútum mícant,
Versátur in templo Deus.

The virgin womb that burden gained
With virgin honor all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

Procédat e thálamo suo,
Pudóris aula régia,
Géminæ gigas substántiæ,
Alácris ut currat viam.

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

Egréssus eius a Patre,
Regréssus eius ad Patrem,
Excúrsus usque ad ínferos,
Recúrsus ad sedem Dei.

From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

Æquális ætérno Patri,
Cárnis tropǽo cíngere;
Infírma nóstri córporis
Virtúte fírmans pérpeti.

O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Præsepe iam fulget tuum,
Luménque nox spirat novum,
Quod nulla nox intérpolet,
Fidéque iugi lúceat.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

Sit, Christe, rex píissime,
Tibi Patríque glória,
Cum Spíritu Paráclito,
In sempitérna sǽcula. Amen.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

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