

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Although today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, much of the music we will sing is taken from the liturgy for the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on February 2. The texts speak of light: Christ, who is light of the world, the light of God's face, Our Lady under her title Star of the Sea. As we near the beginning of Lent and approach the darkness of Our Lord's Passion, we remember that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5) and ask for the grace to use profitably the coming season of fasting, enlightened by the uncreated light.

PRELUDE

Alma Redemptoris mater, quæ pervia cæli porta manes, et stella maris: succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quæ genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud "Ave", peccatorum miserere.

Loving mother of the Redeemer, who dost remain the gate of heaven, and star of the sea: come to the aid of thy fallen people who strive to rise: thou who, to the wonderment of nature, didst give birth to thy creator, virgin before as after, who didst receive the "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on us sinners.

INTROIT

Ant. Ecce Dominus noster cum virtute veniet, ut illuminet oculos servorum suorum, alleuia.

V. Confitemini Domino, et invocate nomen eius: annuntiate inter gentes opera eius.

Ant. Behold: our Lord cometh with power to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.

V. Give ye thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name; tell of his works among the peoples.

OFFERTORY

Ant. Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum, et salvum me fac in tua misericordia: Domine, non confundar, quoniam invocavi te.

Vv. Ps 30(31)

COMMUNION

Ant. Lumen ad revelationem Gentium, et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

V. Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace.

V. Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.

V. Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

V. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Ant. Let thy face shine upon thy servant, and save me in thy mercy: O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I have called upon thee.

Ant. A light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

V. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

V. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

V. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

V. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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