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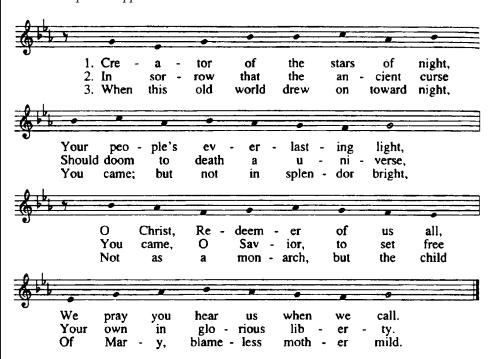
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 2020

Gathering "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Cónditor alme síderum, ætérna lux credéntium, Christe, redémptor ómnium, exáudi preces súpplicum.



4) repeat verse 1

Words: Latin, 7th c., tr. in The Hymnal 1982; Tr. © 1985, Church Pension Fund

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16

Now when David, the king, was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David:
Thus says the Lord:
Are you the one to build me a house to live in?
I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep
to be prince over my people Israel:
and I have been with you wherever you went,
and have cut off all your enemies from before you;
and I will make for you a great name,
like the name of the great ones of the earth.

"And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

"Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

"I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne, David, shall be established forever."

Updated info

Holiday Season Liturgy Schedule

(all times Pacific)

Weekday Mass

continues Monday through Friday at 12:20pm on Zoom, except Friday, December 25

Thursday, December 24

6:30pm carol service and 7:00pm Christmas Mass streamed live on YouTube

Friday, December 25

12:30pm Christmas Mass outdoors at St. Raymond (RSVP required)

Sunday, December 27

1:00pm outdoor Mass at St. Raymond 4:30pm Mass on Zoom (also streamed to YouTube)

Friday, January 1, 2021

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated at our usual 12:20pm weekday Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2021

1:00pm outdoor Mass at St. Raymond 4:30pm live stream Mass

Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 22, 12:00pm–2:00pm
Outdoor Confessions at St. Raymond, in
the rose garden

First announced December 13



Join our live stream at **6:30 p.m. on December 24,** for a pre-Mass carol service featuring sing-along carols, virtual choir pieces, and two beautiful soprano solos, "Gesu Bambino" and "Esta Noche," sung by our cantor, Jane Arena, and Nova Jimenez from the Stanford Voice Faculty. Accompaniments by harpist Dan Levitan and brass quintet and orchestra. Tune in and let our song touch the world with grace!

Their Stories: You're the Hero

Hopefully you've had a chance to read our email that shares our students', alumni, and community members' stories. If you haven't read the stories yet, you can pick up the link to them on our home page at stanfordcatholic.org

Reading Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 18th at 7:30pm to discuss Marilynne Robinson's recently published novel Jack, the fourth in the cycle of Gilead novels, which are deeply moving fictional meditations on history and family, faith and forgiveness. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. Anyone who is not on the mailing list and wants to join the conversation should send email to Albert Gelpi (agelpi@stanford.edu).

Psalm (1:00 Outdoor Mass) (Ps. 89)

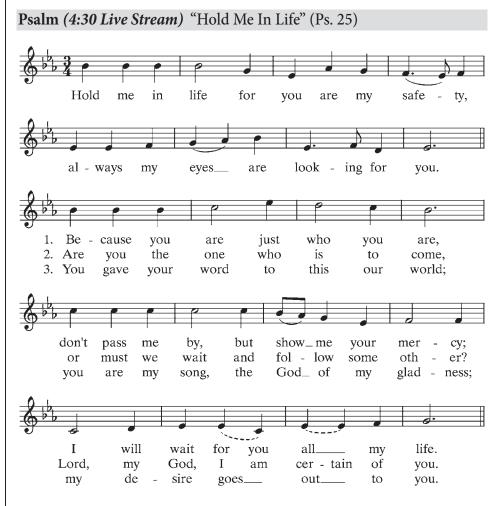
(spoken response)

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. (*R*.)

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."
(R.)

He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!" Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm. (R.)



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Second Reading: Romans 16:25–27

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation



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St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

During this time of pandemic, CC@S continues to help prepare take-away hot meals for those in need at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park (http://paduadining-room.com) every first and fourth Saturday of the month. However, to reduce the risk of virus transmission we are not able to accept new volunteers, currently. Please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to resume. For further information, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu (650-302-6902).

Marriage Preparation

Were you going to be married at Stanford's Memorial Church or were you being prepared by the Catholic Community at Stanford to be married elsewhere but now are unable to find a wedding prep program? If so, contact Fr. Xavier (xavierop@stanford.edu) about the possibility of joining our online program.

Gospel: Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came to Mary and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favour with God.
And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus.

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be, since I am a virgin?"
The angel said to her,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy;
he will be called Son of God.

"And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

[bowing:] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



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Offertory

If you have found spiritual encouragement from our virtual Sunday Mass, please consider making an offering. CC@S relies on individual donations from supporters all over the country to fund Sunday Mass, spiritual programs for students, faculty, staff and other permanent community members.

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Seminar: Exploring the Infancy Narratives

Tuesdays at 7:30pm (Pacific) Online via Zoom

Matthew and Luke are really different. Join Fr. Xavier to explore their messages. In the first part of each class, we will be doing a close reading and discussion of the text, and then in the second part, we will call forth your own reflections and/or the reflections from others. This is a seminar: please come having read the scriptural text carefully. Come to as many or as few as you like.

Dec 22nd: The Annunciation to Mary, the Visitation & Magnificat, and Birth, Luke 2:1-52

Sanctus from "Missa Emmanuel"

Cantor first/all repeat:



Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

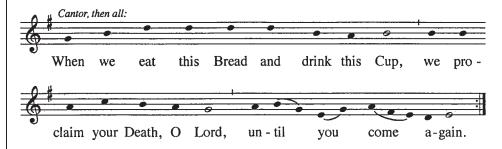
Response:



Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Repeat Response)

Memorial Acclamation from "Missa Emmanuel"



Great Amen from "Missa Emmanuel"



Agnus Dei from "Missa Emmanuel"



Missa Emmanuel—Holy, Holy, Holy / Memorial Acclamation / Amen / Lamb of God—arranged by Richard Proulx; Music © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, you promised to be with your church until the end of time. Help us to believe that you are with us now in our hour of need.

We long to experience your presence more deeply and more intimately, even when we can't gather together as your church to celebrate the Eucharist.

Deepen our belief that you are present within us and that you bind us together in communion with you.

May our communion with you and one another move us to reach out to others, especially those who seek justice.

We know that you abide with those whom you created. Never let us forget your love. Amen.



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Join the Live-Stream Choir!

At the end of our live streamed Masses, singers and instrumentalists from all over the world join together to lead our community in song.

Would you like to "join" the choir?

It's not difficult and you don't have to be a recording star to join in. The music is pre-recorded and then mixed together, so your voice is blended with others.

God is calling us in many different ways these days. Perhaps Live-stream choir is a way to help others pray through song about mercy, grace, forgiveness, and hope.

For more info, contact Eric (elebel@stanford.edu)

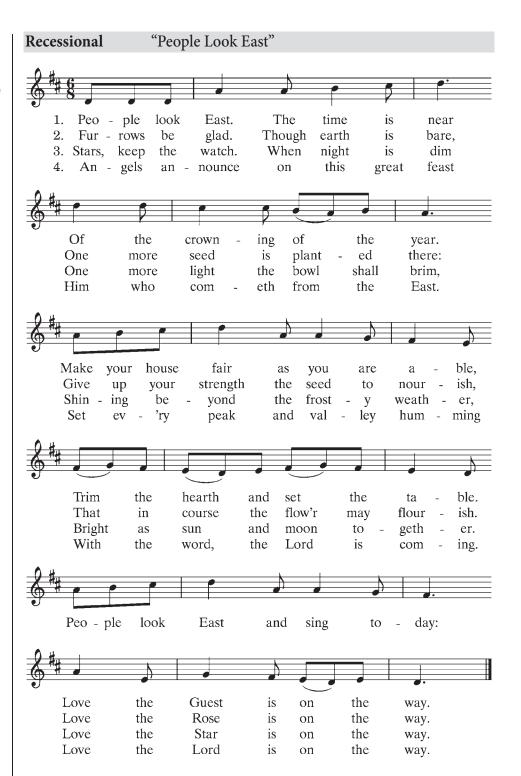
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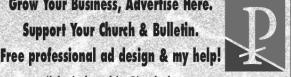
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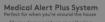
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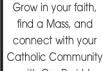
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