



Paróquia e Santuário São Judeo Toldos

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Year C



St. Jude's Shrine, December 22, 2024

**COMMENTARY** Brothers and sisters, in a few days we will celebrate the Lord's Nativity. On this last Sunday of Advent, may God grant us, through this Eucharist, the grace to, united with the sentiments and expectations of the Virgin Mary, joyfully await the arrival of the Son of the Most High. God's visit, already manifested in Mary's visit to Elizabeth, is a reason for joy and hope for humanity. Let us raise, welcome **Father Emerson Ruiz**, and start our Holy Mass singing the Entrance Hymn.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### 1. ENTRANCE SONG

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

2. O come, o Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.

**Refrain**

3. O come, o come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

**Refrain**

4. O come, o Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

**Refrain**

5. O come, o Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode.

**Refrain**

6. O come, o Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.

**Refrain**

7. O come, o King of nations, bind,  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.

**Refrain**

#### 2. GREETINGS

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you All.  
All: **And with your spirit.**

#### 3. PENITENTIAL ACT

**Celebrant:** My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (And, striking breasts, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

**Celebrant:** May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Christe Eleison (2x)

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord have mercy (3x)

Christ have mercy (3x)

Lord have mercy (3x)

**Ritual lighting the fourth candle of the wreath**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in Your church gathered today.**



#### 4. LET US PRAY

**Celebrant:** Pour forth, we beseech you, Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 5. FIRST READING (MICAH 5:1-4A)

**A Reading from the Prophet Micah:**

Thus says the LORD: <sup>1</sup> You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; <sup>4A</sup> he shall be peace.

**The Word of the Lord**

All: **Thanks be to God**

## 6. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 80:2-3,15-16,18-19)**

(02x) R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

<sup>2</sup> O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

<sup>3</sup> Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

### Response

<sup>15</sup> Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,

<sup>16</sup> and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

### Response

<sup>18</sup> May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

<sup>19</sup> Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (2x)

## 7. **SECOND READING (Hebrews 10:5-10)**

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters: <sup>5</sup> When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" <sup>8</sup> First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. <sup>9</sup> Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**The Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## 8. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 1:38)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

<sup>38</sup> Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## 9. **GOSPEL READING (Luke 1:39-45)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you!

All: **And with your Spirit.**

**Celebrant:** A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to Luke. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

## 10. **PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our

Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. All: Amen.

## 11. **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** In the joyful expectation of Christmas, let us raise our prayers to God the Father, in the certainty that the coming of his Son is the cause of our hope and our salvation:

All: **Save us, O Lord, through your beloved Son!**

1. Lord, the announcement of the coming of your Son Jesus has restored our hope; grant that your Church in São Paulo may be strengthened with the missionary spirit to proclaim the good news of the hope that does not disappoint. All:....
2. Lord, the Mother of your Son hastened to serve her cousin Elizabeth; grant that we may live our Baptism, ready to love and serve our brothers and sisters. All:....
3. Lord, your Son assumed our human condition and, by offering his life, accomplished our sanctification; grant that, following the example of Jesus, we may transform our lives into an offering pleasing to you. All:....
4. Lord, the imminent arrival of your Son fills us with joy; grant us to bear witness to this joy wherever we are.

*(other intentions of the community)*

**Celebrant:** We ask all this of you, O Father, through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### 12. **OFFERING SONG**

1. Christify the gifts we bring to you,  
bounty of the Earth receive anew;  
Take and bless the work of our hands;  
Christify these gifts at your command.
2. Sun and moon and Earth and wind and rain,  
All the World's contained in every grain;  
All the toil and dreams of humankind,  
All we are we bring as bread and wine.

*(02 chorus)*

3. Turn the bread and wine, our hearts implore,  
To the living presence of the Lord;  
Blessed and broken, shared with all in need;  
All our hungers, sacred bread will feed.

*(02 chorus)*

4. With this bread and wine you Christify,  
Now our deepest thirst you satisfy;  
We who by this bread you sanctify,  
Draw the World for you to Christify;  
We who by this bread you sanctify,  
Draw the World for you to Christify.

**Celebrant:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **13. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**Celebrant:** May the Holy Spirit, o Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

### **14. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

#### **Preface II of Advent:**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: **Holy, Holy, ...**

Holy, Holy,  
Holy Lord God of host  
Heaven and Earth are full  
Are full of your glory

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

Blessed is he who comes,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord  
**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

You are indeed Holy, o Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, o Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and X Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The mystery of faith.

All: **When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, o Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your son, his wondrous Resurrection and ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your on and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint ...) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, o Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant **Francis**, our Pope and **Odilo** . our Bishop,\* the order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

† To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good. †

**Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: Amen.**

### **15. COMMUNION RITE**

**Celebrant:** At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**Celebrant:** Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
All: **And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
All: **Peace be with you.**



## 16. LAMB OF GOD

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace Emmanuel, Morning Star, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords**

1. Lamb of God, You take away The sins of all, the World, Miserere nobis
2. Bread of life, You take away The sins of all, the World, Miserere nobis
3. Agnus Dei, You take away The sins of all, the World, Dona nobis Pacem

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## 17. COMMUNION SONG

1. Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy, would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy, would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy, has come to make you new?  
And this child that you delivered will soon deliver you
2. Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy, will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy, will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy, has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby you kissed the face of God?  
Oh, Mary did you know (uhuhuh)  
  
*The blind will see  
The deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap  
The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb*
3. Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy, is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
The sleeping child you're holding  
Is the Great, I am.

## 18. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your son's nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### 19. FINAL BLESSING

**Celebrant:** May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his only Begotten son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's advent and enrich you with his blessing.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

**All: Amen**

**Celebrant:** So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with

the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty. **All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the son, X and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **All: Amen.**

## 20. FINAL SONG

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.  
**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.**
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice  
**Refrain**
3. Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed  
**Refrain**
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone  
**Refrain**
5. Many the gift, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come  
**Refrain**



**Save the date!**

**What? Our next English Mass**

**When? Feb 23, 2025**

**Time? 10 am**

