

The Liturgy of the Word in Advent

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

Presider Blessed are you,
holy and living One.

People **You come to your people
and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts
are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Trisagion *Recited thrice.*

Presider Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

*The Presider continues with the
Collect found on the day's
handout.*

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

*A non-scriptural reading from the day's Saint may
be read. The reader concluding,*

Here ends the reading.

A scripture lesson is read, the reader concluding,

*Hear what the spirit
is saying to God's people.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The Portion of the Psalter appointed for the day
is read by all from the day's handout*

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to ____.

People **Glory to you,
Lord Christ.**

*The Deacon reads the selection from the Gospels
appointed for the day.*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you,
Lord Christ.**

The Homily *Please be seated.*

Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy
Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of
the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be
glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests,
and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful
ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of
the world;

People **That there may be justice
and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in
all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find
favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be
delivered from their
distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal
rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine
upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints
who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to
share in your heavenly
kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs
and those of others.

*Silence is kept, which the Presider
concludes with a collect*

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon And now, as our Savior Christ
hath taught us, we are bold to
say,

People **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.
For thine is
the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Presider

Let us pray.

People

**God of infinite mercy,
we thank you for Jesus
our Savior, our true
Mother who feeds us
and gives us eternal
life. Though we cannot
celebrate The Holy
Eucharist at this time,
we thank you that we
have received the
sacrament of Christ's
presence, the
forgiveness of sins, and
all other benefits of
Christ's passion. Grant
that we may continue
for ever in the Risen
Life of our Savior, who
with you and the Holy
Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, now and for
ever. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces God's blessing.

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal, the People
responding*

Thanks be to God.