



WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

23-28 December 2024

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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MONDAY 23rd December 2024
Monday of the 4th week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

A child shall be born for us,
and he will be called God, the Almighty;
every tribe of the earth shall be blest in
him.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach
me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray.
He guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and
will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come,
King of all nations,
source of your Church's unity and faith:
save all people, your own creation!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock:
if anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.

TUESDAY 24th December 2024
Tuesday of the 4th week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, when the fullness of time had
come, God sent his Son into the world.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-
12, 14, 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 88:2-5,*
27, 29

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

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as
the heavens. **R.**

'I have made a covenant with my
chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant;
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all
ages.' **R.**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come,
Radiant Dawn,
splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
shine on those lost in the darkness of
death!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:67-79

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed
them.

**WEDNESDAY 25th December
2024**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



THURSDAY 26th December 2024
St Stephen

ENTRANCE ANTHIPHON:

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

FIRST READING: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 30:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17

R. Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. R.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me, Lord. As for me, I trust in the Lord: let me be glad and rejoice in your love. R.

My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
the Lord God shines upon us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:17-22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out,
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

FRIDAY 27th December 2024
St John

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper, the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed and who spread the words of life through all the world.

FIRST READING 1 John 1:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 (JB)

R. Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. R.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all the peoples see his glory. R.

Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; the glorious company of apostles praise you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:2-8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and from his fullness we have all received.

SATURDAY 28th December 2024
Holy Innocents

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.

FIRST READING 1 John 1:5-2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 123:2-5, 7-8 (JB)

R. Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.

If the Lord has not been on our side when men rose against us, then would they have swallowed when their anger was kindled. R.

Then would the waters have engulfed us, the torrent goes over us; over our head would have swept the raging waters. R.

Indeed the snare has been broken and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Benediction Hymns and Prayer

O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim, op'ning wide
The gate of heav'n to us below.
Our foes press on from ev'ry side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength
bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,
This great sacrament we hail;
Ancient types have long departed
Newer rites of grace prevail
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run;
Equal praise to him confessing
who proceeds from both as one.
AMEN

V. You have given them bread from
heaven

R. Having in itself all delight.

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Holy God we praise your name!
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your pow'r proclaim,
All in heaven above adore you;
Boundless is your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Celebrant: At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved.
Response: For they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Celebrant: Jesus said, 'The harvest is ready.'
Response: But the labourers are few.

Celebrant: Ask the Lord to send our labourers for the harvest.
Response: O Lord, we pray for more young people to answer the call to become priests and religious in your harvest.

Celebrant: And shepherd for your people.
Response: Amen.