First Sunday of Advent, 2017

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,



Officiant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Choir Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Officiant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Choir Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Officiant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Choir Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.



Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;



neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, Good Lord, spare thy people,



whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,



and by thy mercy preserve us for ev-er.

Choir



Officiant



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;



and from ev-er lasting damnation,

Choir



Officiant From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant From lightening and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Choir Good Lord, deliver us.

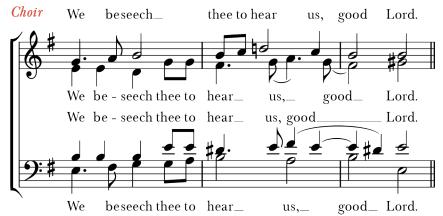
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We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee



to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



Officiant That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

Choir We beseech_ thee to hear us, good Lord. We be - seech thee to hear_ us,_ good_ Lord. We be - seech thee to hear_ us, good Lord. beseech thee to hear_ good_ Lord. us,_

Officiant That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

Choir We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.





Son of God, we be seech thee to hear us.

Choir

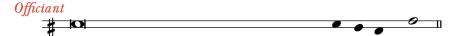


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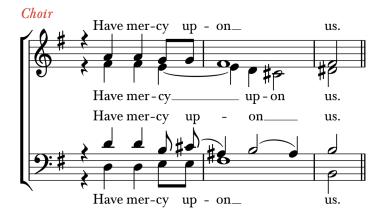
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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mer-cy up - on_ us. Have mer-cy up - on_ us. Have mer-cy up - on_ us. Have mer-cy up - on_ us.

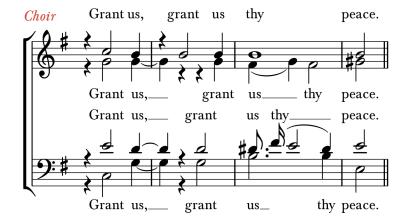


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O Christ, hear us.

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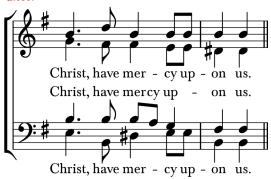


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Lord, have mercy up-on us.

Choir



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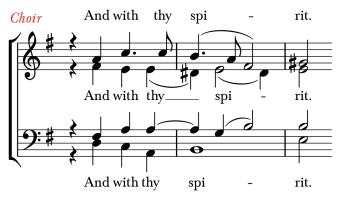


Lord, have mercy up-on us.

When the Litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Officiant begins the Eucharist with



The Lord be with you.



Officiant Let us pray.



(The Collect of the Day.)

