

SECOND READING Rom 16: 25-27

**B**ROTHERS and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 1: 38

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA Trad.

Veni, Dómine, et noli tardáre: re- Come Lord! Do not delay. Pardon  
láxa facínora plebis tuæ Israēl. the sins of your people.

GOSPEL Lk 1: 26-38

**T**HE ANGEL GABRIEL was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "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 called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,

has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

OFFERTORY CHANT Lk 1: 28

**A**VE, María, gratia plena; **H**AIL Mary, full of grace, the  
Dóminus tecum: benedícta Lord is with thee. Blessed art  
tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus thou amongst women, and blessed  
fructus ventris tui. is the fruit of thy womb.

COMMUNION CHANT Is 7: 14

**E**CCE, Virgo concípiet et pári- **B**EHOLD, a Virgin shall con-  
et filium: et vocábitur nomen ceive and bear a son, and his  
eius Emmánuel. name shall be called Emmanuel.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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ENTRANCE CHANT Is 45: 8, Ps 18

**R**ORÁTE, cæli, désuper, **S**KIES, let the Just One come  
et nubes pluant iustum: forth like the dew, let him  
aperiátur terra, et gér- descend from the clouds like the  
minet Salvatórem. ʕ. Cæli rain. The earth will open up and  
enárrant glóriam Dei: give birth to our Savior. ʕ. The  
et ópera mánuum eius annúntiat heavens declare the glory of God,  
firmaméntum. and the firmament proclaims the  
work of his hands.