

**ADVENT**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let not my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The LORD will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

**Monday**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; and you no longer need to fear.

Collect

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,  
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,  
so that when he comes and knocks  
he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105:4-5; Is 38:3

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;  
and on that day there will be a great light.

Collect

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,  
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,  
that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await,  
we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tm 4:8

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness  
on those who eagerly await his coming.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 2:3; 1 Cor 4:5

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness,  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

### Collect

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,  
by your divine power,  
so that at the coming of Christ your Son  
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life  
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of Advent, p. 000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40:10; 35:5

Behold our Lord will come with power,  
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:151-152

You, O LORD, are close, and all your ways are truth.  
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord,  
and come to our help with mighty strength,  
that what our sins impede  
the grace of your mercy may hasten.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ti 2:12-13

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries in which we have participated  
profit us, we pray, O Lord,  
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what will endure.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord will come  
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,  
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

### Collect

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,  
that with you to protect us  
we may find rescue  
from the pressing dangers of our sins,  
and with you to set us free,  
we may be found worthy of salvation.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 79:4, 2

Come and show us your face, O Lord,  
who are seated upon the cherubim, and we will be saved.

Collect

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world  
to free the human race from its ancient bondage,  
bestow on those who devoutly await him  
the grace of your compassion from on high,  
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 22:12

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord,  
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**20 December**

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 11:1; 40:5; Lk 3:6

A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse,  
and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

## Collect

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word  
the immaculate Virgin received  
through the message of an Angel,  
and so became the dwelling-place of divinity,  
filled with the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant, we pray, that by her example,  
we may in humility hold fast to your will.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, we pray, upon the one sacrifice of your Son,  
that by participating in this mystery  
we may possess at last the gifts we have awaited  
and for which our faith bids us hope.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

## Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:31

The Angel said to Mary,  
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant divine protection, O Lord,  
to those you renew with this heavenly gift,  
that to those who delight in your mysteries,  
you may give the joy of true peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.



**21 December**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 7:14; 8:10

The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon,  
and his name will be Emmanuel, because he will be God with us.

Collect

Hear in kindness, O Lord,  
the prayers of your people,  
that those who rejoice at the coming  
of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh,  
may, when at last he comes in glory,  
gain the reward of eternal life.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,  
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered,  
and by your power you transform them  
into the mystery of our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:45

Blessed are you who have believed,  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may participation in this divine mystery  
provide enduring protection for your people,  
so that, being subject to your glorious majesty in dedicated service,  
they may know abundant health in mind and body.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**22 December**

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 23:7

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

## Collect

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death,  
willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor  
may merit his company as their Redeemer.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Trusting in your compassion, O Lord,  
we come eagerly with our offerings to your sacred altar,  
that, by the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed through the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

## Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:46, 49

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.

## Prayer after Communion

May reception of your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,  
so that we may go out to meet our Savior  
with worthy deeds when he comes  
and merit the rewards of the blessed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS TIME

25 December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Solemnity



## At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 24 December, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 16:6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us. And in the morning you will see his glory.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year  
as we wait in hope for our redemption,  
grant that just as we joyfully welcome  
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer  
we may also merit to look upon him confidently  
when he comes again as our Judge.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

### Prayer over the Offerings

As we look forward, O Lord,  
to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly  
for knowing that in them  
you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40: 5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, to draw new vigor  
from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,  
by whose heavenly mystery  
we receive both food and drink.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Night

On the Nativity of the Lord all Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided the Masses are celebrated at their proper times.

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2:7

The LORD said to me, You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Or:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
for our Savior has been born in the world.  
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### Collect

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendor of the true Light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we who have known the mysteries of his light on earth  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

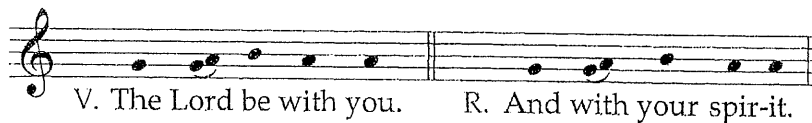
The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the oblation of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: Christ the Light.

Solemn tone



V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a

new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that as we

recognize in him God made vis-i-ble, we may be caught up through him

in love of things in - vis - i - ble. And so, with Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Do-min-ions, and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of heav-en,

as we sing the hymn of your glo - ry without end we ac - claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music: Preface I of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity  
may through an honorable way of life  
become worthy of union with him.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.



## At the Mass at Dawn

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:2, 6; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;  
and he will be called Wondrous God,  
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:  
his reign will be without end.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance  
of your incarnate Word,  
the light of faith which illumines our minds  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our offerings be worthy, we pray, O Lord,  
of the mysteries of the Nativity this day,  
that, just as Christ was born a man  
yet also shone forth as God,  
so may these earthly gifts  
confer on us what is divine.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Zec 9:9

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:  
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord, as we honor with joyful devotion  
the Nativity of your Son,  
that we may come to know with fullness of faith,  
the hidden depths of this mystery  
and to love them ever more and more.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9:6

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

Make acceptable, O Lord, this solemn day's oblation  
by which our reconciliation has come forth,  
gaining your infinite favor,  
and inaugurating for us the fullness of divine worship.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God,  
that just as the Savior of the world, born this day,  
is the author of divine generation for us,  
so may he be the giver even of immortality.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is not to be observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday occurring between 2 and 8 January as its proper day.

### **At the Vigil Mass**

This Mass is used on the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Epiphany.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Bar 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the east  
and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,  
shed its light upon our hearts,  
that we may pass through the shadows of this world  
and reach the brightness of our eternal home.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept we pray, O Lord, our offerings,  
in honor of the appearing of your Only Begotten Son  
and the first fruits of the nations,  
that to you praise may be rendered  
and eternal salvation be ours.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Epiphany, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 21:23

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem,  
and the nations will walk by its light.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by sacred nourishment,  
we implore your mercy, O Lord,  
that the star of your justice  
may shine always bright in our minds  
and that our true treasure may ever consist  
in our confession of you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29, 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and the kingdom is in his hand, and power and dominion.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we who know you already by faith  
may be brought to behold  
the beauty of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord.

Where it is the practice, if appropriate, the moveable Feasts of the current year may be proclaimed after the Gospel, according to the formula given below, pp. 000-000.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

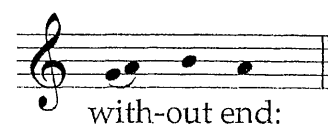
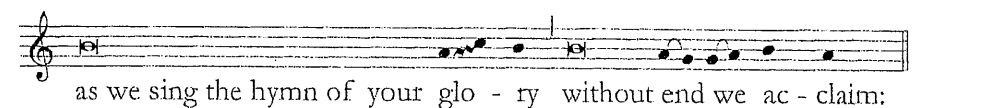
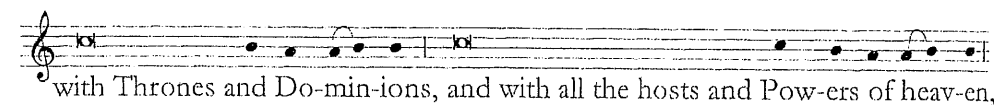
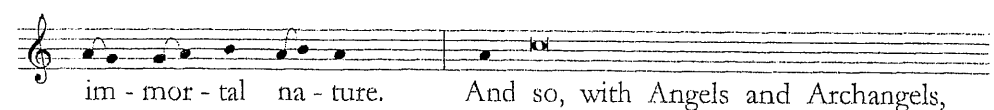
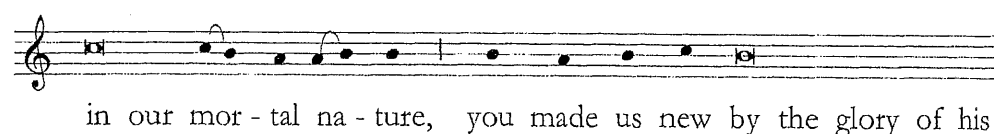
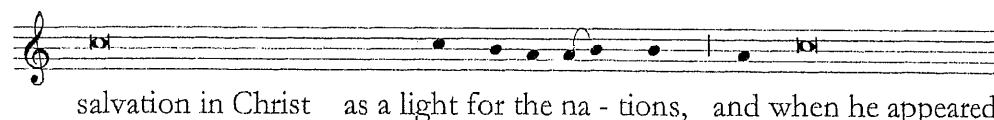
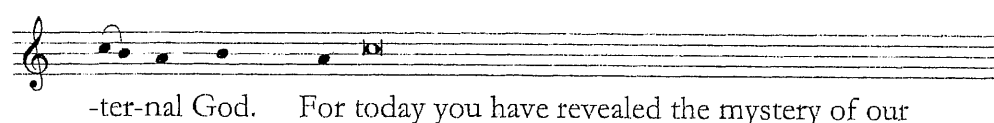
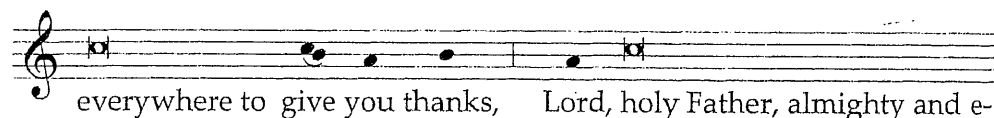
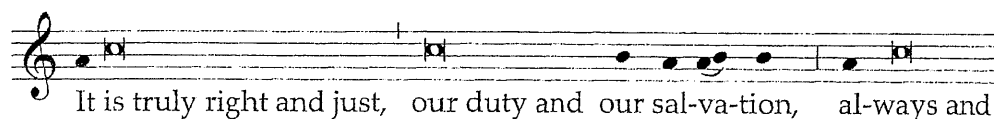
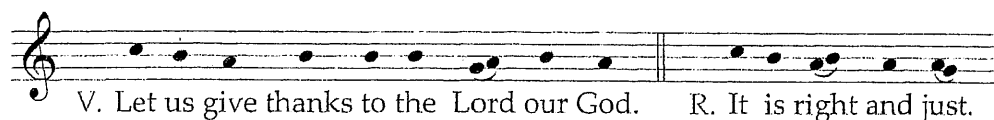
Look with favor, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now  
not gold or frankincense or myrrh  
but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Epiphany: Christ the Light of the Nations.

Solemn tone

V. The Lord be with you.      R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts.      R. We lift them up to the Lord.



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

Text without music: Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us, O Lord, always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME  
from 2 January  
to the Saturday before the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

These Masses are used on the weekdays to which they are assigned, with the Collect selected as indicated.

**Monday**

Entrance Antiphon

A holy day has dawned upon us:  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord,  
for a great light has come down upon the Lord.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Grant your people, O Lord, we pray,  
unshakable strength of faith,  
so that all who profess that your Only Begotten Son  
is with you for ever in your glory,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
in a body truly like our own,  
may be freed from present trials  
and given a place in abiding gladness.  
Through our Lord.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, whose eternal Word adorns the face of the heavens  
yet accepted from the Virgin Mary the frailty of our flesh,  
grant, we pray, that he who appeared among us as the splendor of truth  
may go forth in the fullness of power for the redemption of the world.  
Who lives and reigns with you.