



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT C SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021

In today's Gospel, we have the story of Mary's visitation of her cousin Elizabeth. A fairly ordinary happening; an encounter between two mothers to be. As the birth of a child draws near, attention focuses on the mother.

Shortly we celebrate the birthday of Christ. Our celebration of Christmas has many layers. What we have to do, is find a connection between the secular market place, and the spiritual content of the feast.

The first Christmas was full of hurry and worry, uncertainty and fear. It was no picnic for Mary and Joseph. It was more like an ordeal or nightmare. They had just completed a long journey. They arrived in Bethlehem poor, unknown, and without influence of any kind. They were unable to find accommodation.

It's easy to move away from the poverty of the original crib. We have a tendency to pretty up the Christmas story. But in doing that, we remove much of the meaning it carries for us.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	19th December	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset
Tuesday	21st December	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset
Friday	24th December	6pm
	Mass—	Showground
Saturday	25th December	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset
Sunday	26th December	9.30am
	Liturgy—	Morisset
Tuesday	28th December	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset

Register your place via the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com>.

CHECK-IN

Everyone is required to electronically check-in via the Service App using a QR Code when they come to the Church or any Service held by the Parish, or have someone do it for them.

MASKS ENCOURAGED

Everyone over the age of 12 is encouraged by NSW Health to wear a Mask that covers the nose and mouth indoors or while waiting to come inside.

SUNDAY 4TH ADVENT REFLECTION.

The end of the year 2021 is coming very quickly. Christmas is just around the corner, and we are invited to look forward to the coming of Jesus on the 25th of December, in a special way. As we approach Christmas, we have lots of hopes and expectations.

Recently in the Gospels, John the Baptist dominated the early weeks of the Advent season,

but this Sunday, it is Mary and Elizabeth, who now come to the center stage. The stage was small, but the audience has been millions ever since, and the prayers they said, have also been said ever since.

Today's gospel is the only scene in any of the gospels, where two women, Mary, and her cousin Elizabeth, speak to one another without an adult male being present.

We hear that Mary was asked to take a great leap of faith. As she stood fearfully on the edge of the cliff of her decision, her trusting "Yes", was her confident response. With that she jumped. She accepted her missionary discipleship, by accepting inconvenience and risk. As we ponder Mary's acceptance of God's request, we are also invited to join her, in dropping normal expectations.

Today we prepare for the birth of Jesus, but the most important nativity, is the birth of Jesus in our own lives. The coming of Christ among us, which we celebrate at Christmas, means believers are called to make a difference in our world. Unless he is born within us, and in our world, then our celebration of his birth in Bethlehem long ago, is false.

We cannot be disciples of Jesus and true to the Gospel if we ignore the plight of the marginalised and the vulnerable. We cannot be salt and leaven, if we allow our Christian conscience to be cold, by the inequality, injustice, and inhumanity in our society, and in the world.

Let us pray that we have the faith and courage of Mary in responding to the needs of others, to say 'Yes,' to the God of solidarity, compassion, and justice. May we learn to live in vulnerable trust. May our Yes be total and unreserved as we endeavour to carry out the plan God has for every one of us.

Christmas is our time to say, "Yes. Be it done unto me, according to your Word." John France

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

After a challenging year, Caritas Australia is calling on Australians to renew their faith and commitment to helping those less fortunate by giving a gift that makes a real difference for those in need this Christmas.

Caritas Australia is offering a range of print and digital Global Gift cards that you can give to your family and friends. When you buy a Global Gift, your loved one receives a special card and you help raise much-needed funds for programs that provide essentials like food, water and education to people living in poverty.

Orders for printed cards need to be placed by December 10 so that they arrive in time for Christmas.

To learn more or to purchase a Global-Gift, visit: www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

DECEMBER AURORA

Copies are available at the back of the church or you can view it online at: <https://www.mnnews.today/aurora/>

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY | CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Please join us for MN Catholic Youth's end of year Christmas picnic!

We will be meeting on the grassed area at Bar Beach from 5pm on Sunday, December 19.

Bring a picnic blanket and a plate to share. You may also wish to dress in Christmas attire (optional).

There will be a Secret Santa with a twist on the day so, if you are able, we ask if you could please bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$10-\$15). Please call 0409 077 373 if you have any enquiries.

Time: 5:00PM Date: Sunday, 19 December 2021
Location: Grassed area, Bar Beach

ONLINE SURVEY ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli of Melbourne, who chairs the Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, has asked that you be provided with information about an online survey on religious discrimination legislation.

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights has organised the online survey, which contains ten questions to gauge public views on the Government's religious discrimination legislation. You can find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReligiousDiscrimination>

You can find more information on the inquiry being run by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights here: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Human_Rights/ReligiousDiscrimination

Archbishop Comensoli's statement supporting the legislation is at this link: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholic-bishops-welcome-religious-discrimination-bill/>

The survey will close at 5pm (AEDT) next Tuesday, 21 December 2021.

Yours sincerely, Stephen Hackett MSC

REFLECTIONS

Bishop Bill took great honour in carrying out face-to-face ministry. His storytelling abilities and capacity to meet people where they were at in life, often left lasting impressions on those he crossed paths with. There are a collection of reflections from people in the Diocesan community, who were moved to share fond memories of the bishop. Which you can read online at: <https://www.mnnews.today/aurora/december-2021/reflections/>

MUSINGS BY MARY: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

As we begin a new liturgical year with the Season of Advent, we are encouraged to: "Prepare the way of the Lord" and to "Make his paths straight." But what does this actually mean? MARY-ANNE DELUCA PUBLISHED DECEMBER 14, 2021

Read the full story at: <https://www.mnnews.today/opinion-comment/2021/54990-musings-by-mary-prepare-the-way-of-the-lord/>

FAITH MATTERS: THE MOUNTAIN SYMBOL

It was only a couple of weeks ago that Sister Margaret O'Sullivan approached me one Sunday morning at Mass and asked about the initiative of Share our Story, which is often featured in Faith Matters. ROSEMARY MCALLISTER PUBLISHED DECEMBER 10, 2021 Read the fully story at: <https://www.mnnews.today/faith-matters/2021/faith-matters-the-mountain-symbol/>



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Mass Friday 24th December— 6pm at
Morisset Showground

Christmas Day Mass Saturday 25th December— 9.30am
at Morisset Church

Book through Eventbrite at:

<http://vianeymorisset.eventbrite.com>

AURORA IS CHANGING

Earlier this year, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle surveyed readers to find out what they value about Aurora and how they like to receive news. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback.

LIZZIE SNEDDEN PUBLISHED DECEMBER 07, 2021

The results highlighted that while many people appreciate the content in Aurora, there is an appetite to receive local news from the Church in a more contemporary way.

We've listened to your voice, and in 2022 we will be making some changes.

We're enhancing Aurora to expand its reach and create a more diversified news channel that ensures the good news of the Church reaches more people in our community.

Aurora will continue to be a print publication, however, from next year it will become a quarterly publication made available from the first weekend of each new season (March, June, September and December).

We will also be increasing our digital footprint, enabling us to deliver timely news to you, wherever you are.

To keep abreast of Catholic news in our diocese, follow us on our social channels and visit our website mnnews.today/aurora

We thank our loyal readers and those of you who have shared your stories with us for your support over the years, and we hope you will join us as we get set to embark on an exciting new chapter.

May the joy of the Advent season be with you.

The Aurora editorial team.

FRUITS OF FIRST PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY PUBLISHED

The fruits of the first general assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia have been gathered together in a new report that contains dozens of proposals to shape the ongoing Council journey.

GUEST CONTRIBUTION PUBLISHED DECEMBER 10, 2021

The more than 270 Plenary Council members gathered online for the first assembly in October, spending much of the week in small groups discerning responses to the 16 agenda questions.

Their discussions arose from and were enriched by contributions from across the Australian Church over the three-and-a-half years of preparation.

The document published today reveals the directions of the small groups discernment and offers them as a basis for the ongoing preparation for the second assembly.

"These dozens of pages cannot come close to capturing all that was shared in the assembly, but there is great richness in what is contained, including the many proposals the small groups and individual members have put before us," Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB said.

Archbishop Costelloe said the first assembly was "inspiring, challenging and sometimes unsettling" for the members. The

report, as much as possible, "retains the original voice of those who spoke, without attempts to produce a harmonised or homogenous account".

"This is another document in our years-long journey that can help carry forward the hopes of the members of the Council and, indeed, the hopes of the People of God across the country," he said.

The proposals already put forward will be used to identify thematic focuses for the second general assembly of the Council in July 2022. The Council's drafting committee, supported by expert theologians and other contributors, will lead that work.

Final versions of the propositions, which will form the agenda for the second assembly, are expected to be published in June. Reflection, prayer and conversation will precede final discernment and voting at the second assembly.

Plenary Council members have this week begun their reflections on the document and its proposals, and the wider Catholic community can now commence its own prayer and discernment on the report.

Archbishop Costelloe suggested one way that could happen is through the local consultation phase of the Synod of Bishops, which is considering how the Church is "journeying together" to announce the Gospel.

"The complementary nature of the Plenary Council and this Synod of Bishops process is quite clear, and I encourage people to be as engaged with the Synod as they have been in the Plenary Council," he said.

Archbishop Costelloe asked the People of God to continue to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers – as they have done for the past four years or more.

"We are very mindful of all those who have trusted us to carry their hopes and dreams with us," he said.

"I am confident that we will continue to walk together as we share our experience of the first assembly and as we reflect together on the ever present and pressing question: what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Access the document at: <https://bit.ly/FirstAssembly>

CARITASNEWS

The latest CaritasNews, Spring 2021, is now available at www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS: VOLUNTEERING

In our third Church without Walls - Stories of Mission and Outreach piece, CatholicCare volunteer Michelle Speek shares how she believes our Diocese can play a significant role in combatting social justice issues.

SARAH JAMES PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Michelle is actively involved in our diocesan community, with her two sons attending St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Chisholm, while she also volunteers at CatholicCare's Refugee Hub. For her, mission and outreach are about ensuring all people feel welcome and helping those experiencing disadvantage access the support they need.

Hear about how our volunteers are making a real difference in the lives of others in the video at <https://youtu.be/AS5QFc-7U0c>

Church without Walls is an initiative of our Diocesan Synod journey, Building the Kingdom of God Together, and invites you to encounter the stories of mission and outreach that occur across our Diocese every single day.

HOW NEW WHS LAWS AFFECT US

Under the New WHS Laws regarding managing the risk of COVID-19 we are required to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m between seated persons who do not live together, on each row. This means that everyone needs to sit in the marked spots and we are unable to kneel.

We also must have safe hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting high traffic areas and shared surfaces. This means that we need people to sanitise their hands upon entry, directly before communion and when asked to by a COVID Safety Team Member, Parish Leadership or Staff. There is to be no communion from the Chalice or on the tongue. We also need to clean after each service.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

We thank everyone who has continued their support for our Parish during these very different times. As cash is deemed a transmission hazard by NSW Health they recommend that donations and payments be made electronically.

There is an online parish payments button on the Parish Website Home page or alternatively you can deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number.

SUPPORTING THE DIOCESE CLERGY

If you would like to make contributions to support the Diocese Clergy / 1st Collection the Bank Account Details are: Account Name: CDF 96020 Morisset Presbytery BSB: 062815 Account Number 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection

Keep up to date with all the Diocese Events and News at: <https://mnnews.today/>

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	MASS	Liturgy
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	U France	L McRae
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	M Foo	TBA
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	M Foo	TBA
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	M Melvey
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	M Foo	TBA
<u>SOUND/ VIDEO:</u>	9.30	G & L Hutchinson	G & L Hutchinson
<u>SIGN-IN</u>	9.30	L McRae L McRae	J Hutchins M Foo
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	A Walker G Walker	P Herbert P Melvey
<u>CLEANING</u>	9.30	COVID TEAM	COVID TEAM

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL— 24TH DECEMBER
- THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD— 25TH DECEMBER
- THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH— 26TH DEC
- SAINT JOHN— 27TH DECEMBER
- THE HOLY INNOCENTS— 28TH DECEMBER
- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD— 2ND JANUARY
- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—9TH JANUARY
- SAINT ANTHONY—17TH JANUARY
- SAINT AGNES— 21ST JANUARY
- SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES— 24TH JANUARY

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Ian Douglas, Maureen Phillips, Dan Joyce, Bruce Gillett, William Eggins, Robert Jay.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Do not enter if you are unwell, get tested and go home.

You must Check-in Electronically with the Service NSW app or have someone do it for you. *(As per the Public Health Order placed in force on 15th December 2021)*

You must sanitize your hands upon entry before communion and when asked to by the COVID Safety Team. *(As per WHS Laws and SafeWork NSW guidelines)*

You must Practice Physical Distancing and stay 1.5m from others who do not live with you, and sit in the marked spots only. *(As per WHS Laws and SafeWork NSW guidelines)*

There is no Communion on the tongue.

There is no kneeling due to the requirement to Practice Physical Distancing.

If you have NOT BOOKED you may be turned away.

You must follow all directions from Parish Leadership, Staff and the COVID Safety Team.

Aggression towards Parish Leadership, Staff and the COVID Safety Team will not be tolerated.

> HELP US STAY COVID SAFE





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday 19 Dec 2021

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ
who will come again in glory.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.

In union with the whole Church,
we await the coming of the Lord.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

God's kindness brings hope to the world.
To prepare ourselves to hear his Word
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are Son of God and son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are word made flesh and splendour of the father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Heavenly Father,
the world awaits the coming of the Christ-child,
the hope of all ages, the promised one.
Make us ready to receive him
so that the light of Christ may live in our hearts
and shine in the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Lk 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. Why do you think Luke’s gospel is the only one to deal with the Visitation and John’s birth?

Q. Why is Mary regarded as a role model for humankind?

Q. How does this gospel help to focus our preparation towards Christmas?

Q. In response to this gospel, is there anyone that you should make the effort to visit?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Dear friends, like the Virgin Mary, let us open our hearts to the Lord in prayer.

Reader: That the Holy Church may be obedient to the Father and trust in God's promise of salvation.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That like the Virgin Mary we may have the grace of certain trust in the Lord.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That conflict and war will be silenced and people of all nations may live securely in God.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, in our preparations for Christmas, we will not forget those who are lonely or marginalised.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will honour Mary as the most blessed Mother of Christ.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have been separated from loved ones will soon have safe and joyful reunions.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick who call upon your name may be given life and healing, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died may share in the eternal life fulfilled by Christ Jesus. We remember especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In trust we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, your faithful handmaid and Mother of your Son is ever blessed in our midst. Hear our prayers, and help us, like Mary, to serve you with mercy, peace and justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

**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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

We believe that the Son of God once came to us
and we look for him to come again.
May his coming bring us the light of his holiness
and free us with his blessing.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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