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SUNDAY
EVENING PRAYER I
Third Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 5



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

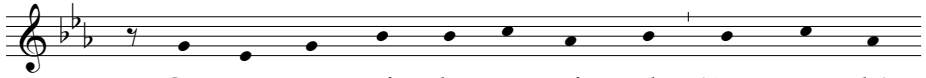
(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for everer. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.

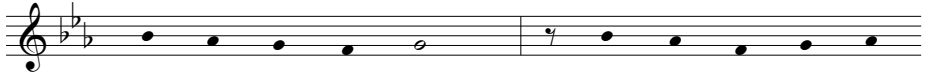


HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
2. death a u - ni - verse. You came, O Sav - ior,
3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and



1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM; Chant, Mode IV.

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 113

Tone 1



Antiphon Jerusalem, your Savior will **come** to you.
 Jerusalén, tu Salvador vendrá a ti.

Cantor/All

Alaben, siervos del Señor,
 alaben el Nombre **del** Señor.
 Bendito sea el Nombre del Señor
 ahora **y** por siempre.
 Desde la salida del sol hasta
su ocaso,
 alabado sea el Nombre **del** Señor.

*Servants of God, praise, praise
 the name of the Lord. Bless the
 Lord's name now and always.
 Praise the Lord's name here and
 in every place, from east to west.*

The Lord towers **above** nations,
 God's glory shines **over** the
 heavens.

*El Señor es excelso sobre todos
 los pueblos, su gloria sobre los
 cielos. ¿Quién como el Señor,
 Dios nuestro, que está
 entronizado en lo alto*

Who compares **to** our God?
 Who is **enthroned** so high?

y se inclina para mirar desde cielo
a la tierra?

*The Lord bends down to see
 heaven and earth, to raise the
 weak from the dust and lift the
 poor from the mire, to seat them
 with princes in the company of
 their leaders.*

Levanta del polvo al desvalido,
 alza de la basura al pobre,
 para sentarlo **con** los nobles,
 con los más nobles **de** su pueblo.

The childless, no longer alone,
 rejoice now in **many** children.

*Pone al frente de su casa a la
 estéril, madre feliz de hijos.*

¡Aleluya!
 ¡Aleluya!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 116:10-19

Antiphon I, the Lord, am coming to save you; already I am near;
soon I will free you from your sins.

1. I be - lieved God when af - flict - ed, We are weak, but
2. To you, Lord, I pay my prom - ise, All my life your
3. Praise the Lord, who frees our spir - it, Of - fer sac - ri -

trust the Lord! To my God for love and good - ness
will be done. Lord, you treas - ure us, your ser - vants,
fice of praise! Call up - on God's name and wor - ship:

What re - turn can I af - ford? As I take the
Pre - cious is the death of one! Join us with your
Grate - ful voic - es let us raise. In the courts a -

sav - ing chal - ice, I in - voke your name, O Lord!
ho - ly peo - ple, Faith - ful till the crown is won.
mong God's peo - ple, Let us serve God all our days.

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Philippians 2:6–11

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 6



Antiphon Lord, send the Lamb, the ruler **of** the earth,
from the rock in the desert to the mountain
of the **daughter** of Zion.

2 Choirs

Though in the **form** of God,
Jesus did not claim
equality with God
but emptied himself,
taking the form **of** a slave,
human like **one** of us.

Flesh and blood,
he **humbled** himself,
obeying to the death,
death **on** a cross.
For this very reason
God **lifted** him high
and gave him the name
above all names.

So at the name of Jesus
every **knee** will bend
in heaven, on earth,
and in the **world** below,
and every tongue exclaim
to the glory of **God** the Father,
“Jesus **Christ** is Lord.”

CANTICLE OF MARY (*stand*)

Antiphon Among those born of women there has been none
 (*Year A*) greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the
 kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Antiphon John came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that
 (*Year B*) all might believe through him.

Antiphon The crowds, the tax-collectors, and the soldiers asked:
 (*Year C*) What should we do?

1. My heart re - joic - es in my God who
 2. All gen - er - a - tions yet to come will
 3. My soul ac - claims the Ho - ly One who
 4. My spir - it o - ver - flows with joy for
 5. I will pro - claim the Ho - ly One who
 6. To God, the ev - er - faith - ful One, all -

1. does great things for me, who loves me in my
 2. praise God might - i - ly, who just - ly rules the
 3. knows my pov - er - ty, who fills the hun - gry
 4. grace and mer - cy free, for God who hears the
 5. does great things for me, whose word en - dures from
 6. ho - ly Trin - i - ty, who was and is for -

1. low - li - ness, who hon - ors me.
 2. u - ni - verse in maj - es - ty.
 3. with good things, who cares for me.
 4. pow - er - less, who an - swers me.
 5. age to age, from sea to sea.
 6. ev - er - more, all glo - ry be.

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INTERCESSIONS
 OUR FATHER
 CONCLUDING PRAYER

SUNDAY
MORNING PRAYER
Third Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship **the** Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who **is** to come.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **H**oly Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**lu**ia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN [Before December 17]

Tha Advent of Life

VERSES

1. All of cre - a - tion a - waits a new birth,
 2. Raise up the val - leys, the moun - tains make low,
 3. O - pen our ears to the sound of your voice,
 we are wait - ing for the ad - vent of life;
 when the up - right of heart will in - her - it the earth.
 clear the path - way of God, let the great riv - er flow.
 all who trust in your prom - ise will hear and re - joice.
 We are wait - ing for the ad - vent of life. *Final*

REFRAIN

Prom - ised Mes - si - ah, has - ten to come, bring an end to
 dark - ness and sin. En - ter our hearts with the
 fire of your love, let the day of sal - va - tion be - gin. *To Verses*

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HYMN [December 17]

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Daniel 3:56-88

Antiphon Mountains and hills shall be level, crooked paths straight, rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

VERSES



1. O all you works of the Lord, bless the Lord.
2. And you, an - gels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
3. And you, the heav - ens of the Lord, bless the Lord. **R/.**
4. And you, sun and moon, bless the Lord.
5. And you, stars of the heav'ns, bless the Lord.
6. And you, show - ers and rain, bless the Lord. **R/.**
7. And you, all breez - es and winds, bless the Lord.
8. And you, cold and heat, bless the Lord.
9. And you, night - time and day, bless the Lord. **R/.**
10. And you, moun - tains and hills, bless the Lord.
11. And you, all plants of the earth, bless the Lord.
12. And you, riv - ers and seas, bless the Lord. **R/.**
13. And you, crea - tures of the sea, bless the Lord.
14. And you, ev - 'ry bird in the sky, bless the Lord.
15. And you, wild beasts and tame, bless the Lord. **R/.**
16. And you, chil - dren of earth, bless the Lord.
17. And you, priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
18. And you, ser - vants of the Lord, bless the Lord. **R/.**

REFRAIN



To God be high - est glo - ry and praise for ev - er.

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Psalm 148

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 1



Antiphon I shall enfold Zion with **my** salvation
and shed my glory around Jerusalem, alleluia.

2 Choirs

Praise the Lord!
Across the heavens,
from the heights,
all you angels, heavenly beings,
sing **praise**, sing praise!

Sun and moon, glittering stars,
sing **praise**, sing praise.
Highest heavens, rain clouds,
sing **praise**, sing praise.

Praise God's name,
whose word **called** you forth
and fixed you in place for ever
by **eternal** decree.

Let there be praise:
from depths **of** the earth,
from creatures **of** the deep.

Fire and hail, snow and mist,
storms, winds,
mountains, hills,
fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and tame,
snakes and birds,

princes, judges,
rulers, subjects,
men, women,
old and young,
praise, praise the holy name,
this name **beyond** all names.

God's splendor above the earth,
above the heavens,
gives strength to the nation,
glory **to** the faithful,
a people close **to** the Lord.
Israel, let **there** be praise!

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

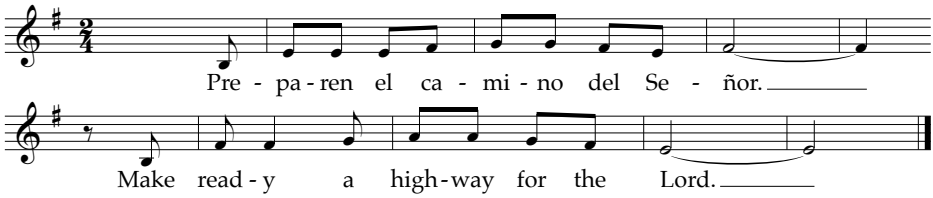
Tone 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

READING (be seated)

RESPONSORY



CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon When John, in prison, heard of the works of Christ, he
 (*Year A*) sent two of his disciples with the question: Are you the
 One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for
 another?

Antiphon Among you stands one whom you do not know, the
 (*Year B*) one who is coming after me.

Antiphon One mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you
 (*Year C*) with the Holy Spirit and fire.



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el Who
 2. The proph - ets sang that God would come And
 3. God's might - y arm shall set us free To
 4. O Child, you shall pre - pare the way, God's
 5. As dawn brings hope to those in gloom When



1. saves and sets us free; From Da - vid's house a
 2. shat - ter ha - tred's might; The prom - ise made to
 3. wor - ship with - out fear, So good and right - eous
 4. proph - et you shall be, And speak sal - va - tion's
 5. fear and sad - ness cease, God's mer - cy lights our



1. Sav - ior comes To end all tyr - an - ny.
 2. A - bra - ham Ful - filled with - in our sight.
 3. we might be And faith - ful year to year.
 4. heal - ing word: God's won - drous ju - bi - lee.
 5. fail - ing hearts And guides our feet to peace.

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INTERCESSIONS
 OUR FATHER
 CONCLUDING PRAYER

SUNDAY
EVENING PRAYER II
Third Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

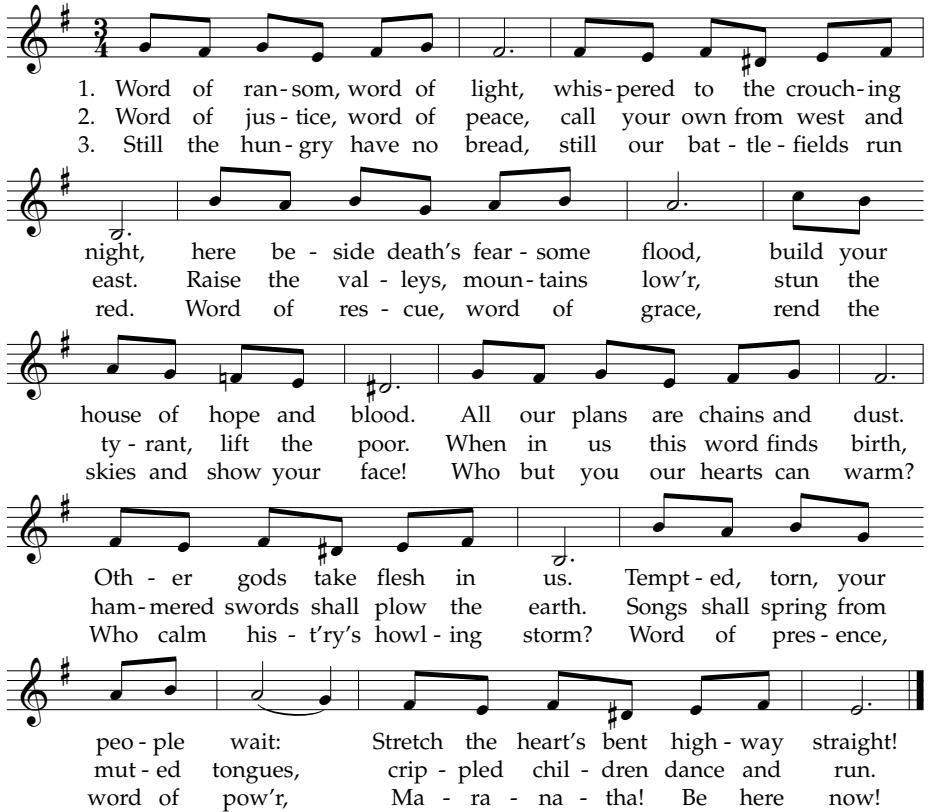
(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for everer. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Carol of the Word



1. Word of ran-som, word of light, whis-pered to the crouch-ing
 2. Word of jus-tice, word of peace, call your own from west and east. Raise the val-leys, moun-tains low'r, stun the red. Word of res-cue, word of grace, rend the
 3. Still the hun-gry have no bread, still our bat-tle-fields run
 night, here be-side death's fear-some flood, build your
 east. Raise the val-leys, moun-tains low'r, stun the
 red. Word of res-cue, word of grace, rend the
 house of hope and blood. All our plans are chains and dust.
 ty-rant, lift the poor. When in us this word finds birth,
 skies and show your face! Who but you our hearts can warm?
 Oth-er gods take flesh in us. Tempt-ed, torn, your
 ham-mered swords shall plow the earth. Songs shall spring from
 Who calm his-t'ry's howl-ing storm? Word of pres-ence,
 peo-ple wait: Stretch the heart's bent high-way straight!
 mut-ed tongues, crip-pled chil-dren dance and run.
 word of pow'r, Ma-ra-na-tha! Be here now!

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Revelation 19:1-7

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Antiphon Let us live in holiness and love as we patiently await our blessed hope, the coming of our Savior.

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Pow'r and
 2. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Faith - ful
 3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Our God
 4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Now the

1. glo - ry to our God! Al - le - lu - ia,
 2. ser - vants, praise our God! Al - le - lu - ia,
 3. rules with lov - ing voice. Al - le - lu - ia,
 4. wed - ding feast be - gins. Al - le - lu - ia,

1. al - le - lu - ia! Right the judg - ments of our God!
 2. al - le - lu - ia! Small and great, praise God in awe!
 3. al - le - lu - ia! Praise, be glad in God, re - joice!
 4. al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry clothed the bride comes in!

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PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 9

All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
 and to the **H**oly Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
 is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING (be seated)

RESPONSORY [Before December 17]

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The text is written below the notes.

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RESPONSORY [December 17]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

The musical notation consists of three staves in F major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the third line. The text is written below the notes.

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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [Before December 17] (stand)

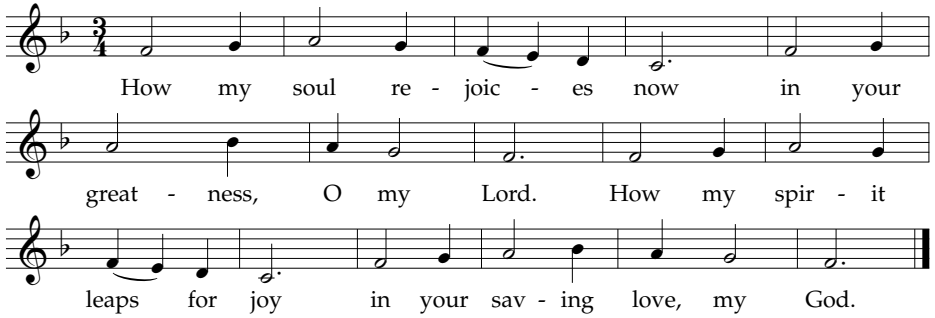
Antiphon Tell John what you see: The blind have their sight
(Year A) restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have the
good news preached to them, alleluia.

Antiphon May your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and
(Year B) blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Antiphon Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is
(Year C) close at hand.

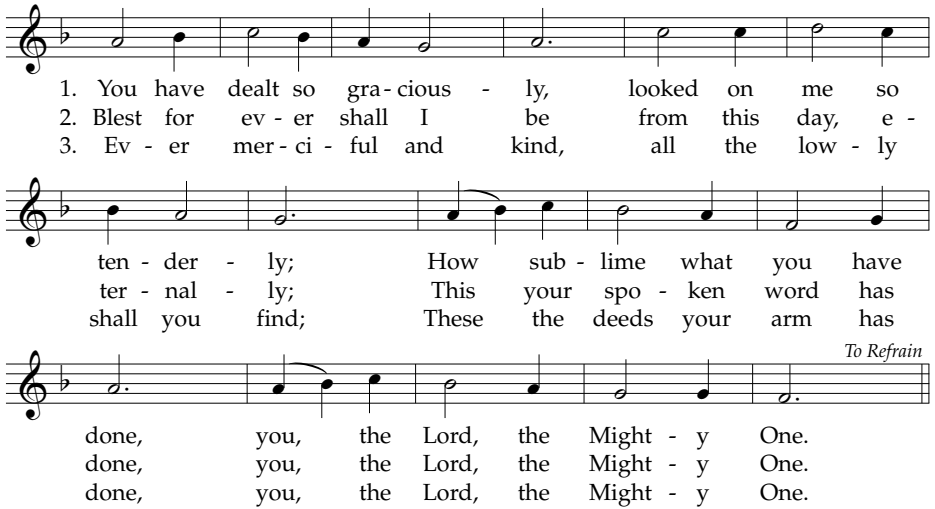


REFRAIN



How my soul re - joic - es now in your
great - ness, O my Lord. How my spir - it
leaps for joy in your sav - ing love, my God.

VERSES




1. You have dealt so gra - cious - ly, looked on me so
2. Blest for ev - er shall I be from this day, e -
3. Ev - er mer - ci - ful and kind, all the low - ly
ten - der - ly; How sub - lime what you have
ter - nal - ly; This your spo - ken word has
shall you find; These the deeds your arm has
To Refrain
done, you, the Lord, the Might - y One.
done, you, the Lord, the Might - y One.
done, you, the Lord, the Might - y One.


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CANTICLE OF MARY [December 17] (stand)

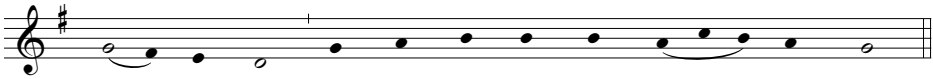
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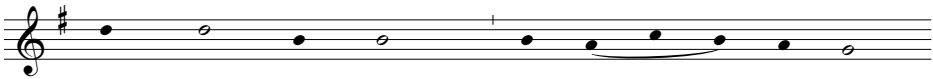
1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren




1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Before December 17*] (stand)

Tone 9



CALL TO WORSHIP [*December 17-23*] (stand)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN [Before December 17]

O Lord, Rend the Heavens

1. O Lord, that you would rend the heav - ens and come down!
2. If on - ly you would come and find us do - ing right!
3. Re - mem - ber, Lord, you are the pot - ter, we the clay;

— The moun - tains then would quake — be - fore your might!
— If on - ly we were mind - ful of your ways!
— we are the work cre - a - ted by your hands.

Be - hold, the Lord is com - ing!

No mind or — hand has fash - ioned deeds of — such re - nown
But we are sin - ful, with - ered, dry, de - prived of sight:
Re - turn to — us, O — Lord, for - give our guilt, we pray:

— as yours to per - sons pleas - ing in — your sight!
— re - store us, light our path to bet - ter days!
— bring life to us who dwell in des - ert lands!

A - wake, the Lord is speak - ing! _____

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HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Psalm 84

Tone 2



Isaiah 2:2-5

Tone 9



Antiphon Let us climb the Lord's mountain.
Subamos al monte del Señor.

Dec 17-23 Sing a new song to the Lord.
Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo.

Cantor/All

Al final de los tiempos estará firme
el monte de la casa del Señor,
sobresaliendo entre los montes,
encumbrado sobre las montañas.
Hacia él confluirán las naciones,
caminarán pueblos numerosos.

*In the final days the temple summit
will tower above the highest hills
and mountains. All nations will
stream toward it.*

Strangers will come and say:
"Let us climb the Lord's mountain
to the house of Jacob's God,
who will teach us the way of truth
and the path we should walk."
From Zion comes instruction,
from Jerusalem, God's word.

*Dirán: Vengan, subamos al monte
del Señor, a la casa del Dios de Jacob:
él nos instruirá en sus caminos y
marcharemos por sus sendas, porque
de Sión saldrá la ley; de Jerusalén, la
Palabra del Señor.*

Será el árbitro entre las naciones,
el juez de pueblos numerosos.
De las espadas forjarán arados;
de las lanzas, hoces.

*God will end conflict between
nations, and settle disputes between
peoples; they will hammer swords to
plows, and spears to pruning knives.*

Nations will not take up arms,
will no longer train for war.
House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*No alzará la espada pueblo contra
pueblo, ya no se adiestrarán para la
guerra. Casa de Jacob, ven,
caminemos a la luz del Señor.*

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **H**oly Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY [*Before December 17*]

You heav - ens, o - pen from a - bove,
that clouds may rain the Just One.

Text: *Rorate Coeli*; tr. by Melvin Farrell, SS.
Music: P. Bourget; Paris, 1634.

RESPONSORY [*December 17-23*]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [Before December 17] (stand)

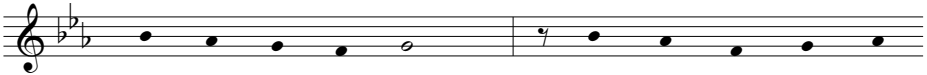
Antiphon From heaven he comes, the Lord and Ruler; in his hand
are honor and royal authority.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [December 17-23] (stand)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us
6. Praise God, the au - thor of all things; praise Christ, re -



1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give
6. deem - er of our race; and praise the bond their



1. from of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. free from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. from our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. death's de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. thanks for love that brings us once a - gain to light.
6. lov - ing brings, the Spir - it, source of life and grace.

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Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM; Chant, Mode IV.

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OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Make Ready a Highway

REFRAIN

Make read - y a high-way for the Lord.

Make read - y a high-way for the Lord.

VERSES

1. In the des - ert John an - nounc - es news for
 2. Heed the voice of John the Bap - tist, "Be re -
 3. Strip a - way the sins of ha - tred, en - vy,
 4. Now the reign of God is bring - ing jus - tice,

all the world to hear: "Change your hearts, your ways of
 pen-tant" is his word. "Cast a - side all sin and
 bit - ter - ness, and strife. Mer - cy such as God has
 love, and peace for all. As the world is be - ing

To Refrain
 liv - ing, for your Sav - ior now is near."
 fol - ly and pre - pare to greet the Lord."
 shown us must be - come our way of life.
 made new, "Come, O Lord," your peo - ple call.

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 123

Tone 5



Antiphon Our eyes rest **on** you, Lord, awaiting your kindness.

Dec 17-23 The Lord, the ruler over the kings of the **earth**, will come; blessed are they who are ready to **go** and welcome him.

All together

I gaze **at** the heavens,
searching for **you**, my God.

A slave watches his **master's** hand,
a servant girl, the hand **of** her mistress;
so our eyes rest **on** you, Lord,
awaiting your kindness.

Have mercy, **Lord**, have mercy.
We have swallowed enough scorn,
stomached **enough** sneers:
the scoffing of **the** complacent,
the mockery **of** the proud.

Psalm 124

Tone 9



Antiphon Our help **is** the Lord.
Nuestra auxilio es el Nombre **del** Señor.

Dec 17-23 Sing a new song **to** the Lord.
Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo.

Cantor/All

Si el Señor no hubiera estado
de **nuestra** parte,
que lo diga convencido Israel,
si el Señor no hubiera estado
de **nuestra** parte,
cuando nos asaltaban los hombres,
nos habrían tragado vivos,
ardiendo en cólera **contra** nosotros;

*Say it, Israel! If the Lord had not
been with us, if the Lord had not
been for us when enemies rose
against us, they would have
swallowed us in their blazing anger,*

and the **raging** waters
would have swept **us** away:
rushing, **surg**ing water,
thundering over us.

*nos habrían arrollado las aguas, el
torrente nos habría anegado; nos
habrían anegado las aguas
ondeantes.*

Bendito sea el Señor, que no
nos entregó
como presa **a** sus dientes.
Salvamos la vida
como un pájaro de la red del **ca**zador:
la red se rompió, y nosotros
escapamos.

*Blessed be the Lord for saving our
flesh from their teeth, for tearing the
trapper's net, so we could
flutter away like birds. Our help is
the Lord, creator of earth and sky.*

Nuestra auxilio es el Nombre
del Señor,
que hizo el cielo **y** la tierra.

Ephesians 1:3-10

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon God determined **out** of love
to adopt us through **J**esus Christ.

Dec 17-23 When the Son of Man comes **to** the earth,
do you think he will find faith in **peo**ple's hearts?

2 Choirs

Bless God, the Father of our Lord **J**esus Christ,
who blessed us from heaven through Christ
with every blessing **of** the spirit.

Before laying the **world's** foundation,
God chose us in Christ
to live a pure and **holy** life.

God determined **out** of love
to adopt us through **J**esus Christ
for the praise and glory **of** that grace
granted us in **the** Beloved.

By Christ's blood we **were** redeemed,
our sins forgiven
through extrava**g**ant love.

With perfect wis**dom** and insight
God freely displayed the mystery
of what was al**ways** intended:
a plan for the full**ness** of time
to unite the entire un**iverse** through Christ.

CANTICLE OF MARY [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon All generations will call me blessed: the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant.



1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and
2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in -
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From



1. sings in joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. spire my soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. all who wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. bar - ren ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"


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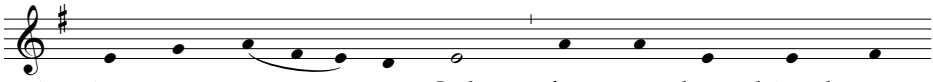
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CANTICLE OF MARY {December 17-23} (stand)

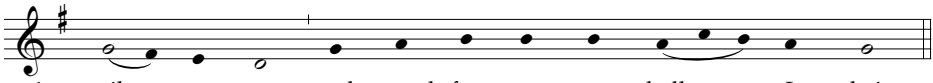
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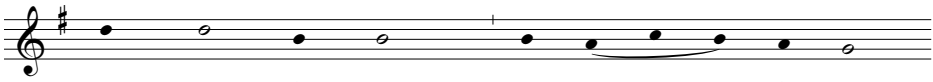
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1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN [Before December 17]

A Voice Cries Out

REFRAIN

A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

VERSE 1

1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
end - ed now, the Lord of life will come. *To Refrain*

VERSE 2

2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is
lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise. *To Refrain*

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HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



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3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
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You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



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6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
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1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
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5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Isaiah 26:1-4, 7-9, 12

Tone 9



Antiphon I long for **you** by night, my whole being **yearns** for you.

Dec 17-23 Zion is our mighty citadel, our saving Lord its wall and
its defense;
throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alle**luia**.

2 *Choirs*

Our **city** is strong,
its ramparts and walls
are God's **saving** work.
Throw open the gates
to a just nation,
one **that** keeps faith.

You guard the faith**ful** in peace,
they fix their **hearts** on you.
Trust in the Lord always,
our **enduring** rock.

For the just you make the road
level, **smooth**, and straight.
We walk the road you cut,
looking for **you**, O Lord.
We seek to hono**r** your name.

I long for you by night,
my whole being **yearns** for you.
For by your judgments
the **world** learns justice.
Our peace is your gift, Lord,
our good **deeds** your work.

Psalm 67

Please stand for this psalm of praise.

Tone 6



Antiphon Lord, let your face **shine** on us.
Señor, que nos muestre su rostro radiante.

Dec 17-23 Lord, proclaim your salvation to **every** nation.
Proclama su salvación a todas **las** naciones.

Cantor/All

Que el Señor tenga piedad y nos
bendiga,
que nos muestre su rostro radiante,
que se reconozca en la tierra tu poderío,
y entre las naciones **tu** victoria.

*Favor and bless us, Lord. Let your
face shine on us, revealing your
way to all peoples, salvation the*

world over.

Let nations **sing** your praise,
every **nation** on earth.

*¡Que te den gracias los pueblos,
oh Dios, que todos los pueblos te
den gracias!*

Que se alegren y salten de gozo
las naciones
porque riges al mundo **con** justicia,
riges los pueblos con rectitud
y gobiernas las naciones **de** la tierra.

*The world will shout for joy, for
you rule the planet with justice.
In fairness you govern the nations
and guide the peoples of earth.*

Let the nations **sing** your praise,
every **nation** on earth.

*¡Que te den gracias los pueblos,
oh Dios, que todos los pueblos te
den gracias!*

La tierra ha dado su cosecha:
nos bendice Dios, **nuestro** Dios.
Que Dios nos bendiga,
y que lo respeten hasta
en los **confines** del mundo.

*The land delivers its harvest, God,
our God, has blessed us. O God,
continue your blessing, may the
whole world worship you.*

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 6



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY [*Before December 17*]

Pre - pa - ren el ca - mi - no del Se - ñor. _____
Make read - y a high - way for the Lord. _____

RESPONSORY [*December 17-23*]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon Arise, arise! Wake from your slumber, Jerusalem; shake the chain from your neck, captive daughter Zion.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [December 17-23] (stand)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Blessed are you, O Lord our God! Un - to
2. House of Da - vid, cho - sen one, sees the
3. Mer - cy to your peo - ple came, ho - ly
4. Now from e - vil we are saved, we may
5. You, my child, shall lead the way, proph - et
6. You, O God, will vis - it us in the



1. Is - ra - el you came, brought re - demp - tion
2. proph - e - cy ful - filled: en - e - mies shall
3. cov - e - nant was made; oath to A - bra -
4. serve you with - out fear, all our days in
5. of our God most high; bring us word, "The
6. shades of death and night: from our sins you



1. to your own, saved us in your ho - ly name.
2. not pre - vail, we are res - cued as you willed.
3. ham you kept: "Loved of God, be not a - fraid!"
4. ho - li - ness, in your love, till you ap - pear.
5. Lord will come, now is your sal - va - tion nigh!"
6. set us free, lead our steps to peace and light.

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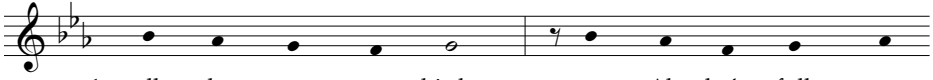
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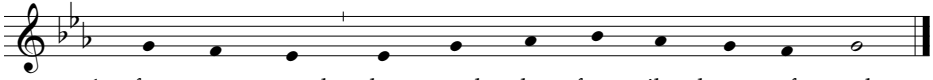
O Radiance, Christ



1. O ra - diance, Christ, O joy - ous light, whose mirth brings
2. Word sound - ing in cre - a - tion's core, em - bod - ied
3. Your great com - pas - sion knew no bounds to save us
4. Night weighed up - on our war - torn world when si - lent -
5. How glo - ri - ous your vic - to - ry! Your name a -



1. all the stars to birth: our Ab - ba's full - ness
2. in a maid - en's heart, re - ceived in won - der:
3. from the brink of hell. You'd come, es - poused, through
4. ly you pitched your tent. Front - run - ner, bride - groom,
5. lone the name we bear. Come judge the liv - ing



1. far out - poured be - yond the frag - ile hopes of earth.
2. won - der - ful God's Word - made - flesh with - in this ark.
3. Mar - y's womb: Life, sac - ri - ficed, to make us well.
4. blaz - ing sun, to claim the prize your sole in - tent.
5. and the dead, yet pit - y us whose flesh you share.

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 125

Tone 6



Antiphon As mountains **circle** Jerusalem,
Lord, you embrace your people.

Dec 17-23 The Lord will come from his **holy** place
to **save** his people.

2 Choirs

Those who trust the Lord
stand **firm** as Zion,
solid and strong.

As mountains **circle** Jerusalem,
Lord, you embrace your people
now **and** for ever.

Keep the rule of the wicked
far from the land **of** the just,
or the just may **turn** to evil.

Lord, show your goodness
to those **who** do good,
whose **hearts** are true.

Away with the devious,
banish them **with** the wicked!
Give **Israel** peace!

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

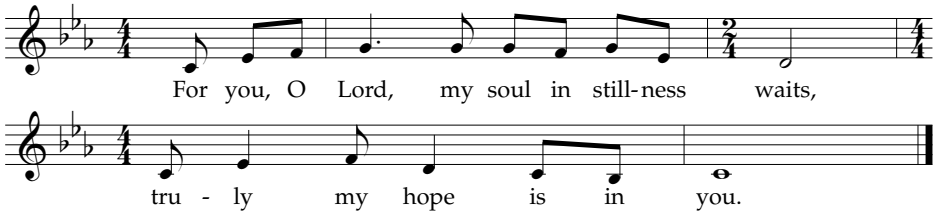
Tone 2



All (*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

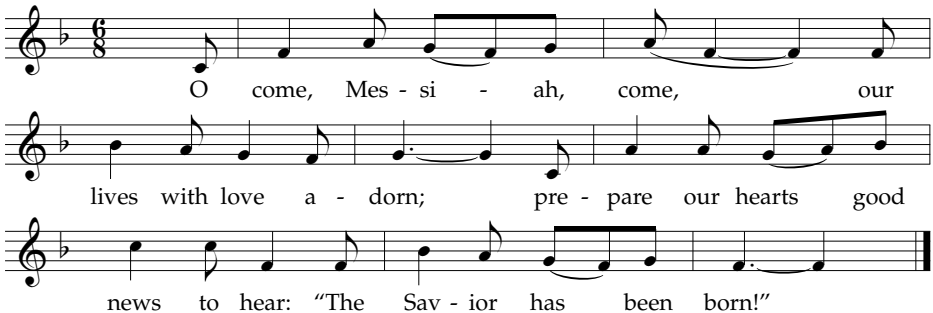
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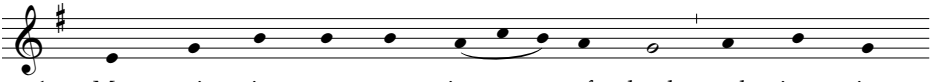
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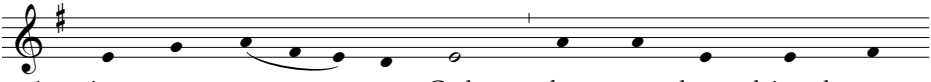
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CANTICLE OF MARY *December 17-23 (stand)*

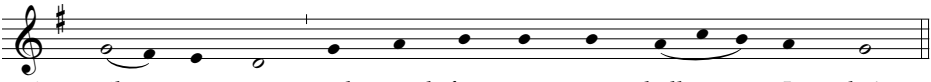
Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind-ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren



1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS / OUR FATHER / CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN [Before December 17]

Bring Peace

REFRAIN



Come, Lord Je - sus, bring peace to our world, peace a-mong
na-tions, bring peace to our fam-'lies. O come, Lord Je - sus, bring
peace to our world, peace to ev - 'ry heart.

VERSES



1. We know the pain of a world now di - vid - ed. —
2. Give us the cour - age to speak out for jus - tice; to
3. Help us to grow as a ho - ly cre - a - tion; u -

We know the fear of un - cer - tian - ty. Light the
stand with those stripped of their dig - ni - ty. Light the
nit - ed in God who em - brac - es life. Light the

path - way of love for us, give us strength and re -
path - way of love for us, as we work for your
path - way of love for us, may we jour - ney to -

To Refrain
solve to end our war - ring ways.
vis - ion of a world made new.
geth - er with the mind of Christ.

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HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Psalm 86

Tone 3



Antiphon Bring joy to me, your servant, Lord; I offer myself to you.

Dec 17-23 The Lord, the mighty God,
will come forth from Zion to set his people free.

2 Choirs

Hear me, Lord, and act,
I am poor and helpless.
You are my God,
watch over me,
for I am loyal to you.
Save me, your servant,
for I trust you.

Each waking hour
I beg your mercy, Lord.
Bring joy to me, your servant,
I offer myself to you.
You are good and forgiving,
loyal to all who call on you.

Hear my prayer, O Lord,
answer my cry for help.
In my despair I plead,
knowing you will act.
No god can match you, Lord,
you outdo all others.

Every nation you formed
will come to worship
and honor your name.
You are mighty —

and work great wonders.
You alone are God!

Mark your path, Lord,
that I may follow your truth.
Make my one desire
to revere your name.

With all I am, I thank you, God,
and honor your name for ever.
Your love for me is great,
it saves me from the grave.

The proud rise against me,
brutal gangs seek my life,
with no thought of you.
But you are Lord of mercy and care,
a God slow to anger,
full of loyalty and love.

Turn to me, pity me,
strengthen your daughter's child,
rescue your servant.
Show me a sign of your love
to shock and disgrace my enemy.
Bring me help and comfort, Lord.

Isaiah 33:13–16

Tone 2



Antiphon Only the honest in **word** and deed are **safe** with God.

Dec 17-23 I shall not cease to plead with **God** for Zion
until he sends his Holy One in all his **radiant** beauty.

2 Choirs

Listen, my people,
far-off **and** nearby.
See what I do,
know my power.

Terror grips the wicked in Zion;
the godless **shake** with fear.
Who can face the **fiery** judgment?
Who can endure the **lasting** flames?

Only the honest in **word** and deed
who refuse to exploit others,
who **turn** down bribes,
who will not **hear** of bloodshed
or dare to **imagine** crimes.

They live secure and safe
as in a **mountain** fort
with plenty to **eat** and drink.

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

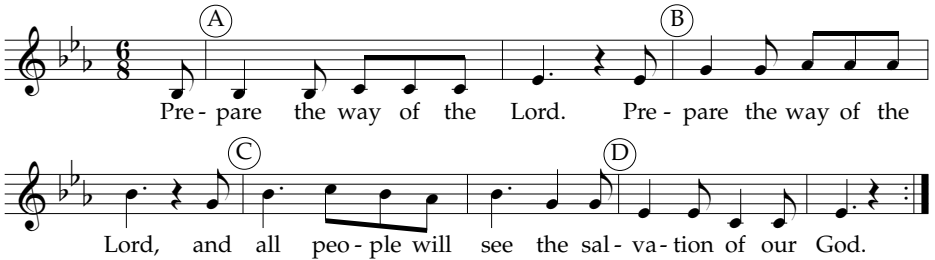
Tone 2



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(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
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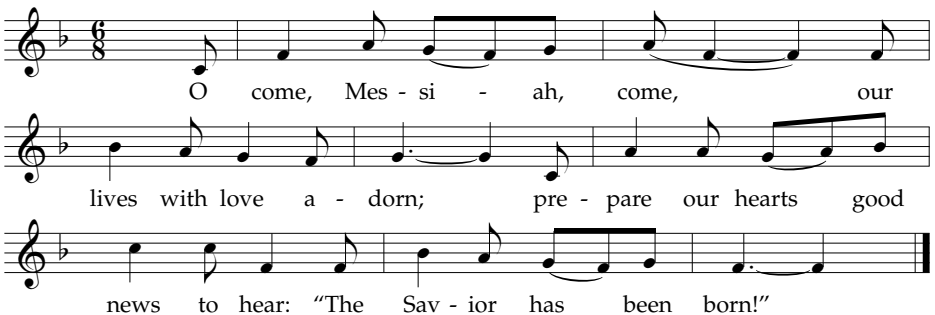
READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY [*Before December 17*]



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Tone 11



Out of God's **deepest** mercy
a dawn will come **from** on high,
light for those **shadowed** by death,
a guide for our feet on the
way to peace.

*Por la entrañable misericordia de
nuestro Dios, nos visitará desde lo
alto un amanecer que ilumina a los
que habitan en tinieblas y en
sombras de muerte, que endereza
nuestros pasos por un camino de paz.*

DOXOLOGY

Tone 11



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY
EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 9



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Open Up, You Heavens

1. O - pen up, you heav - ens, rain down the Mes - si - ah,
 2. Day-spring from on high whose ra - diance dims the sun - light,
 3. Bar - ren is the land. See, on - ly bram - bles grow here.

who is con - so - la - tion, our Re - deem - ing Lord.
 chase the som - bre night a - way with glo - rious rays.
 We fight to sur - vive in our an - ces - tral land.

Hill - sides long to cry out: "See, the Sav - ior comes";
 Purge all hor - ror, death and dark - ness from your sight,
 Let our eyes bear wit - ness as the flow'rs spring forth,

thirst - y fields to shout out: "Our Re - deem - ing One!"
 scat - ter mist and fog be - fore your bril - liant light.
 taste af - flict - ed earth's rich fruit - ful - ness once more.

Waste - lands with - out riv - ers ask for dews of morn - ing.
 Bit - ter is our ex - ile, long the des - ert jour - ney.
 See - ing the new day, the land will ring with laugh - ter.

O - pen up, you heav - ens, rain down the Mes - si - ah,
 Day-spring from on high, whose ra - diance dims the sun - light,
 Bar - ren is the land. See, on - ly bram - bles grow here.

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 Music: French melody.

Psalm 126

Tone 5



Antiphon Those sowing in tears reap, singing and laughing.

Dec 17-23 The Lord, the **mighty** God,
will come forth from Zion to set his **people** free.

2 Choirs

The Lord brings us back to Zion,
we **are** like dreamers,
laughing, dancing,
with songs **on** our lips.

Other nations say,
"A new world of wonders!
The **Lord** is with them."
Yes, God works wonders.
Rejoice! Be glad!

Lord, bring us back
as water to **thirsty** land.
Those sowing in tears
reap, singing and laughing.

They left weeping, weeping,
casting the seed.
They come back singing, singing,
holding **high** the harvest.

Psalm 127

Tone 8



Antiphon May God **build** our house.
Que Dios construya **nuestra** casa.

Dec 17-23 I shall not cease to plead with **God** for Zion.
No dejaré de implorar a Dios **por** Sión.

Cantor/All

Si el Señor no **construye** la casa,
en vano trabajan los **albañiles**;
si el Señor no cuida **la** ciudad,
en vano **vigila** la guardia.

*If God does not build the house, the
builders work in vain. If God does
not watch over the city, the guards
watch in vain.*

How foolish to rise early
and slave until **night** for bread.
Those who please God receive
as much
even **while** they sleep.

*Es inútil que se levanten temprano,
y retrasen el descanso los que
comen el pan de los ídolos, el Dios
fiel da el éxito a su amigo.*

Miren: la herencia del Señor son
los hijos,
su salario el **fruto** del vientre.
Como saetas en manos de
un guerrero
son los hijos de la **ju**ventud.
¡Dichoso el hombre que llena
con **ellas** la aljaba!
No será humillado,
al alejar de la puerta a sus **en**emigos.

*Children are God's gift, a blessing
to those who bear them; like
arrows in the hand of an archer are
children born to the young. Happy
those with a full quiver: facing their
enemies at the gate, they stand
without shame!*

Colossians 1:12–20

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
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READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY [*Before December 17*]

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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RESPONSORY [*December 17-23*]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our

lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good

news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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CANTICLE OF MARY [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon You, O Lord, are the One whose coming was foretold;
we long for you to come and set your people free.



1. My soul sings out your glo - ry, Lord! My
2. Though close at hand your might is great; all
3. So quake, you kings, the poor do rage; with
4. Long, long a - go you made an oath to
5. O Ho - ly God we hon - or you, and



1. spir - it ov - er - flows with joy. To my sur - prise I
2. gen - er - a - tions sound your praise. I name you: He - ro,
3. pow - er you ex - pose the proud. The hun - gry come: you
4. fa - vor ser - vant Is - ra - el. Now A - bra - ham and
5. praise our broth - er, Christ the Lord; O Source of Truth, our



1. caught your eye; your bless - ings give me great de - light.
2. Ho - ly Lord; your mer - cy res - cues trem - bling hearts.
3. feed each one; the rich you leave with emp - ty hands.
4. all his line show won - der at your stead - fast love.
5. Spir - it God, all glo - ry yours for - ev - er - more.

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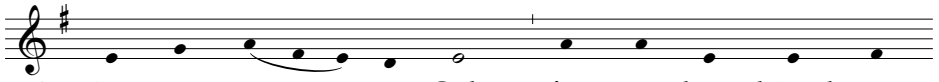
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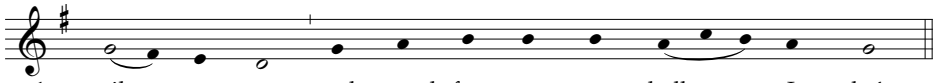
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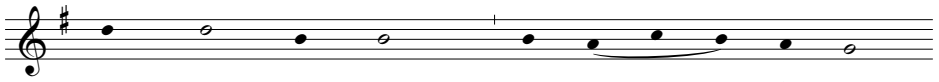
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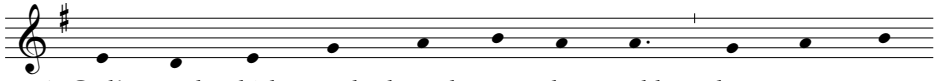
INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN [Before December 17]

God's Word Which Sounds Throughout the World



1. God's word which sounds through-out the world, whose mer - cy
2. Re - lent - less as the sear - ing sun yet gen - tle
3. The bro - ken reed will Christ re - store, frail flames he'll
4. A - noint - ed with the Spir - it's pow'r, he'll preach good
5. Our eyes, so blind, will see God's reign re - vealed in
6. Lord Je - sus, come: find us a - wake, re - hears - ing



1. wraps us round and round, in John now finds an
2. as the morn - ing dew, this voice cries in our
3. fan to blaz - ing fire; with ten - der - ness our
4. news, make strong the weak, de - mand - ing jus - tice
5. those we once ig - nored; our tongues that bab - ble,
6. now what is not yet. This work of God, our



1. ur - gent voice: "Re - pent! God's grace shall here a - bound!"
2. wil - der - ness: "Re - ceive the Gift; be born a - new!"
3. wounds he'll bind, the flock he shep - herds, saved en - tire.
4. for the poor, the ba - sic rights that all would seek.
5. gos - sip, rage will speak out for the voice - less poor.
6. works of God, your glo - rious com - ing man - i - fest!

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Music: VOX CLARA ECCE INTONATI; Chant, Mode IV.

HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



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Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 87

Tone 2



Antiphon Great is your renown, **city** of God.
Maravillas se dicen de ti, **Ciudad** de Dios.

Dec 17-23 To you, O Lord, I lift **up** my soul.
ti, Señor, **elevo** mi alma.

Cantor/All

¡Por él está fundada entre las
santas montañas,
el Señor prefiere las puertas de Sión
a todas las moradas **de** Jacob!
Maravillas se dicen de ti,
Ciudad de Dios.

*Zion is set on the holy mountain.
The Lord loves her gates above all
the dwellings of Israel. Great is
your renown, city of God.*

I register as her citizens
Egypt and Babylon,
Philistia, Ethiop**ia**, and Tyre:
“Each one was **born** in her.”

*Contaré a Egipto y a Babilonia
entre los que me reconocen;
también filisteos, tirios y nubios
han nacido allí.*

Y de Sión **se** dirá:
Éste y el otro han **nacido** en ella;
el Altísimo en persona la
ha fundado.

*People will say, “Zion mothered
each and every one.” The Most
High protects the city.*

God records in the register,
“This one was **born** here.”
Then people will **dance** and sing,
“My **home** is here!”

*El Señor escribirá en el registro de
los pueblos: También éste ha nacido
allí. Y cantarán mientras danzan:
Todas mis fuentes están en ti.*

Isaiah 40:10-17

Tone 9



Antiphon Look, the **Lord** comes;
see what spoils the **victor** brings!

Dec 17-23 Bless those, O Lord, who have waited **for** your coming;
let your prophets **be** proved true.

2 Choirs

Look! the **Lord** comes.
What **power** God holds!
See what spoils the **victor** brings!

As the shepherd **tends** the flock,
the Lord gathers the lambs
in a **warm** embrace
and leads the **nursing** sheep.

Who can scoop up the oceans
or span the heavens
with one hand?

Who can hold the earth
in a measure,
weigh the mountains on scales,
the hills **on** a balance?

Who directed the Lord's spirit?
What mortal **counseled** God?
Whose advice did God seek?
Whose teaching on the **way** of
justice?
Whose guidance on the **path** to
wisdom?

The nations are like a **drop** of water,
a speck of dust **on** the scales.
The Lord lifts up **islands** like sand.

Lebanon has neither wood enough
nor beasts **enough** for sacrifice.
In God's sight the **nations** are
nothing.
They are empty **as** a void.

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING (be seated)

RESPONSORY [Before December 17]

You heav - ens, o - pen from a - bove,
that clouds may rain the Just One.

Text: *Rorate Coeli*; tr. by Melvin Farrell, SS.
Music: P. Bourget; Paris, 1634.

RESPONSORY [December 17-23]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH *Before December 17 (stand)*

Antiphon Arise, arise, Lord; show us your power and might.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH *December 17-23 (stand)*

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el Who
2. Blest be the prom - ise that was known Through
3. Blest be the ho - ly cov - e - nant And
4. Blest be the Child, the ho - ly voice, Who

1. comes to set us free, Who rais - es up sal -
2. an - cient proph - e - cy, That God would keep us
3. those who first be - lieved. We free - ly wor - ship
4. cries "Pre - pare the way!" The Day-spring of our

1. va - tion's source From Da - vid's root and tree.
2. safe from harm, Deal with us mer - ci - ful - ly.
3. God whose name Our an - ces - tors re - ceived.
4. God will break And peace shine forth in praise.

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Music: MORNING SONG, CM; *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 9



Cantor Come, let us **worship** the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who **is** to come.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Send Dew, O Clouds

REFRAIN

Send dew, O clouds in heav - en stored! Pour
down like rain the Just One, Lord!

VERSES

1. Have mer - cy on your peo - ple, Lord! May
2. Be com - fort - ed, be com - fort - ed! Grieve

he come forth who shall be sent!
not, my peo - ple, do not fear!

The Lamb who rules the whole wide world, from
Be not con - sumed with sor - row - ing, be -

far - thest des - ert ban - ish - ment To Zi - on come, the
hold, my sav - ing strength is near! Your Lord and Mas - ter,

Mount of God, and break the yoke of our la - ment.
Is - ra - el, your sole Re - deem - er shall ap - pear!

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 132:1-9

Tone 7



Antiphon Let us go **to** God's house. Entremos en **su** morada.

Dec 17-23 To you, O Lord, I lift **up** my soul.
A ti, Señor Dios mío, **elevo** mi alma.

Cantor/All

Tenle en cuenta, Señor,
a David todos **sus** afanes,
cuando prometió al Señor
e hizo voto al Defensor **de** Jacob:

"I will not enter my home,
nor lie down **on** my bed.
I will not close my eyes
nor **will** I sleep
until I find a place **for** the Lord,
a house for the Mighty
God of Jacob."

Miren: oímos que el arca estaba
en Efrata,
la encontramos en los campos
del Yaar.
¡Entremos en su morada,
postrémonos ante el estrado
de sus pies.

Lord, come to your **resting** place,
you and your **ark** of power.
May your priests dress
for the feast,
and your faithful **shout** for joy.

*Lord, remember David in all his
humility. He swore an oath to you,
O Mighty God of Jacob:*

*No entraré en la tienda, en mi casa,
ni subiré al lecho de mi descanso; no
concederé sueño a mis ojos ni
descanso a mis párpados, hasta que
encuentre un lugar para el Señor,
una morada para el Defensor de
Jacob.*

*We heard about it in Ephrata, in
the fields of Yaarim: "Let us go to
God's house, let us worship at God's
throne."*

*¡Avanza, Señor, hacia tu reposo,
ven con el arca de tu poder! Que tus
sacerdotes se vistan de gala y tus
amigos canten alegres.*

Psalm 132:10-18

Tone 7



Antiphon I will bless Zion **with** abundance,
even the poor **will** have food.

Dec 17-23 Bless those, O Lord, who have waited **for** your coming;
let your prophets **be** proved true.

2 Choirs

Be loyal to **David**, your servant,
do not reject **your** anointed.
You once swore to David
and will not **break** your word:
“Your child will **ascend** your throne.

“If your heirs then keep my laws,
if they **keep** my covenant,
their children will rule
from your **throne** for ever.”

The Lord has chosen Zion,
desired it **as** a home.
“This is my resting place,
I choose to live **here** for ever.

“I will bless it **with** abundance,
even the poor **will** have food.
I will vest the **priests** in holiness,
and the faithful will **shout** for joy.

“Here I will strengthen **David**’s power
and light a lamp for **my** anointed.
His enemies I will **clothe** in shame,
but on him a **crown** will shine.”

Revelation 11:17–18; 12:10b–12a

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon God has given Christ all glory, honor and praise;
every nation shall serve him.

Dec 17-23 Turn to us, O Lord, make haste to help your people.

2 Choirs

We thank you, Lord,
God and ruler of all,
who is and who was.
You have claimed your power
and begun to reign.

When the nations raged
your anger stirred.
Then was the moment
to judge the dead,
to reward your servants,
the prophets,
to honor your holy ones
who honored your name,
small and great alike.

Now is salvation,
the power and reign of God;
the Christ holds command.
For the one who accused the saints
day and night before God
has now been driven out.

They won the battle
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the power of their witness
despite the threat of death.
Citizens of heaven, rejoice.

CANTICLE OF MARY [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon All you who love Jerusalem, rejoice with her for ever.

1. I ac - claim you, Lord my God, joy in
2. Hence - forth all shall call me blessed; you, O
3. You have scat - tered all the proud; they shall
4. All the starv - ing, Lord, you fill, leave the

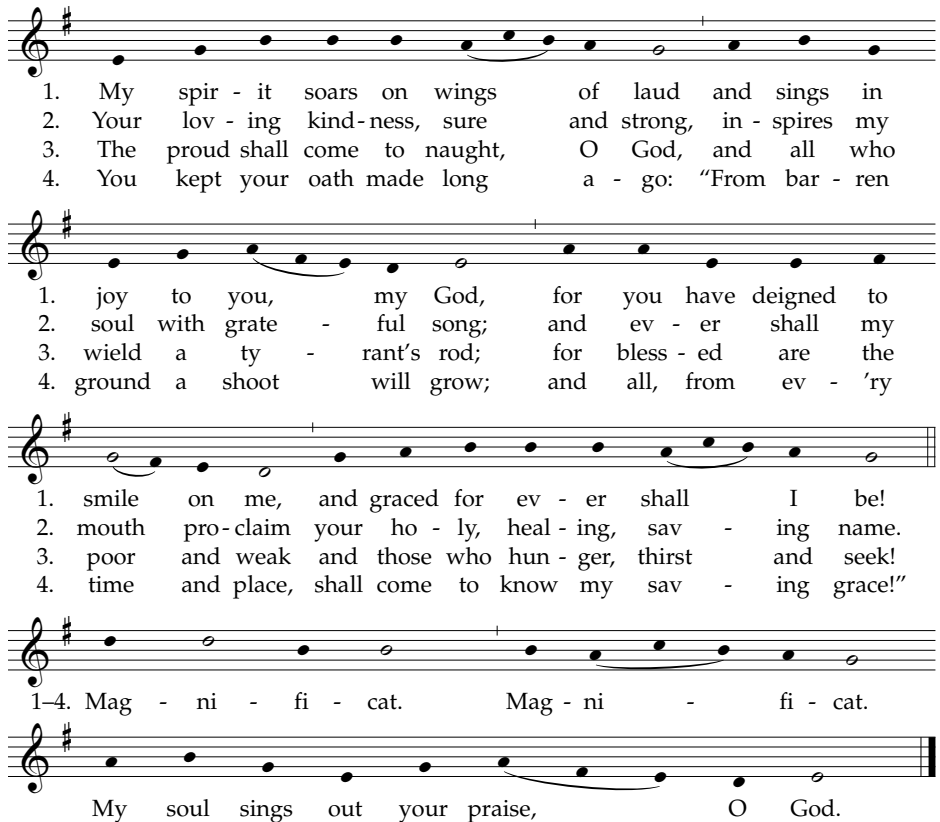
1. you ex - alts my heart. You re - gard - ed
2. Lord, have hon - ored me. To your own who
3. fear your might - y arm. From their thrones the
4. rich in pov - er - ty, mer - cy grant to

1. and held dear your poor maid - en's hum - ble part.
2. cher - ish you comes your mer - cy end - less - ly.
3. great ones fall, but the hum - ble fear no harm.
4. Is - ra - el, prom - ised through e - ter - ni - ty.

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CANTICLE OF MARY {December 17-23} (stand)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren

1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry

1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"

1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.

My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Before December 17*] (stand)

Tone 3



CALL TO WORSHIP [*December 17-23*] (stand)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon Guard what is good and cherish what is true, for our salvation is at hand.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH [December 17-23] (stand)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)

1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us
6. Praise God, the au - thor of all things; praise Christ, re -

1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give
6. deem - er of our race; and praise the bond their

1. from of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. free from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. from our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. death's de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. thanks for love that brings us once a - gain to light.
6. lov - ing brings, the Spir - it, source of life and grace.

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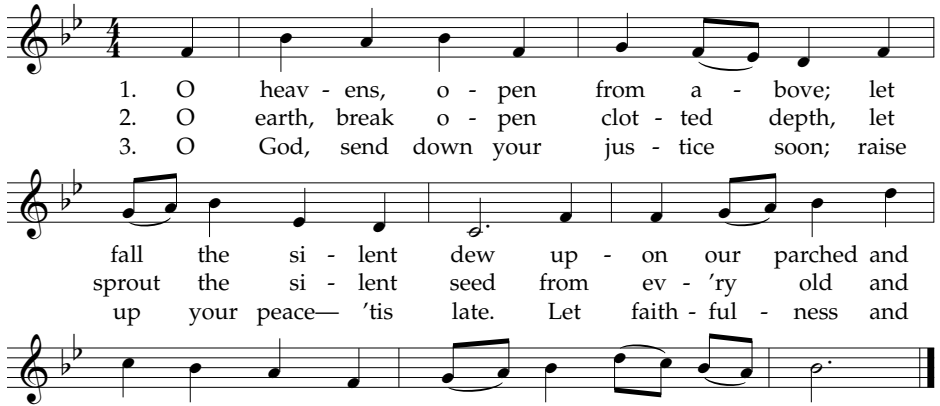
INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

O Heavens, Open from Above



1. O heav - ens, o - pen from a - bove; let
 2. O earth, break o - pen clot - ted depth, let
 3. O God, send down your jus - tice soon; raise

fall the si - lent dew up - on our parched and
 sprout the si - lent seed from ev - 'ry old and
 up your peace— 'tis late. Let faith - ful - ness and

des - ert hearts: make new the earth, make new.
 bar - ren soul: make speed, O God, make speed.
 love em - brace: we wait, O Lord, we wait!

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Psalm 135:12-21

Tone 1



Antiphon Bless God, **house** of Israel;
sing God's name, **our** delight.

Dec 17-23 Wait **for** the Lord
and he will come to you with his **saving** power.

2 Choirs

Your name lives for ever, Lord,
your renown **never** fades,
for you give your **people** justice
and attend **to** their needs.

Pagan idols are silver and gold
crafted by **human** hands.
Their mouths **cannot** speak,
their eyes **do** not see.

Their ears hear nothing,
their nostrils **do** not breathe.
their makers who **rely** on them
become like these **hollow** images.

Bless God, **house** of Israel,
house of Aaron, **house** of Levi,
every **faithful** one.

Blest be the **Lord** of Zion,
who calls Jerus**al**em home.

Alle**lu**ia!
Alle**lu**ia!

Revelation 15:3-4

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon All nations will gather, O God.
Oh Señor, todas las naciones vendrán.

Dec 17-23 I am waiting for the coming of **G**od my Savior.
Estoy esperando la venida del Señor mi Salvador.

Cantor/All

Grande y maravilloso es todo lo
que has hecho,
Señor, Dios todopoderoso;
rectos y verdaderos son tus caminos,
oh Rey de las naciones.

*All you do stirs wonder, Lord,
mighty God. Your ways are
right and true, ruler of all
nations.*

Who would not be moved
to glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.

*¿Quién no te temerá, oh Señor?
¿Quién no te alabará? Pues
solamente tú eres santo;*

todas las naciones vendrán y
te adorarán,
porque tus juicios han sido
manifestados.

*All nations will gather, bow-
ing low to you, for your saving
works are plainly seen.*

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*RESPONSORY [*Before December 17*]

Ma - ra - na - tha, Ma - ra - na - tha,
Ma - ra - na - tha, Ma - ra - na - tha.

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RESPONSORY [*December 17-23*]

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

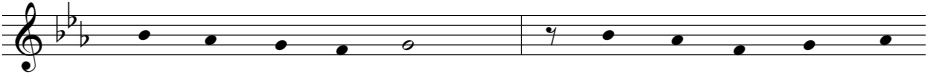
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CANTICLE OF MARY [Before December 17] (stand)

Antiphon This was the witness of John the Baptist: The One who comes after me existed before me.



1. To you, O God, my soul gives praise, In you, my
2. From this day all shall call me blest, For you have
3. Your mer - cy goes to all who fear, From age to
4. You cast the might - y from their thrones And raise up
5. You raised your ser - vant Is - ra - el, Re - mem - b'ring



1. Sav - ior I re - jice. My low - li - ness you
2. done great things for me. Of all great names yours
3. age and to all parts. Your arm of strength to
4. those of low de - gree; You feed the hun - gry
5. your e - ter - nal grace, As from of old you




1. did re - gard, Ex - alt - ing me by your own choice.
2. is the best, For you have changed my des - ti - ny.
3. all is near; You scat - ter those who have proud hearts.
4. as your own; The rich de - part in pov - er - ty.
5. did fore - tell To A - bra - ham and all his race.


Text: J. T. Mueller
Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM; Chant, Mode IV.

CANTICLE OF MARY [December 17-23] (stand)


Antiphon (Special Antiphon)




1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
 2. Your lov - ing kind-ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
 3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
 4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren




1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
 2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
 3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
 4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
 2. mouth pro-claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
 3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
 4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Before December 17*] (*stand*)

Tone 9



CALL TO WORSHIP [*December 17-23*] (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor Come, let us worship the Lord,
All the Prince of Peace who is to come.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN [Before December 17]

Come, Savior Lord

VERSES



1. O God of peace, O Word e - ter - nal, in - to our
 2. You came to show the right - eous path - way, you came to
 3. We walk a - long life's dark - ened path - way, hop - ing to
 4. Brill - iant, the New Dawn shines in dark - ness. Hail, Sun of
 5. Lord Je - sus Christ, ap - pear in glo - ry! Come now in

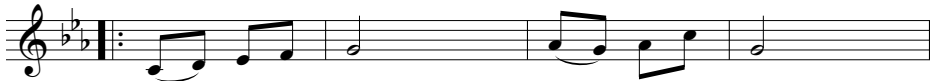


hearts now come to dwell! You are the Light, the Way that
 save us from our sin. You came to suf - fer, for us
 find the light di - vine. Light and e - ter - nal joy in
 Jus - tice, Sun of peace! All of the earth longs for its
 grace and maj - es - ty! Bring all your peo - ple home to



guides us: grace and for - give - ness for us all.
 dy - ing. Nailed to the cross, you set us free.
 heav - en: Je - sus a - lone wil guide our way.
 Sav - ior; Might - y Re - deem - er, come to us!
 heav - en, home to your king - dom for all time.

REFRAIN



Come, Sav - ior Lord. Come to us now.

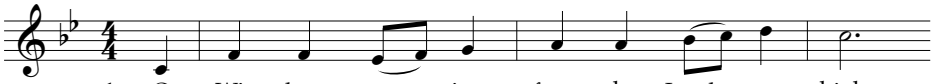


Your ho - ly peo - ple wait in hope for you.

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HYMN [December 17-23]

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
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6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



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4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 119:145–152

Tone 8



Antiphon Our God will **come** from Lebanon;
he shall be as brilliant **as** the sun.

2 *Choirs*

My heart begs you, Lord:
hear me, so I **can** keep faith.
I beg you, make me free,
so I can **live** your laws.

I face you in the cold night
praying, waiting **for** your word.
I keep watch through the night,
repeating **what** you promise.

Hear me, loving God,
let your justice **make** me live.
The wicked close in on me;
to them your **law** is foreign.

But you, Lord, are closer still,
your law is **my** whole truth,
learned when I was young,
fixed **for** all time.

Tone 1



Cantor/All

Alaben al Señor, todas **las** naciones,
aclámenlo, **todos** los pueblos.

*Praise! Give glory to God!
Nations, peoples, give glory!*

Strong the love emb**rac**ing us.
Faithful the **Lord** for ever.

*Pues grande es su amor con
nosotros, la fidelidad del Señor es
eterna.*

¡Ale**lu**ya!

¡Ale**lu**ya!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (stand)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el whose won - drous
2. A pledge was made to A - bra - ham and an - cient
3. Thus free from all who wish us harm now we can
4. You, child, will roar with God's own word, a sound to
5. The Ris - ing Sun dis - pels the night, and, fac - ing

1. vis - it res - cues us. De - layed, we thought all
2. proph - ets told the tale. With hope they spoke of
3. safe - ly serve our God. Em - braced with love we
4. take our breath a - way. We know the Prom - ised
5. death, de - stroy - ing fear, their shad - ows van - quished

1. hope was lost; from Da - vid's house the Sav - ior comes.
2. what would be; our God would guard us from our foes.
3. can - not doubt, we wor - ship God for - ev - er - more.
4. One has come; our ten - der God for - gives us all.
5. in the light, now guides us in - to last - ing peace.

1-5. The ris - ing sun will vis - it us
with heal - ing in his glo - rious wings.

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

O Myriam, Prepare the Day



1. O My - ri - am, pre - pare the day when God takes
2. The wed - ding cham - ber of your womb— ex - pect - ant,
3. This Word, though birth - less, comes to birth, whose day the
4. You an - gel choirs, now mark the day: pre - pare a



1. shel - ter at your breast; the Word, cre - a - tion's
2. hal - lowed, fenced a - round— grows full, so heav - y
3. proph - ets strained to see. Com - pas - sion, jus - tice
4. new song for our earth. God comes, self-stripped of



1. source and end, now with our fea - tures will take flesh.
2. now with child whose name, "God heals," through earth will sound.
3. now em - brace and bare God's great fi - del - i - ty.
4. maj - es - ty to die; but dy - ing, gives us birth!

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 122

Tone 2



Antiphon He comes, the desire of all **h**uman hearts;
Él viene, el deseo de todos los corazones **h**umanos.

Cantor/All

Me alegré con quienes **me** dijeron:
¡Iremos a la casa **del** Señor!
Nuestros pies **se** detienen
ante tus puertas, Jer**u**salén.

With joy I heard them say, "Let us go to the Lord's house!" And now, Jerusalem, we stand inside your gates.

Jerusalem, the **city** so built
that city and **temple** are one.
To you the **tribes** go up,
every tribe **of** the Lord.

¡Jerusalén!, edificada como ciudad totalmente armoniosa, adonde suben las tribus, las tribus del Señor;

según la ley de **I**srael,
a dar gracias al Nombre **del** Señor.
Allí reside el tribunal **de** justicia,
el tribunal del palacio **de** David.

It is the law of Israel to honor God's name. The seats of law are here, the thrones of David's line.

Pray peace **for** Jerusalem:
happiness **for** your homes,
safety **inside** your walls,
peace in **your** great houses.

Pidan la paz para Jerusalén: Vivan tranquilos los que te aman; haya paz en tus murallas, tranquilidad en tus palacios.

Por mis hermanos y **compañeros**
quiero decir: La **paz** contigo.
Por la casa del Señor **nuestro** Dios
quiero pedir: El bien **para** ti.

For love of family and friends I say, "Peace be with you!" For love of the Lord's own house I pray for your good.

Psalm 130

Antiphon Come, Lord, do not delay; free your people from their sinfulness.

1. From deep - est need we cry, O God. To
 2. Your love un - fail - ing gives us hope. We
 3. In you we find for - give - ness, God. For -

you we cry for mer - cy. Hear us, then, Ho - ly
 hope in your re - demp - tion. Loose, then, our bonds and
 give - ness is sal - va - tion. Free us, then, from all

One, O hear and grant our pray'r for mer - cy.
 bind our wounds and bless us with re - demp - tion.
 sin and shame and show us your sal - va - tion.

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PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 6



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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CANTICLE OF MARY (*stand*)

Antiphon (*Special Antiphon*)

1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
 2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
 3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
 4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren

1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
 2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
 3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
 4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry

1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
 2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
 3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
 4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"

1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.

My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS
 OUR FATHER
 CONCLUDING PRAYER

SUNDAY
MORNING PRAYER
Fourth Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us **worship** and sing.

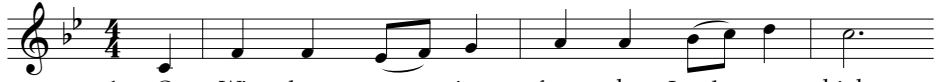
(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Tone 6



Antiphon The day of the **Lord** is near. El día del Señor **está** cerca.

Dec 24 Bethlehem, how **glorious** your future!
¡Belén, tu futuro **es** glorioso!

Cantor/All

Den gracias al Señor,
porque es bueno,
porque es eterno **su** amor.
Diga la Casa de **Israel**:
es eterno **su** amor.

*Give thanks, the Lord is good,
God's love is for ever! Now let
Israel say, "God's love is for ever!"*

With right **hand** raised high,
the Lord **strikes** with force.
I shall not **die** but live
to tell the **Lord's** great deeds.

*La diestra del Señor es sublime, la
diestra del Señor hace proezas. No
he de morir, viviré para contar las
hazañas del Señor.*

La piedra que rechazaron los
albañiles
es ahora la piedra **angular**.
Es el Señor quien **lo** ha hecho
y nos parece **un** milagro.

*The stone the builders rejected has
become the cornerstone. This is the
work of the Lord, how wonderful in
our eyes.*

Daniel 3:52–57

Antiphon The Lord is here; go out to meet him, saying: Great his birth, eternal his kingdom, strong God, Ruler of all, Prince of peace, alleluia.

Dec 24 Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is now at hand.

REFRAIN

Glo - ry, glo - ry,
glo - ry and praise for ev - er.

VERSES

1. You are blessed, O Lord, God of our ancestors. Glory . . .
Blessed be your holy and glorious name. Glory . . .
2. You are blest in the temple of your holy glory. Glory . . .
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. Glory . . .
3. You look into the depths from above the cherubim. Glory . . .
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. Glory . . .

All Glo-ry and praise for ev - er. *Cantor* Ex - alt-ed and praise - wor - thy
All for ev - er. *2nd time to Refrain* Glo-ry and praise for ev - er.

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Psalm 150

Please stand for this psalm of praise.

Tone 1



Antiphon Your all-powerful **Word**, O Lord,
will come to earth from his throne of glory, alleluia.

Dec 24 The day has **come** at last
when Mary will bring forth her **first**born Son.

2 Choirs

Praise! Praise God **in** the temple,
in the **highest** heavens!
Praise! Praise God's **mighty** deeds
and **noble** majesty.

Praise! Praise God with **trumpet** blasts,
with **lute** and harp.
Praise! Praise God with **timbrel** and dance,
with **strings** and pipes.

Praise! Praise God with **crashing** cymbals,
with **ringing** cymbals.
All that is alive, praise. **Praise** the Lord.
Alleluia!

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 1



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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el Who
2. The proph - ets sang that God would come And
3. God's might - y arm shall set us free To
4. O Child, you shall pre - pare the way, God's
5. As dawn brings hope to those in gloom When



1. saves and sets us free; From Da - vid's house a
2. shat - ter ha - tred's might; The prom - ise made to
3. wor - ship with - out fear, So good and right - eous
4. proph - et you shall be, And speak sal - va - tion's
5. fear and sad - ness cease, God's mer - cy lights our



1. Sav - ior comes To end all tyr - an - ny.
2. A - bra - ham Ful - filled with - in our sight.
3. we might be And faith - ful year to year.
4. heal - ing word: God's won - drous ju - bi - lee.
5. fail - ing hearts And guides our feet to peace.

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

O Myriam, Prepare the Day



1. O My - ri - am, pre - pare the day when God takes
2. The wed - ding cham - ber of your womb— ex - pect - ant,
3. This Word, though birth - less, comes to birth, whose day the
4. You an - gel choirs, now mark the day: pre - pare a



1. shel - ter at your breast; the Word, cre - a - tion's
2. hal - lowed, fenced a - round— grows full, so heav - y
3. proph - ets strained to see. Com - pas - sion, jus - tice
4. new song for our earth. God comes, self-stripped of

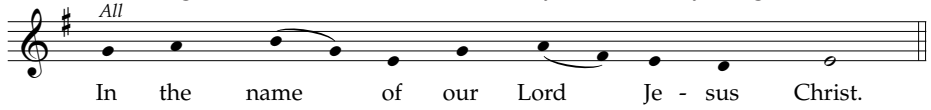


1. source and end, now with our fea - tures will take flesh.
2. now with child whose name, "God heals," through earth will sound.
3. now em - brace and bare God's great fi - del - i - ty.
4. maj - es - ty to die; but dy - ing, gives us birth!

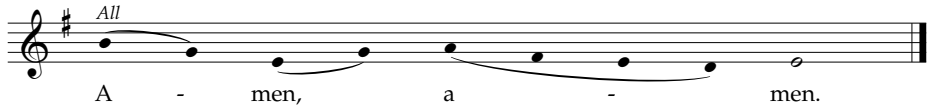
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SOLEMN PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cantor. . . . Let us give thanks to God the Father, always and for ev'ry thing.



Cantor... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
the Creator of light and darkness. In this holy season,
when the sun's light is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night,
you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendor of your glory,
enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ, your Son.
Through the prophets you teach us to hope for his reign of peace.
Through the outpouring of his Spirit, you open our blindness
to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness.
Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
for to you all honor and blessing are due, now and for ever.



PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 110

Tone 7



Antiphon See how **glorious** he is,
coming forth as Savior **of** all peoples!

2 Choirs

The Lord decrees to the king:
“Take the throne at **my** right hand,
I will make your **enemies** a footrest.
I will raise your scepter
over Zion **and** beyond,
over **all** your enemies.

“Your people **stand** behind you
on the day you **take** command.
You are made holy, splendid,
newborn **like** the dawn,
fresh **like** the dew.”

God’s oath is firm:
“You are a **priest** for ever,
the rightful king by **my** decree.”
The Lord stands **at** your side
to destroy kings
on the **day** of wrath.

God executes judgment,
crushes the **heads** of nations,
and brings **carnage** worldwide.
The victor drinks
from a **wayside** stream
and **rises** refreshed.

Psalm 112:1-6

Tone 7



Antiphon Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.
Ven, Señor, no tardes, aleluya.

Cantor/All

Feliz el hombre que respeta al Señor
y ama con pasión **sus** mandatos.
Su linaje será numeroso en la tierra,
la estirpe de los justos será bendita.

*Happy those who love God and
delight in the law. Their children
shall be blest, strong and upright
in the land.*

Their households thrive,
their integrity stands firm.
A light shines on them in darkness,
a God of mercy and justice.

*En su casa habrá riquezas y abun-
dancia, su generosidad durará por
siempre. En las tinieblas clarea la
Luz para los rectos: el Compasivo,
Clemente y Justo.*

El bueno es dadivoso, compasivo
y atento,
y administra rectamente **sus** asuntos:
porque el justo jamás vacilará,
será eterna **su** memoria.

*The good lend freely and deal
fairly, they will never stumble;
their justice shall be remembered.*

Revelation 19:1-7

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Antiphon Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.

ANTIPHON

All pow'r is yours, Lord God al - might - y, al - le - lu - ia!

VERSES

Al - le - lu - ia.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Salvation, glory and power to God!
Right and sure the judgments of God!
2. Praise our God, you faithful servants!
In awe praise God, you small and great!
3. The Lord God almighty rules!
Be glad, rejoice, give glory to God!
4. The wedding feast of the Lamb begins.
The bride is radiant, clothed in glory.

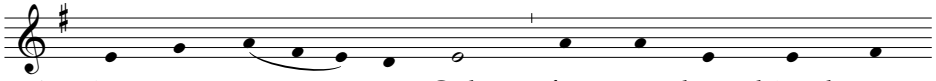
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CANTICLE OF MARY (stand)

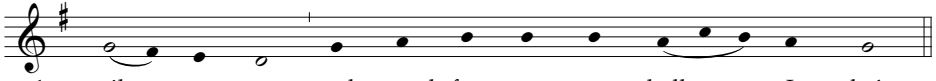
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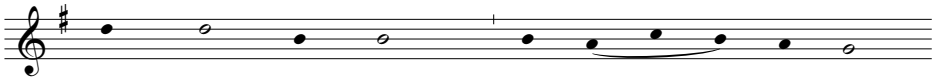
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MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor The Lord is close at hand
All come, let us worship and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for everer. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
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5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
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7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 90

Tone 5



Antiphon The Lord, the ruler over the kings of the **earth**, will come; blessed are they who are ready to **go** and welcome him.

Dec 24 Bethlehem in Judah's land, how **glorious** your future!
The king who will rule my people **comes** from you.

2 Choirs

You have been our **haven**, Lord,
from generation to **generation**.
Before the mountains existed,
before the **earth** was born,
from age to age **you** are God.

You return **us** to dust,
children of earth **back** to earth.
For in your eyes a thousand years
are like a **single** day:
they pass with the **swiftness** of sleep.

You sweep **away** the years
as sleep passes at dawn,
like grass that springs up **in** the day
and is **withered** by evening.

For we perish at your wrath,
your **anger** strikes terror.
You lay bare our sins
in the piercing light **of** your
presence.
All our days wither **beneath** your
glance,
our lives vanish **like** a breath.

Our life is a mere **seventy** years,
eighty **with** good health,
and all it gives us
is toil **and** distress;
then the thread breaks
and **we** are gone.

Who can know the force **of** your
anger?
Your fury **matches** our fear.
Teach us to make use **of** our days
and bring wisdom **to** our hearts.

How long, O Lord, before
you return?
Pity your servants,
shine your love on **us** each dawn,
and gladden **all** our days.

Balance our past sorrows
with **present** joys
and let your servants, young
and old,
see the splendor **of** your work.
Let your loveliness shine on us,
and bless the **work** we do,
bless the work **of** our hands.

Isaiah 42:10–16

Tone 9



Antiphon Sing a new song **to** the Lord,
proclaim his praises to the ends **of** the earth.

Dec 24 Lift up your **heads** and see;
your redemption is **now** at hand.

2 Choirs

Sing the Lord **a** new song.
Let the sea **with** its creatures,
the coastland **and** its people
fill the **world** with praise.

Let every village and town,
from Kedar on the plain
to Sela **in** the hills,
take up the **joyful** song.
Sing glory **to** the Lord,
give praise **across** the world.

The Lord strides like a hero
who rouses fury
with a great **battle** cry
and charges **against** the enemy.

"I have kept quiet too long,
too **long** held back.
Like a woman in labor
I now scream **and** cry out:

"I will lay waste mount**ains** and
hills
and stunt **all** their greenery.
I will dry up riv**ers** and pools
and create an **arid** wasteland.

"I will lead the blind safely
along strange roads.
I will make their darkness light,
their wind**ing** ways straight.
I will **do** all this,
I **will** not fail them."

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
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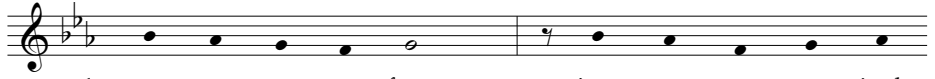


CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us
6. Praise God, the au - thor of all things; praise Christ, re -



1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give
6. deem - er of our race; and praise the bond their



1. from of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. free from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. from our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. death's de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. thanks for love that brings us once a - gain to light.
6. lov - ing brings, the Spir - it, source of life and grace.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 3



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us wor**ship** and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus, Come



1. Come, O God of our sal - va - tion:
2. Save us from the lure of e - vil: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
3. Stir our hearts to work for jus - tice:



Light of life through all the a - ges:
 Turn us from our self - ish na - ture: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Stand with us a - gainst op - pres - sion:



Call us to be true dis - ci - ples:
 Let us know the joy of giv - ing: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Help us love and serve each oth - er:



Form us as a ho - ly peo - ple:
 Stew - ard - ship and com - mon liv - ing: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Shar - ing life and peace and free - dom:

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 136:1-9

Tone 1



Antiphon The Lord will come; **let** us welcome him.
El Señor vendrá, le damos la **bien**venida

Catnora/All

Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor.	<i>Our God is good, give thanks! God's love is for ever! Our God</i>
Den gracias al Dios de los dioses, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor.	<i>of gods, give thanks! God's love is for ever! Our Lord of lords, give</i>
Den gracias al Señor de señores, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor.	<i>thanks! God's love is for ever!</i>

Alone the maker of worlds! God's love is for ever! Architect for the skies! God's love is for ever! Spread land on the sea! God's love is for ever!	<i>Al único que hace grandes maravillas, porque es eterno su amor. Al que hizo el cielo con maestría, porque es eterno su amor. Al que asentó la tierra sobre las aguas, porque es eterno su amor.</i>
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Al que hizo las grandes luminarias, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor. El sol, para regir el día, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor. La luna y estrellas, para regir la noche, porque es eterno <u>no</u> su amor.	<i>Set the great lights above! God's love is for ever! The sun to rule the day! God's love is for ever! The moon and stars, the night! God's love is for ever!</i>
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Psalm 136:10-26

Tone 1



Antiphon Sing a new song **to** the Lord;
proclaim his praises to the ends **of** the earth.

2 Choirs

Struck down Egypt's firstborn!
God's love **is** for ever!
Guided Israel's escape!
God's love **is** for ever!
Held out a mighty arm!
God's love **is** for ever!

Split in two the Reed Sea!
God's love **is** for ever!
Led Israel across!
God's love **is** for ever!
Drowned Pharaoh and his troops!
God's love **is** for ever!


Led the desert trek!
God's love **is** for ever!
Struck down mighty tribes!
God's love **is** for ever!
Killed powerful kings!
God's love **is** for ever!

Sihon, the Amorite king!
God's love **is** for ever!
And Og, Bashan's king!
God's love **is** for ever!
Gave Israel a land!
God's love **is** for ever!
For God's servant to keep!
God's love **is** for ever!


Remembered our distress!
God's love **is** for ever!
Kept us from defeat!
God's love **is** for ever!
God feeds all living things!
God's love **is** for ever!
God in heaven, be thanked!
God's love **is** for ever!

CANTICLE OF MARY (stand)


Antiphon (Special Antiphon)




1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind-ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren




1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 101:1-6

Tone 7



Antiphon The Lord will come to **save** his people.
El Señor vendrá a salvar **a** su pueblo.

Dec 24 Bethlehem, how **glorious** your future!
¡Belén, tu futuro **es** glorioso!

Cantor/All

Voy a cantar la bondad y la justicia:
tocaré para **ti**, Señor;
cantaré tu perfecto **pro**ceder:
¿cuándo vendrás a mí?

*I sing to you, O Lord, sing your
justice and love, and live the truth
I sing. When will you come to me?*

I show my royal household
how to lead a **per**fect life.
I shun what is devious
and **hate** deceit:
it can **never** touch me.

*Quiero obrar con rectitud dentro
de mi palacio. No pondré ante
mis ojos nada abominable; odiaré
al fabricante de ídolos, jamás se
juntará conmigo.*

Lejos de mí un corazón perverso,
no protegeré **al** malvado.
Al que en secreto habla mal
de su prójimo
lo haré callar;
ojos altaneros, corazones arrogantes,
los destruiré.

*The wicked dare not approach me,
for I am no friend to evil. I silence
those who gossip, I detest their
vanity and pride.*

I look for loyal people
to **share** my palace.
Those who live **honest** lives
will **serve** me.

*Me fijaré en los leales del país,
para que vivan conmigo; el que
procede honradamente estará a mi
servicio.*

Daniel 3:26, 27, 29, 34–41

Tone 4



Antiphon Zion is our mighty citadel, our saving Lord its wall
and **its** defense;
throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia.

Dec 24 Lift up your **heads** and see;
your redemption is **now** at hand.

2 *Choirs*

Blest are you, Lord,
God **of** our ancestors,
worthy of praise
and **renowned** for ever.

Your works are true,
your **ways** straight,
your judgments sound,
all your **actions** just.

We broke your law,
we **strayed** from you,
sinning in **every** way.

For the sake of your good name,
do **not** abandon us,
do not **break** your oath.
Think of your beloved Abraham,
your servant Isaac, your
holy Israel,
and do not with**hold** your love.

You promised them descendants
countless **as** the stars, —

like sand **on** the shore.
Yet we are the weakest of nations,
disgraced before all **by** our sins.

We have no king,
no **prophet**, no leader,
no burnt offering, no sacrifice,
no gift, no **incense**, no temple,
nowhere **to** find mercy.

Let a crushed **heart** and spirit
mean as much as countless
offerings
of rams and **sheep** and bulls.
Let this be our sacrifice today,
let our loyalty **win** your favor,
for trust in you **brings** no shame.

Our hearts are **completely** yours.
We fear yet seek your presence.
Do not **shame** us.

Psalm 144

Please stand for this psalm of praise.

Tone 7



Antiphon Lord, make known your will throughout the earth;
proclaim your salvation to every nation.

Dec 24 The day has come at last
when Mary will bring forth her firstborn Son.

2 Choirs

Praise God, God my rock
who trains my hands for battle,
my arms for war.

God, my love, my safety,
my stronghold and defender,
God, my shield, my refuge,
you give me victory.

Who are we that you care for us?
Why give a thought to mortals?
We are little more than breath;
our days, fleeting shadows.

Come, Lord, lower the heavens,
touch the mountains,
let them spew out smoke.
Strike lightning,
let your arrows fly,
scatter my enemies in terror.

Reach down from the heavens,
snatch me from crashing waves;
rescue me from strangers
who speak lies
and then swear to them.

I sing you a new song, Lord,
I play my ten-stringed harp,
for you give victory to kings,
you rescue your servant, David.

Save me from the bitter sword,
deliver me from strangers,
who speak lies
and then swear to them.

God, you shape our sons
like tall, sturdy plants;
you sculpt our daughters
like pillars for a palace.

You fill our barns
with all kinds of food,
you bless our fields
with sheep by the thousands
and fatten all our cattle.

There is no breach in the walls,
no outcry in the streets, no exile.
We are a people blest with these
gifts,
blest with the Lord as our God!

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 7



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING (be seated)

RESPONSORY

O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Blessed are you, O Lord our God! Un - to
2. House of Da - vid, cho - sen one, sees the
3. Mer - cy to your peo - ple came, ho - ly
4. Now from e - vil we are saved, we may
5. You, my child, shall lead the way, proph - et
6. You, O God, will vis - it us in the



1. Is - ra - el you came, brought re - demp - tion
2. proph - e - cy ful - filled: en - e - mies shall
3. cov - e - nant was made; oath to A - bra -
4. serve you with - out fear, all our days in
5. of our God most high; bring us word, "The
6. shades of death and night: from our sins you



1. to your own, saved us in your ho - ly name.
2. not pre - vail, we are res - cued as you willed.
3. ham you kept: "Loved of God, be not a - fraid!"
4. ho - li - ness, in your love, till you ap - pear.
5. Lord will come, now is your sal - va - tion nigh!"
6. set us free, lead our steps to peace and light.

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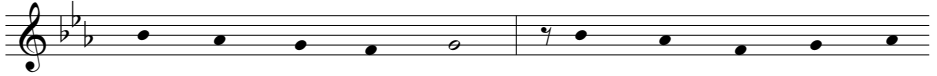
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 OUR FATHER
 CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

O Myriam, Prepare the Day



1. O My - ri - am, pre - pare the day when God takes
2. The wed - ding cham - ber of your womb— ex - pect - ant,
3. This Word, though birth - less, comes to birth, whose day the
4. You an - gel choirs, now mark the day: pre - pare a



1. shel - ter at your breast; the Word, cre - a - tion's
2. hal - lowed, fenced a - round— grows full, so heav - y
3. proph - ets strained to see. Com - pas - sion, jus - tice
4. new song for our earth. God comes, self-stripped of



1. source and end, now with our fea - tures will take flesh.
2. now with child whose name, "God heals," through earth will sound.
3. now em - brace and bare God's great fi - del - i - ty.
4. maj - es - ty to die; but dy - ing, gives us birth!

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Psalm 138

Tone 4



Antiphon Zion is our mighty citadel, our saving Lord its wall
and **its** defense;
throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia.

2 *Choirs*

I thank you with **all** I am,
I join **heaven's** chorus.
I bow toward your **holy** temple,
to **praise** your name.

Though high up,
you **see** the lowly;
though far away,
you keep an eye **on** the proud.

By your love **and** fidelity,
you display to all
the glory of your **name** and promise.
As soon as I **call**, you act,
renew**ing** my strength.


When I face an opponent,
you keep **me** alive.
You reach out your hand,
your **right** hand saves me.

Around the world,
rulers praise you
for your **commanding** word.
They sing **of** your ways,
"Great is your **glory**, Lord."

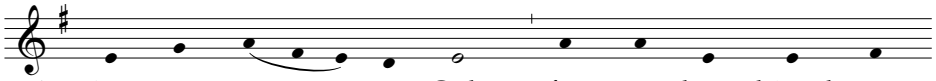
Lord, take up my cause,
your love **lasts** for ever.
Do not abandon
what your **hands** have made.

CANTICLE OF MARY (stand)

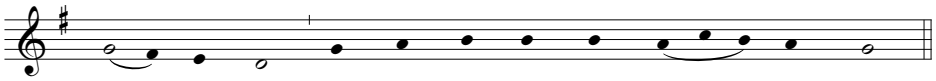
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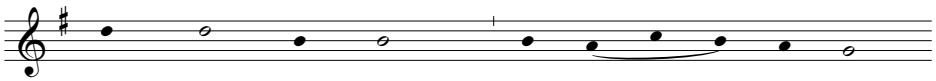
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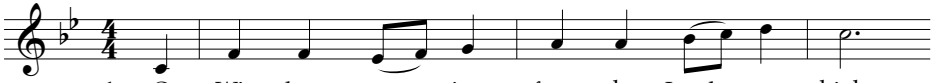
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Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Isaiah 61:10—62:7

Tone 9



Antiphon I shall not cease to plead with **God** for Zion
until he sends his Holy One in all his **radiant** beauty.

Dec 24 Lift up your **heads** and see;
your redemption is **now** at hand.

2 Choirs

I sing out with joy **to** the Lord,
all I am **delights** in God,
for the Lord has dressed me
in robes of **justice** and victory,
like a groom wearing a garland
or a bride **arrayed** in jewels.

As earth causes **seed** to sprout,
and gardens **make** plants grow,
so justice and praise **spring** from God
for all the **nations** to see.

For Zion's sake **I** speak out,
for Jerusalem I **do** not rest,
till her victory shines **like** the sun,
blazes out **like** a torch.

The world will see your deliverance,
all kings **witness** your glory.
They will know you by a new name
which the **Lord** will give you.
Your walls and towers
will shine forth,
a royal crown **in** God's hand.

They will no longer call you
Forsaken,
nor your **land** Barren.
Beloved will be your name,
and your land will be
called Married.

For the Lord **delights** in you,
and your fields **will** be fertile.

As a young man **marries** a wife,
your Builder will **marry** you.
As a groom delights **in** his bride,
the Lord will **honor** you.

"On your **walls**, Jerusalem,
I have posted guards
to stay alert
both **day** and night."

Stay awake, you advocates,
and give **God** no rest
till Jerusalem is built up
to **become** earth's crown.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (*Special Antiphon*)

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el whose won - drous
 2. A pledge was made to A - bra - ham and an - cient
 3. Thus free from all who wish us harm now we can
 4. You, child, will roar with God's own word, a sound to
 5. The Ris - ing Sun dis - pels the night, and, fac - ing

1. vis - it res - cues us. De - layed, we thought all
 2. proph - ets told the tale. With hope they spoke of
 3. safe - ly serve our God. Em - braced with love we
 4. take our breath a - way. We know the Prom - ised
 5. death, de - stroy - ing fear, their shad - ows van - quished

1. hope was lost; from Da - vid's house the Sav - ior comes.
 2. what would be; our God would guard us from our foes.
 3. can - not doubt, we wor - ship God for - ev - er - more.
 4. One has come; our ten - der God for - gives us all.
 5. in the light, now guides us in - to last - ing peace.

1-5. The ris - ing sun will vis - it us
 with heal - ing in his glo - rious wings.

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 OUR FATHER
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WEDDNESDAY
EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 3



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us **worship** and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus, Come



1. Come, O God of our sal - va - tion:
2. Save us from the lure of e - vil: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
3. Stir our hearts to work for jus - tice:



Light of life through all the a - ges:
 Turn us from our self - ish na - ture: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Stand with us a - gainst op - pres - sion:



Call us to be true dis - ci - ples:
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Form us as a ho - ly peo - ple:
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 Shar - ing life and peace and free - dom:

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 139:1-12

Tone 8



Antiphon The Lord, will set his **people** free.
El Señor liberará **a** su pueblo.

Cantor/All

Señor, tú me sondeas y **me** conoces. *You search me, Lord, and know me.*
Sabes cuando me siento o me levanto, *Wherever I sit or stand, you read my*
de lejos percibes mis **pensamientos**; *inmost thoughts; whenever I walk or*
disciernes mi camino y **mi** descanso, *rest, you know where I have been.*
todas mis sendas te son **familiares**.

Before a word slips from my tongue, *Aún no ha llegado la palabra a mi*
Lord, you know what **I** will say. *lengua, y ya, Señor, la conoces toda.*
You close in on me, *Me estrechas por detrás y por delan-*
pressing your **hand** upon me. *te, apoyas sobre mí tu palma. Tanto*
All this **overwhelms** me: *saber me sobrepasa, es sublime y no*
too much to **understand**! *lo alcanzo.*

¿Adónde me alejaré **de** tu aliento? *Where can I hide from you? How*
¿adónde huiré de **tu** presencia? *can I escape your presence? I scale*
Si subiera al cielo, allí **estás** tú; *the heavens, you are there! I plunge*
si me acostara en el abismo, **allí** estás; *to the depths, you are there!*

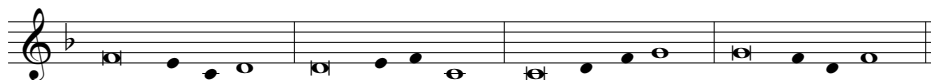
If I fly **toward** the dawn,
or settle **across** the sea,
even there **you** take hold of me,
your right **hand** directs me. *si me remontara con las alas de la*
aurora para instalarme en el confín
del mar, aun allí me guiaría tu izqui-
erda y tu derecha me aferraría.

Si dijera: Que me cubra la tiniebla
y la luz se haga noche en **torno** a mí,
ni la tiniebla es tenebrosa **para** ti,
aun la noche es luminosa
como el día:
la tiniebla es como la **luz** del día. *If I think night will hide me and*
darkness give me cover, I find dark-
ness is not dark. For your night
shines like day, darkness and light
are one.

la tiniebla es como la **luz** del día.

Psalm 139:13-24

Tone 8



Antiphon I shall not cease to plead with **God** for Zion
until he sends his Holy One in all his radiant beauty.

2 Choirs

You created every part of me,
knitting me in my mother's womb.
For such handiwork, I praise you.
Awesome this great wonder!
I see it so clearly!

You watched every bone
taking shape in secret,
forming in the hidden depths.
You saw my body grow
according to your design.

You recorded all my days
before they ever began.
How deep are your thoughts!
How vast their sum!
like countless grains of sand,
well beyond my grasp.

Search my heart, probe me, God!
Test and judge my thoughts.
Look! do I follow crooked paths?
Lead me along your ancient way.

Colossians 1:12–20

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon The Spirit of the Lord **rests** upon me;
he has sent me to preach his joyful message **to** the poor.

2 Choirs

Give thanks **to** the Father,
who made us fit
for the holy community of light
and rescued us from darkness,
bringing us into the realm
of his **belo**ved Son
who redeemed us,
forgiv**ing** our sins.

Christ is the image
of the God we **can**not see.
Christ is firstborn in **all** creation.

Through Christ the **universe** was
made,
things seen and unseen,
thrones, authorities, **forces**,
powers.

Everything **was** created
through Christ **and** for Christ.


Before anything came to **be**, Christ
was,
and the universe is held **together** by
Christ.

Christ is also head of the body, the
church,
its beginning as firstborn **from** the
dead
to become in **all** things first.


For by **God's** good pleasure
Christ encompasses
the full **measure** of power,
reconciling creation **with** its source
and making peace by the blood
of the cross.

CANTICLE OF MARY (stand)

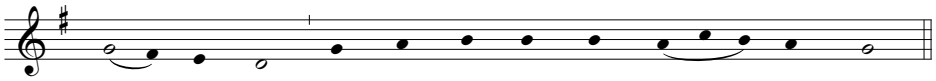
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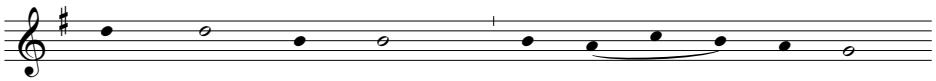
1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren




1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us **worship** and sing.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:

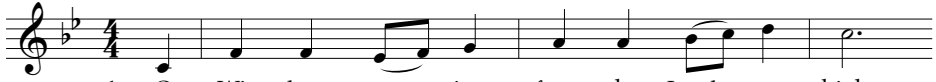
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

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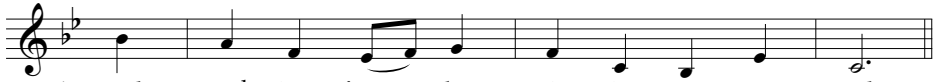


HYMN

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 143

Tone 3



Antiphon To you, O Lord, I lift **up** my soul;
come and rescue me, for you are my refuge
and my strength.

Dec 24 Bethlehem in Judah's land, how **glorious** your future!
The king who will rule my people **comes** from you.

2 Choirs

Hear me, **faithful** Lord!
bend to my prayer,
show compassion.
Do not **judge** me harshly;
in your sight, no **one** is just.

My enemy hunts me down,
grinding **me** to dust,
caging me with the dead
in **lasting** darkness.
My strength **drains** away,
my **heart** is numb.

I remember the **ancient** days,
I recall your wonders,
the work **of** your hands.
Dry as **thirsty** land,
I reach **out** for you.

Answer me quickly, Lord.
My **strength** is spent.
Do not hide from me
or I will fall **into** the grave.

Let morning announce your love,
for it is **you** I trust.
Show me the right way,
I offer **you** myself.

Rescue me from my foes,
you are my only **refuge**, Lord.
Teach me your will,
for you **are** my God.

Graciously lead me, Lord,
on to **level** ground.
I call on your just name,
keep me safe, **free** from danger.

In your great love for me,
disarm my enemies,
destroy their power,
for I **belong** to you.

Isaiah 66: 10-13

Tone 9



Antiphon Bless those, O Lord, who have waited **for** your coming.
Bendice a todos, Señor, que han esperado **tu** venida.

Dec 24 Your redemption is **now** at hand.
Su redención **ha** llegado.

Cantor/All

Festejen a Jerusalén,
gocen con ella, todos los
que la aman;
alégrense de su alegría
los que por ella estaban de duelo;

Now **drink** your fill
from her comforting breast,
enjoy her plentiful milk.

Porque así dice el Señor:
Yo haré correr **hacia** ella,
como un río, la paz;
como un torrente **en** crecida,
las riquezas de **las** naciones.

"I will carry you **on** my shoulders,
cuddle you **on** my lap.
I will comfort you
as a mother nurses her child.

*Rejoice with Jerusalem! Be glad
for her, all who love her. Share her
great joy, all who know her sadness.*

*mamarán de sus pechos y se
saciarán de sus consuelos, y
saborearán las delicias de sus pechos
abundantes.*

*For this is what the Lord says:
"Look! to her I extend peace like a
river, the wealth of the nations like
a stream in full flood. And you will
drink!"*

*Ella los amamantará y los llevará
en brazos, y sobre las rodillas los
acariciará; como a un niño a quien
su madre consuela, así los consolaré
yo.*

Psalm 147:1-11

Please stand for this psalm of praise.

Tone 1



Antiphon Turn to **us**, O Lord, make haste to **help** your people.

Dec 24 The day has **come** at last
when Mary will bring forth her **firstborn** Son.

2 Choirs

How good to **sing** God praise!
How lovely the sound!

The Lord **rebuilds** Jerusalem
and gathers the **exiles** of Israel,
healing the **brokenhearted**,
binding their **aching** wounds.

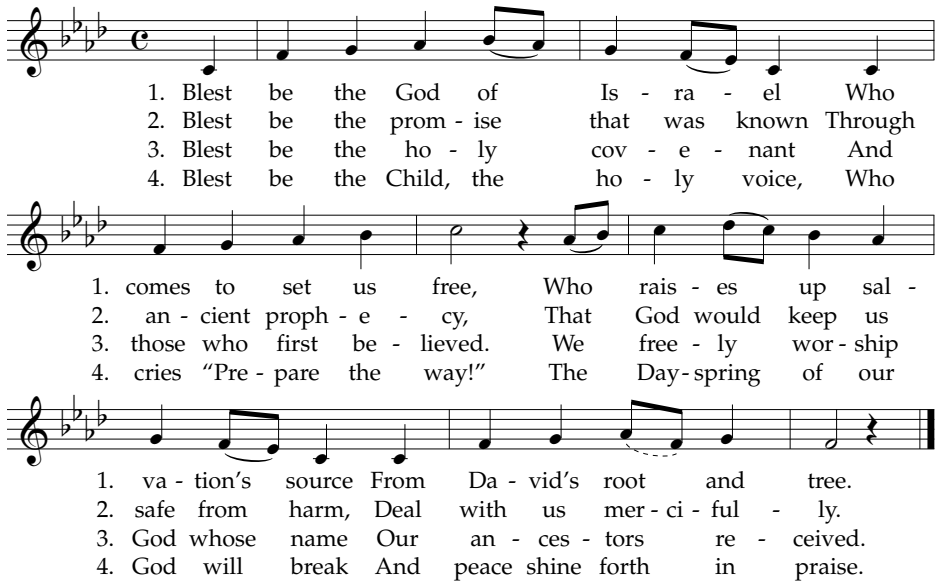
God fixes the number of stars,
calling **each** by name.
Great is our God and powerful,
wise **beyond** all telling.
The Lord **upholds** the poor
but lets the **wicked** fall.

Sing thanks **to** the Lord,
sound the harp **for** our God.
The Lord stretches the clouds,
sending rain **to** the earth,
clothing mount**ains** with green.

The Lord feeds the cattle
and young ravens **when** they call.
A horse's strength, a runner's
speed:
they **count** for nothing!
The Lord **favours** the reverent,
those who trust **in** God's mercy.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (*Special Antiphon*)



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el Who
2. Blest be the prom - ise that was known Through
3. Blest be the ho - ly cov - e - nant And
4. Blest be the Child, the ho - ly voice, Who

1. comes to set us free, Who rais - es up sal -
2. an - cient proph - e - cy, That God would keep us
3. those who first be - lieved. We free - ly wor - ship
4. cries "Pre - pare the way!" The Day - spring of our

1. va - tion's source From Da - vid's root and tree.
2. safe from harm, Deal with us mer - ci - ful - ly.
3. God whose name Our an - ces - tors re - ceived.
4. God will break And peace shine forth in praise.

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 5



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us **worship** and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

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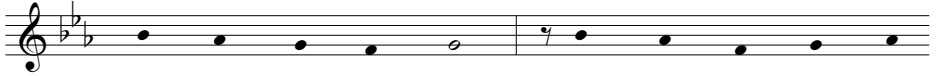


HYMN

O Myriam, Prepare the Day



1. O My - ri - am, pre - pare the day when God takes
2. The wed - ding cham - ber of your womb— ex - pect - ant,
3. This Word, though birth - less, comes to birth, whose day the
4. You an - gel choirs, now mark the day: pre - pare a



1. shel - ter at your breast; the Word, cre - a - tion's
2. hal - lowed, fenced a - round— grows full, so heav - y
3. proph - ets strained to see. Com - pas - sion, jus - tice
4. new song for our earth. God comes, self-stripped of



1. source and end, now with our fea - tures will take flesh.
2. now with child whose name, "God heals," through earth will sound.
3. now em - brace and bare God's great fi - del - i - ty.
4. maj - es - ty to die; but dy - ing, gives us birth!

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 144:1-8

Tone 7



Antiphon To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
A ti, Señor Dios mío, elevo mi alma.

Cantor/All

Bendito sea el Señor, mi Roca,
que adiestra mis manos para el
combate,
mis dedos para la batalla.

*Praise God, God my rock who
trains my hands for battle, my
arms for war.*

God, my love, my safety,
my stronghold and defender,
God, my shield, my refuge,
you give me victory.

*Mi aliado y mi alcázar, mi baluarte
donde me pongo a salvo, mi
escudo y mi refugio, él me somete
los pueblos.*

Señor, ¿qué es el hombre
para que acuerdes de él,
el ser humano para que pienses en él?
El hombre se asemeja a un sopro,
sus días a una sombra que pasa.

*Who are we that you care for us?
Why give a thought to mortals?
We are little more than breath; our
days, fleeting shadows.*

Come, Lord, lower the heavens,
touch the mountains,
let them spew out smoke.
Strike lightning,
let your arrows fly,
scatter my enemies in terror.

*Señor, inclina tus cielos y
desciende; toca los montes y que
humeen. Fulmina tus rayos y
dispérsalos, lanza tus flechas y
desbarátalos.*

Alarga tu mano desde lo alto,
defiéndeme y líbrame
de las aguas caudalosas,
de la mano de extranjeros,
cuya boca profiere falsedades,
y su diestra es engañosa.

*Reach down from the heavens,
snatch me from crashing waves;
rescue me from strangers who
speak lies and then swear to them.*

Psalm 144:9-15

Tone 7



Antiphon Bless those, O Lord, who have waited **for** your coming;
let your prophets **be** proved true.

2 Choirs

I sing you a **new** song, Lord,
I play my **ten**-stringed harp,
for you give victory to kings,
you rescue your **servant**, David.

Save me from the bitter sword,
deliver **me** from strangers,
who speak lies
and then **swear** to them.

God, you shape our sons
like tall, **sturdy** plants;
you sculpt our daughters
like pillars **for** a palace.

You fill our barns
with all **kinds** of food,
you bless our fields
with sheep by the thousands
and fatten **all** our cattle.

There is no breach **in** the walls,
no outcry in the **streets**, no exile.
We are a people blest **with** these gifts,
blest with the Lord **as** our God!

Revelation 11:17–18; 12:10b–12a

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon Turn to **us**, O Lord, make haste to **help** your people.

2 Choirs

We thank you, Lord,
God and ruler **of** all,
who is **and** who was.
You have **claimed** your power
and **begun** to reign.

When the nations raged
your **anger** stirred.
Then was the moment
to **judge** the dead,
to reward your servants,
the prophets,
to **honor** your holy ones
who honored your name,
small and **great** alike.

Now is salvation,
the power and **reign** of God;
the Christ **holds** command.
For the one who accused the saints
day and night **before** God
has now been **driven** out.

They won the battle
by the blood **of** the Lamb
and by the power **of** their witness
despite the **threat** of death.
Citizens of **heaven**, rejoice.

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY


O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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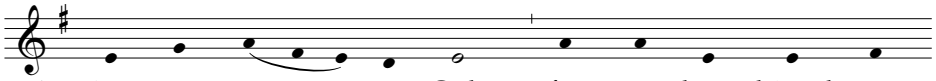


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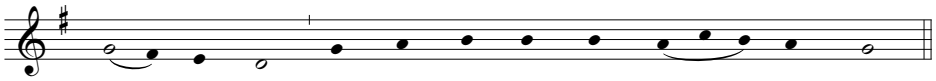
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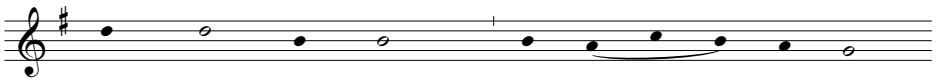
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7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



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6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 51

Tone 3



Antiphon Our King will **come** from Zion;
the Lord, God-is-with-us, **is** his name.

Dec 24 Bethlehem in Judah's land, how **glorious** your future!
The king who will rule my people **comes** from you.

2 Choirs

Have mercy, **tender** God,
forget that **I** defied you.
Wash **away** my sin,
cleans me **from** my guilt.

Creator, **reshape** my heart,
God, **steady** my spirit.
Do not cast **me** aside
stripped of your **holy** spirit.

I know my **evil** well,
it stares me **in** the face,
evil done to **you** alone
before your **very** eyes.

Save me, bring **back** my joy,
support me, **strengthen** my will.
Then I will **teach** your way
and sinners will **turn** to you.

How right your **condemnation!**
Your verdict **clearly** just.
You see me for **what** I am,
a sinner **before** my birth.

Help me, **stop** my tears,
and I will **sing** your goodness.
Lord, **give** me words
and I will **shout** your praise.

You love those **centered** in truth;
teach me your **hidden** wisdom.
Wash me **with** fresh water,
wash me **bright** as snow.

When I **offer** a holocaust,
the gift **does** not please you.
So I offer my **shattered** spirit;
a changed **heart** you welcome.

Fill me with **happy** songs,
let the bones you **bruised** now dance.
Shut your eyes **to** my sin,
make my guilt **disappear**.

In your love make **Zion** lovely,
rebuild the walls **of** Jerusalem.
Then **sacrifice** will please you,
young bulls **upon** your altar.

Tobit 13:8–11, 13–15

Tone 9



Antiphon Wait **for** the Lord
and he will come to you with his **saving** power.

Dec 24 Lift up your **heads** and see;
your redemption is **now** at hand.

2 Choirs

Give witness **to** God's glory,
in Jerusalem **give** praise!

Jerusalem, holy city,
God punished you,
because your citizens **did** wrong.
Yet God will spare
the children **of** the just.

Make your praise worthy of God
who **rules** the ages,
that you may be a **joyful** city
where the temple **rises** again,
where God welcomes every exile
and loves for ever **all** who suffer.

A light shining over **all** the earth
will draw to your holy name
distant **nations** and peoples. —

They **will** bring gifts
for the ruler **of** heaven.

All generations
will offer **sacrifice** here.
They will name you,
"Chosen **Forever!**"
Go now and celebrate
with the children **of** the just,
gathered to praise the **living** God.

Jerusalem, holy city,
blest are they who love you
and delight **in** your peace,
blest who mourn **when** you suffer.
They shall dance **in** your streets,
brimming **over** with joy.

Bless the Lord who **reigns** for ever.
Bless the Lord who **reigns** for ever.

Psalm 147:12-20

Please stand for this psalm of praise.

Tone 1



Antiphon I wait for the coming of **God** my Savior.
Espero la venida de Dios mi **Salvador**.

Dec 24 The day has come when Mary will bring **forth** her Son.
María dará a luz **a** su hijo.

Cantor/All

¡Glorifica al Señor, Jerusalén,
alaba a tu **Dios**, Sión!,
que refuerza los cerrojos
de tus puertas
y bendice a tus hijos **dentro** de ti;
que da prosperidad a tu **territorio**
y te sacia en el **mejor** trigo;

God speaks **to** the earth,
the **word** speeds forth.
The Lord sends **heavy** snow
and scatters **frost** like ashes.

que arroja el granizo **como** migas,
ante su helada, ¿quién **resistirá**?
Envía una orden y **se** derrite,
sopla su aliento y **fluyen** las aguas.

God speaks his **word** to Jacob,
to Israel, his laws **and** decrees.
God has not done **this** for others,
no others **receive** this wisdom.

¡Aleluya!
¡Aleluya!

*Jerusalem, give glory! Praise God
with song, O Zion! For the Lord
strengthens your gates guarding
your children within. The Lord fills
your land with peace, giving you
golden wheat.*

*que envía su mensaje a la tierra y su
palabra corre veloz; que extiende la
nieve como lana y esparce la escarcha
como ceniza;*

*The Lord hurls chunks of hail. Who
can stand such cold? God speaks, the
ice melts; God breathes, the streams
flow.*

*Anuncia su mensaje a Jacob, sus
decretos y mandatos a Israel. Con
ninguna nación obró así ni les dio a
conocer sus mandatos.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon (Special Antiphon)



1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us
6. Praise God, the au - thor of all things; praise Christ, re -



1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give
6. deem - er of our race; and praise the bond their



1. from of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. free from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. from our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. death's de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. thanks for love that brings us once a - gain to light.
6. lov - ing brings, the Spir - it, source of life and grace.

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FRIDAY
EVENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 5



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us **worship** and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **H**oly Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus, Come



1. Come, O God of our sal - va - tion:
2. Save us from the lure of e - vil: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
3. Stir our hearts to work for jus - tice:



Light of life through all the a - ges:
 Turn us from our self - ish na - ture: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Stand with us a - gainst op - pres - sion:



Call us to be true dis - ci - ples:
 Let us know the joy of giv - ing: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Help us love and serve each oth - er:



Form us as a ho - ly peo - ple:
 Stew - ard - ship and com - mon liv - ing: Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
 Shar - ing life and peace and free - dom:

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 145:1-13b

Tone 1



Antiphon Our King will **come** from Zion;
the Lord, God-is-with-us, **is** his name.

2 Choirs

I will exalt you, **God** my king,
for ever **bless** your name.

I will bless you **every** day,
for ever **praise** your name.

Great is the Lord, highly
to be praised,
great **beyond** our reach.

Age to age **proclaims** your works,
recounts your **mighty** deeds.

I ponder your **spendor** and glory
and all your **wonderful** works.

They reveal your **fearful** power,
I tell of **your** great deeds.

They recall your **ample** goodness,
joyfully **sing** your justice.

Gracious and merciful **is** the Lord,
slow to anger, **full** of love.

The Lord is good in **every** way,
merciful to **every** creature.

Let your works **praise** you, Lord,
your **faithful** ones bless you.
Let them proclaim your **glorious**
reign,

let them tell **of** your might.

Let them make **known** to all
your might and **glorious** reign.
Your dominion **lasts** for ever,
your rule for all **generations!**

Psalm 145:13c-21

Tone 1



Antiphon Wait **for** the Lord
and he will come to you with his **saving** power.

2 Choirs

The Lord is faithful in **every** word
and gracious in **every** work.
The Lord **supports** the fallen,
raises **those** bowed down.

The eyes of all **look** to you,
you give them food **in** due time.
You open **wide** your hand
to feed all **living** things.

The Lord is just in **every** way,
loving in **every** deed.
The Lord is near to **those** who call,
who cry out **from** their hearts.

God grants them **their** desires,
hears their **cry** and saves them.
Those who love God are **kept** alive;
the wicked, the **Lord** destroys.

I will sing **the** Lord's praise,
all flesh will bless God's Name,
holy, both now **and** for ever.

Revelation 15:3-4

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 2



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY


O come, Mes - si - ah, come, our
lives with love a - dorn; pre - pare our hearts good
news to hear: "The Sav - ior has been born!"

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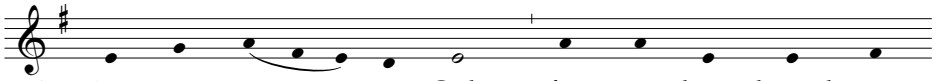


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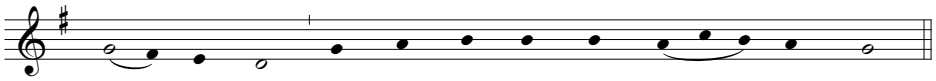
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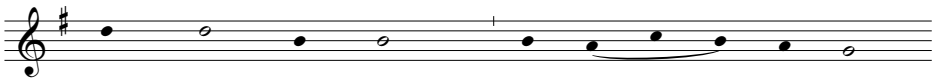
1. My spir - it soars on wings of laud and sings in
2. Your lov - ing kind - ness, sure and strong, in - spires my
3. The proud shall come to naught, O God, and all who
4. You kept your oath made long a - go: "From bar - ren




1. joy to you, my God, for you have deigned to
2. soul with grate - ful song; and ev - er shall my
3. wield a ty - rant's rod; for bless - ed are the
4. ground a shoot will grow; and all, from ev - 'ry



1. smile on me, and graced for ev - er shall I be!
2. mouth pro - claim your ho - ly, heal - ing, sav - ing name.
3. poor and weak and those who hun - ger, thirst and seek!
4. time and place, shall come to know my sav - ing grace!"



1-4. Mag - ni - fi - cat. Mag - ni - fi - cat.



My soul sings out your praise, O God.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 4



Cantor The Lord is **close** at hand
All come, let us wor**ship** and sing.

(bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **H**oly Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

O Antiphons



1. O Wis - dom, com - ing from the Lord most high,
2. O Rul - er of the house of Is - ra - el,
3. O Root of Jes - se, sign to hu - man - kind,
4. O Key of Da - vid, staff of Is - ra - el,
5. O Ris - ing Dawn, our one e - ter - nal Light,
6. O King of Na - tions, ar - dent hope of all,
7. Em - man - u - el, whose rule and law su - preme



1. and reach - ing from be - gin - ning un - to end:
2. who spoke to Mo - ses from the burn - ing flame!
3. be - fore your might great ones in wor - ship fall;
4. you o - pen locks that none may close a - gain!
5. O Sun of Jus - tice, in your won - drous birth:
6. O Cor - ner - stone, who leads to u - ni - ty:
7. bring hope and prom - ise to those in de - spair:



You are the Light, the Truth, the Way!



1. With - in your hid - den plan all crea - tures lie;
2. From Si - nai, where your law and glo - ry dwell,
3. All na - tions seek you, Lord, and mer - cy find,
4. Be - hold, in gloom of death your crea - tures dwell;
5. En - light - en those who grope in gloom - y night,
6. From pri - mal clay you fash - ioned hu - man - kind;
7. O Christ, come forth to par - don and re - deem!



1. The way of pru - dence to your peo - ple send!
2. Stretch out your arm and save us in your name!
3. So may you come to us and save us all!
4. Come, free from chains the weak - ened and op - pressed.
5. And save them from that death which scars the earth.
6. Come, res - cue us from sin and set us free!
7. Re - turn, O Lord, we yearn for ten - der care!



Lord Je - sus, come, do not de - lay!

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Tone 9



Antiphon Lift up your **heads** and see;
your redemption is **now** at hand.

2 Choirs

I will draw you **from** the nations,
gather you from exile
and **bring** you home.

I will wash you **in** fresh water,
rid you from the filth of idols
and make you **clean** again.

I will make you a new heart,
breathe new spirit **into** you.
I will remove your heart of stone,
give you back a **heart** of flesh.

I will give you my own spirit
to lead you **in** my ways,
faithful to what **I** command.

Then you will live in the land,
the land I **gave** your ancestors.
You will be my people
and I will **be** your God.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon The Time has come for Mary to give birth to her firstborn Son.



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el whose won - drous
 2. A pledge was made to A - bra - ham and an - cient
 3. Thus free from all who wish us harm now we can
 4. You, child, will roar with God's own word, a sound to
 5. The Ris - ing Sun dis - pels the night, and, fac - ing



1. vis - it res - cues us. De - layed, we thought all
 2. proph - ets told the tale. With hope they spoke of
 3. safe - ly serve our God. Em - braced with love we
 4. take our breath a - way. We know the Prom - ised
 5. death, de - stroy - ing fear, their shad - ows van - quished



1. hope was lost; from Da - vid's house the Sav - ior comes.
 2. what would be; our God would guard us from our foes.
 3. can - not doubt, we wor - ship God for - ev - er - more.
 4. One has come; our ten - der God for - gives us all.
 5. in the light, now guides us in - to last - ing peace.



1-5. The ris - ing sun will vis - it us



with heal - ing in his glo - rious wings.

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INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

DECEMBER 12
MORNING PRAYER
Our Lady of Guadalupe

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 3



Cantor Come, let us **worship** Christ,
All the **Son** of Mary.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Mary, Mother, Cup of Grace



- 1. Mar - y, Moth - er, cup of peace, pour up -
- 2. Earth - en ves - sel, cup of grace, pour up -
- 3. Mar - y, Moth - er, cup of fire, pour up -
- 4. Earth - en ves - sel, cup of light, pour up -



- 1. on our sad un - ease wa - ter from the
- 2. on our trou - bled race from your heart by
- 3. on us God's de - sire, flame that left the
- 4. on your peo - ple's plight heal - ing warmth of



- 1. liv - ing Rock for the Shep - herd's wea - ry flock.
- 2. sword thrust through mer - cy like the fall - ing dew.
- 3. bush un - burned, but the dead to life re - turned.
- 4. ris - en Son, in whose love we are made one.

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 63

Tone 3



Antiphon Who is this that comes forth **like** the dawn,
as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent **as** the sun?

2 Choirs

God, my God, **you** I crave;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body aches for you
like a dry and **wear**y land.
Let me gaze on you **in** your
temple:
a vision of **strength** and glory.

Your love is **better** than life,
my speech is **full** of praise.
I give you a lifetime of worship,
my hands raised **in** your name.
I feast at a rich table,
my lips sing **of** your glory.

On my bed I lie awake,
your memory **fills** the night.
You have been my help,
I rejoice **beneath** your wings.
Yes, I **cling** to you,
your right hand **holds** me fast.

Let those who want me dead
end up deep **in** the grave!
They will die by the sword,
their bodies **food** for jackals.
But let the king find **joy** in God.
All who swear the truth be
praised,
every lying **mouth** be shut.

Daniel 3:56-88

Antiphon You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel;
you are the fairest honor of our race.

REFRAIN

All you works of God, ev-'ry moun - tain, star and tree,
bless the One who shapes your beau-ty, who has caused you all to
be one great song of love and grace, ev-er an - cient, ev - er
new; raise your voic - es, all you works of God!

VERSES

Cantor Bless your mak - er! *All* Chant your praise!
Cantor *All* Raise up your joy - ful song! *To Refrain*

1. Sun and moon...Stars of heaven...Showers and dew...
2. Winds of God...Cold and winter...Snowstorms and ice...
3. Night and day...Light and darkness...Lightnings and clouds...
4. All the earth...Hills and mountains...Green things that grow...
5. Wells and springs...Seas and rivers...Whales in the deep...
6. Flying birds...Beasts and cattle...Children at play...
7. All who live...Men and women...Servants of God...

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PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

Tone 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

READING *(be seated)*

RESPONSORY

Tone 1



Cantor I lift up my eyes **toward** the mountains,
from where shall help **come** to me?
All Lord, for you I rise early, give me a sign **of** your favor.
From where shall help **come** to me?

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon Go up onto a high mountain, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Like a shepherd he feeds his flock.



1. Blessed are you, O Lord our God! Un - to
2. House of Da - vid, cho - sen one, sees the
3. Mer - cy to your peo - ple came, ho - ly
4. Now from e - vil we are saved, we may
5. You, my child, shall lead the way, proph - et
6. You, O God, will vis - it us in the



1. Is - ra - el you came, brought re - demp - tion
2. proph - e - cy ful - filled: en - e - mies shall
3. cov - e - nant was made; oath to A - bra -
4. serve you with - out fear, all our days in
5. of our God most high; bring us word, "The
6. shades of death and night: from our sins you



1. to your own, saved us in your ho - ly name.
2. not pre - vail, we are res - cued as you willed.
3. ham you kept: "Loved of God, be not a - fraid!"
4. ho - li - ness, in your love, till you ap - pear.
5. Lord will come, now is your sal - va - tion nigh!"
6. set us free, lead our steps to peace and light.

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

DECEMBER 12
EVENING PRAYER
Our Lady of Guadalupe

CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

Tone 9



Cantor Come, let us **worship** Christ,
All the **Son** of Mary.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:

(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.

The candles of the Advent wreath are lit.



HYMN

Adios, Oh Virgen de Guadalupe



1. A - diós, oh Vir - gen ___ de Gua - da - lu - pe, ___ a - diós, oh
2. A - diós, oh Vir - gen, ___ ma - dre que - ri - da, ___ a - diós, re -
3. A - diós, oh Vir - gen ___ de Gua - da - lu - pe, ___ a - diós, oh
4. A - diós, oh Ma - dre, ___ la más a - ma - ble, ___ a - quí te



1. Ma - dre ___ del Sal - va - dor, des - de que ni - ño ___ nom - brar - te
2. fu - gio ___ del pe - ca - dor, e - res mi en - can - to, ___ e - res mi
3. Ma - dre ___ del Re - den - tor, an - te tu tro - no ___ siem - pre se a -
4. de - jo ___ mi co - ra - zón, a - diós, oh Vir - gen ___ in - com - pa -



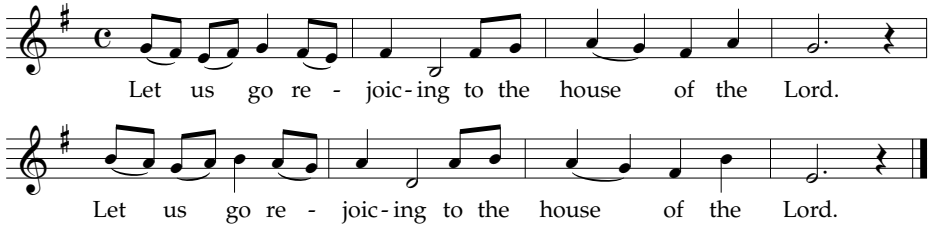
1. su - pe, ___ e - res mi vi - da, ___ e - res mi vi - da, ___ mi so - lo a - mor.
2. vi - da, ___ dul - ce es - pe - ran - za, ___ dul - ce es - pe - ran - za ___ en mi do - lor.
3. gru - pe ___ to - do tu pue - blo, ___ to - do tu pue - blo, ___ lle - no de a - mor.
4. ra - ble, ___ da - me, Se - ño - ra, ___ da - me, Se - ño - ra, ___ tu ben - di - ción.

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 122

Antiphon I have consecrated this temple and my name shall dwell within it.



1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to the house of the Lord,"
and now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2. Jerusalem is a city built
with unity and strength.
It is there, it is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
3. For Israel's law is to praise God's name
and there to give God thanks.
There are set the judgment thrones
for all of David's house.
4. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May those who love you prosper;
May peace ever reign within your walls,
and wealth within your buildings!"
5. For love of my family and love of my friends,
I pray that peace be yours.
For love of the house of the Lord our God
I pray for your good.

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Psalm 127

Tone 8



Antiphon Blessed are you among women, O Mary,
Bendita tú entre las mujeres, oh María.

Cantor/All

Si el Señor no construye la casa,
en vano trabajan los albañiles;
si el Señor no cuida la ciudad,
en vano vigila la guardia.

How foolish to rise early
and slave until night for bread.
Those who please God receive
as much
even while they sleep.

Miren: la herencia del Señor son
los hijos,
su salario el fruto del vientre.
Como saetas en manos de
un guerrero
son los hijos de la juventud.
¡Dichoso el hombre que llena
con ellas la aljaba!
No será humillado,
al alejar de la puerta a sus enemigos.

*If God does not build the house, the
builders work in vain. If God does
not watch over the city, the guards
watch in vain.*

*Es inútil que se levanten temprano,
y retrasen el descanso los que
comen el pan de los ídolos, el Dios
fiel da el éxito a su amigo.*

*Children are God's gift, a blessing
to those who bear them; like
arrows in the hand of an archer are
children born to the young. Happy
those with a full quiver: facing their
enemies at the gate, they stand
without shame!*

Ephesians 1:3–10

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

Tone 2



Antiphon The Virgin Mary **is** exalted
above all the **choirs** of angels.

2 Choirs

Bless God, the Father of our Lord **J**esus Christ,
who blessed us from heaven through Christ
with every blessing **of** the spirit.

Before laying the **w**orld's foundation,
God chose us in Christ
to live a pure and **h**oly life.

God determined **o**ut of love
to adopt us through **J**esus Christ
for the praise and glory **of** that grace
granted us in **t**he Beloved.

By Christ's blood we **w**ere redeemed,
our sins forgiven
through extr**v**agant love.

With perfect wis**d**om and insight
God freely displayed the mystery
of what was al**w**ays intended:
a plan for the full**n**ess of time
to unite the entire un**v**erse through Christ.

CANTICLE OF MARY (*stand*)

Antiphon Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.



1. I ac - claim you, Lord my God, joy in
2. Hence - forth all shall call me blessed; you, O
3. You have scat - tered all the proud; they shall
4. All the starv - ing, Lord, you fill, leave the



1. you ex - alts my heart. You re - gard - ed
2. Lord, have hon - ored me. To your own who
3. fear your might - y arm. From their thrones the
4. rich in pov - er - ty, mer - cy grant to



1. and held dear your poor maid - en's hum - ble part.
2. cher - ish you comes your mer - cy end - less - ly.
3. great ones fall, but the hum - ble fear no harm.
4. Is - ra - el, prom - ised through e - ter - ni - ty.

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