

To Thomas Dahle, Music Director, and the Phipps Festival Chorus  
in its 30th season of Holiday Concerts, 2019

## Drop down dew from above

Introit for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Antiphon (Isaiah 45:8):

Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940)

Drop down dew from above, ye heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One:  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Verse (Psalm 19:1):

The heavens declare the glory of God:  
and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

**Performance notes:** For normal use, sing the (initial) Antiphon followed by the Verse (A), then repeat the Antiphon, jump (past the Verse) to the *Gloria Patri* (B), and conclude with concluding Antiphon (C). For a shortened Introit, simply sing the work straight through. For an extended Introit, after repeating the (initial) Antiphon, insert additional Psalm Verses (using the Anglican chant) with repeats of the Antiphon, concluding with the *Gloria Patri* (B) and final Antiphon (C).

**Antiphon**  
Moderato (♩ = c. 72)

Soprano  
Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds

Alto  
Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds

Tenor  
Drop down dew from a - bove, ye hea - vens, and let the

Bass  
Drop — down dew from a - bove, ye hea - vens, and let the

Keyboard  
for  
Rehearsal  
Only

*mp* *crescendo* *f*

rain down the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth a

*mp* *crescendo* *f*

rain down the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth a

*mp* *crescendo* *f*

clouds rain down the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth a

*mp* *crescendo* *f*

clouds rain down the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth a

*diminuendo* *p* *mf* **A** *Quickly* (M.M. ♩ = c. 96)

*diminuendo* *p* *mf*

Sav - - - iour. The hea - vens de - clare the glo - ry of God:

*diminuendo* *p* *mf*

Sav - - - iour. The hea - vens de - clare the glo - ry of God:

*diminuendo* *p* *mf*

Sav - - - iour. The hea - vens de - clare the glo ry of God:

*diminuendo* *p* *mf*

Sav - - - iour. The hea - vens de - clare the glo - ry of God:

*crescendo* ***ff*** *Repeat Antiphon*

— and the fir-ma-ment, the fir - ma-ment show-eth his hand - - - i - work.

— and the fir-ma-ment, the fir - ma-ment show - eth his hand - - - i - work.

— and the fir-ma-ment, the fir-ma - ment show - eth his \_\_\_\_\_ hand-i - work.

— and the fir-ma - ment — show - eth his hand - i - work, his hand-i - work.

B

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
[ or: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, ]

world with - out end. A - men.  
[ or: world without end. A - - - - - men. ]  
[ or: world without end. A - - - - - men. ]



Moderato (♩ = c. 72)

*pp* *crescendo* *mf*

Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds rain down the

*pp* *crescendo* *mf*

Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds rain down the

*p* *crescendo* *mf*

Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds rain down the

*p* *crescendo* *mf*

Drop down dew from a-bove, ye hea - vens, and let the clouds rain down the

*p* *crescendo*

Just One: let the earth be o - pened, be o - pened, be o - pened and

*p* *crescendo*

Just One: let the earth be o - pened, be o - pened, be o - pened

*p* *crescendo*

Just One: let the earth be o - pened, be o - pened, be o - pened and bring

*p* *crescendo*

Just One: let the earth be o - pened, be o - pened, be o - pened and bring

bring forth, bring forth, bring forth a Saviour.

and bring forth, bring forth a Saviour.

forth, bring forth, bring forth a Saviour.

forth, bring forth, bring forth a Saviour.

