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# ORGAN PRELUDE

## MATINS RESPONSORY

- V. I look from afar  
 R. And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
 V. Go ye out to meet him and say:  
 R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
 V. High and low, rich and poor, one with another.  
 R. Go ye out to meet him and say:  
 V. Hear, O thou, shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
 R. Tell us, art thou he that should come?  
 V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.  
 R. To reign over thy people Israel.  
 V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
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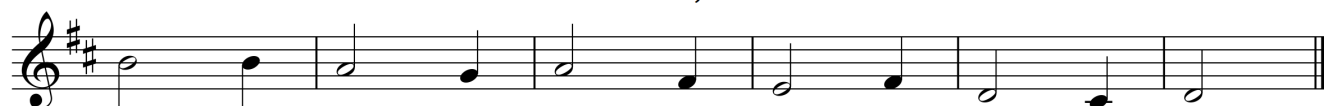
### (STAND TO SING) PROCESSIONAL: COME THOU REDEEMER



*Choir only* : [ 1. Come, thou Re - dee - mer of the earth ; Come, tes - sti -  
*All* : 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will ; But of the  
 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With vir - gin



fy thy vir - gin birth. All lands ad - mire, all  
 Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God in  
 hon - our all un - stained, The ban - ners there of



times ap - plaud. Such is the birth that fits a God. ]  
 flesh ar - rayed, The pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.  
 vir - tue glow, God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.

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| <p>4. Forth from his chamber goeth he,<br/>         That royal home of purity,<br/>         A giant in twofold substance one,<br/>         Rejoicing now his course to run.</p> <p>5. From God the Father he proceeds,<br/>         To God the Father back he speeds;<br/>         Runs our his course to death and hell,<br/>         Returns on God's high throne to dwell.</p> <p>6. O Equal to thy Father, thou!<br/>         Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;<br/>         The weakness of our mortal state<br/>         With deathless might invigorate.</p> | <p>7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,<br/>         And darkness breathe a newer light,<br/>         Where endless faith shall shine serene,<br/>         And twilight never intervene.</p> <p>8. All laud eternal Son, to thee<br/>         Whose advent sets thy people free,<br/>         Whom with the Father we adore,<br/>         And Holy Ghost, for evermore.</p> |
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# PRAYER

*Celebrant :* Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purposes of God are even now being fulfilled by the grace of His Providence, as we await the final coming of the Lord in glory, to judge the living and the dead.

But first, let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled, to pray for all the needs of God's Holy Church, and that unbelievers may receive the light of faith:

*Celebrant :* Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All :* Holy Mary, Mother of God: pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(SIT)

## FIRST GREAT ANTIPHON : O SAPIENTIA

*O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

O Wisdom, which proceeded from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come to teach us the way of prudence.

## CHOIR: ADAM LAY Y BOUNDEN



Adam lay y-bounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady a-been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, *Deo gratias*.

## SECOND GREAT ANTIPHON : O ADONAI

*O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and gave to him the law on Sinai: come, and with an outstretched arm, redeem us.

## SECOND READING: ISAIAH XL

*The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.*



## CHOIR: PEOPLE LOOK EAST

1. People look East. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.
3. Birds though ye long have ceased to build  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
He for fledging time has chosen.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Bird is on the way.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Star is on the way.
5. Angels announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word: the Lord is coming.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

(STAND TO SING) : HILLS OF THE NORTH. REJOICE



1. Hills of the north re - joice ; Ri - ver and moun - tain spring  
2. Isles of the sou - thern seas, Deep in your co - ral caves  
3. Lands of the east, a - wake, Soon shall your sons be free ;



Hark to the ad - vent voice ; Val - ley and low - land, sing : Though  
Pent be each war - ring breeze, Lulled be your re - stless waves : He  
The sleep of a - ges break, And rise to li - ber - ty. On



ab - sent long, your Lord is nigh ; He judge - ment brings and vic - to - ry.  
comes to reign with bound - less sway, And makes your wastes his great high - way.  
your far hills, long cold and grey, Has dawned the e - ver - las - ting day.

4. Shores of the utmost West,  
Ye that have waited long,  
Unvisited, unblest,  
Break forth to swelling song;  
High raise the note, that Jesus died,  
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

5. Shout, while ye journey home;  
Songs be in every mouth;  
Lo, from the North we come,  
From East, and West, and South.  
City of God, the bound are free,  
We come to live and reign in thee!

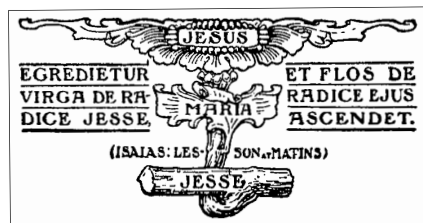
(SIT) THIRD GREAT ANTIPHON: O RADIX JESSE

*O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings will keep silent, and unto whom the people shall make supplication: come to deliver us, and tarry not.

THIRD READING: ISAIAH XI

*The prophet announces the virtues of the Messiah*



CHOIR: THERE IS NO ROSE

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space: *Res miranda.*

By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in Persons Three: *Pares forma.*

Then leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus.*

(STAND TO SING:) A NOBLE FLOWER OF JUDAH

1. A no - ble flow'r of Ju - dah from ten - der roots has sprung  
A rose from stem of Jes - se As pro - phets long had sung.

A blos - som fair and bright, That in the midst of win - ter

will change to dawn our night.

2. The rose of grace and beauty  
Of which Isaiah sings  
Is Mary, Virgin Mother,  
And Christ the flow'r she brings.  
By God's divine decree  
She bore our loving Saviour,  
Who died to set us free.

3. To Mary, dearest mother,  
With fervent hearts we pray:  
Grant that your tender Infant  
Will cast our sins away,  
And guide us with His love  
that we shall ever serve Him  
And live with Him above.

(SIT)

FOURTH GREAT ANTIPHON: O CLAVIS DAVID

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel: qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, who opens and no man can shut, who shuts and no man can open: come and bring forth from his prison, the captive that sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

FOURTH READING: MICAH V

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem*

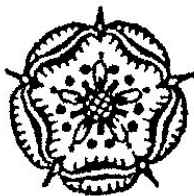
CHOIR: RORATE CAELI

*Rorate caeli de super, et nubes pluant justum.*

Drop down ye dew from heaven above, and let the clouds rain down the just one.

*Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

Let the earth be open, and bring forth the Saviour



## ORGAN INTERLUDE

### FIFTH GREAT ANTIPHON: O ORIENS

*O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

O Dawn of the East, splendor of eternal light, and sun of justice: come, and enlighten those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### FIFTH READING: JEREMIAH XXIII

*The Lord promises to send his people a righteous king.*

### CHOIR: THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God the God of love,  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all both rich and poor

The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create;  
The next thing which to you I'll tell  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then after that 'twas God's own choice  
To place them both in paradise,  
There to remain from evil free  
Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,  
And thus their ruin did begin —  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of our posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

### (STAND) : HARK, A HERALD VOICE IS CALLING



1. Hark! a he - rald voice is sound - ing: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
2. Star - tled at the so - lemn war - ning, Let the earth-bound soul a - rise;
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pec - ted, Comes, with par - don, down from heaven.



'Cast a - way the dreams of dark-ness, O ye chil - dren of the day!  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, One and all to be for- giv'n;

So when next He comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth with fear;  
May He then as our defender  
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run.

(SIT)

## SIXTH GREAT ANTIPHON : O REX GENTIUM

*O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis,  
qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de  
limo formasti.*

O King of the nations, and their desire, the corner-  
stone that makes both one: come and save man,  
whom you formed from the dust of the earth.

(STAND)

## SIXTH READING: ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

*from a Sermon for Advent*

### THE SALUTATION CAROL

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
This is the salutation  
Of th'angel Gabriel.*

Tidings true there be come new,  
Sent from the Trinity  
By Gabriel to Nazareth,  
City of Galilee.  
A clean maiden, a pure virgin,  
By her humility  
Shall now conceive the Person  
Second in Deity.

When that he presented was  
Before her fair visage,  
In most demure and goodly wise  
He did to her homage;  
And said, "Lady, from heaven so high.  
That Lordes heritage,  
For he of thee now born will be,  
I am sent on message."

"Hail, Virgin celestial,  
The meek'st that ever was!  
Hail, temple of the Deity!  
Hail, mirror of all grace!  
Hail, Virgin pure! I thee ensure,  
Within a little space  
Thou shalt conceive, and him receive  
That shall bring great solace.

Then bespake the Maid again  
And answered womanly,  
"Whate'er my Lord commandeth me  
I will obey truly."  
With "*Ecce sum humillima  
Ancilla Domini;  
Secundum verbum tuum,*"  
She said, "*Fiat mihi.*"





## SEVENTH GREAT ANTIPHON: O EMMANUEL

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, expectatio gentium, et  
Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos Domine Deus noster.*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expected  
of the nations, and their Saviour: come to save us,  
Lord our God.

(STAND)

## SEVENTH READING: ST LUKE 1

*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

(SIT)

## homily

(STAND)

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**S** Uper te Je-rúsa-lem \* Ori-é-tur Dóminus. V̄. Et  
gló-ri-a éjus in te vi-débi-tur. Gló-ri-a Pátri, et Fí-li-o,  
et Spi-rí-tu-i Sáncto.

[The Lord shall rise upon Thee, Jerusalem. And His glory shall be seen in thee.]

V̄. Veni Dómine, et nólí tardáre.

Come, Lord and delay not.

R̄. Reláxa facinóra plébis túae.

Let your face shine on your people.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray :

**S**tir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come : that from the threatening dangers of our sins, by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued, and be saved by Thy deliverance : Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

R̄. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

(KNEEL)

## SOLEON BLESSING

Celebrant: You believe that the Son of God once came to us; you look for Him to come again. May His coming bring you the light of His holiness and free you with His blessing.

Choir: Amen

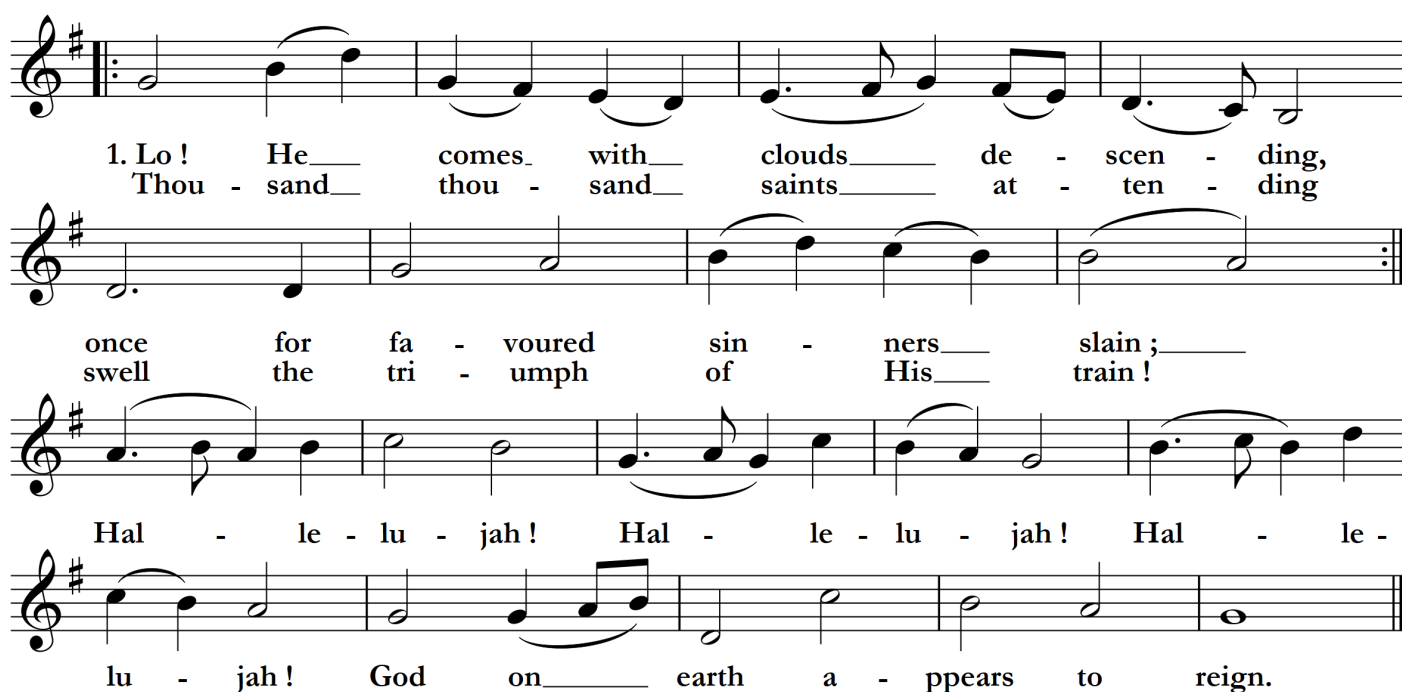
Celebrant: You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man. When he comes again in glory, may he reward you with eternal life.

Choir: Amen

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

Choir: Amen

### (STAND TO SING) Lo! he Comes With Clouds Descending



1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - ten - ding,  
once swell for the fa - voured sin - ners slain;  
train!  
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -  
lu - jah! God on earth a - ppears to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in awesome majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly

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