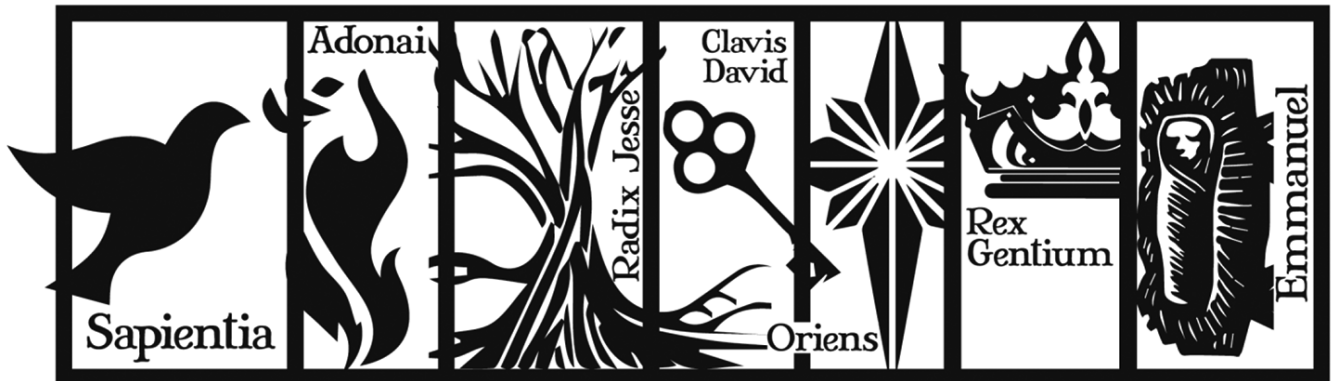


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Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

The Great O Antiphons—From Darkness to Light

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The Great O Antiphons—Darkness to Light

The Advent Lessons & Carols service is based on the Great O Antiphons of Advent. Each lesson is paired with one of seven antiphons originally sung at Vespers as antiphons to the Magnificat from December 17 to 23. The antiphons address the Messiah with various titles drawn from the Hebrew scriptures:

December 17	O S apientia – O Wisdom
December 18	O A donai – O Lord
December 19	O R adix Jesse – O Root of Jesse
December 20	O C lavis David – O Key of David
December 21	O O riens – O Dayspring
December 22	O R ex Gentium – O King of the Nations
December 23	O E mmanuel – O Emmanuel, God with Us

The Latin text of the O Antiphons imbeds an acrostic: read in reverse order from last to first antiphon, the second word of each stanza begins with the letters ERO CRAS, Latin for “I shall be present tomorrow,” the text not revealed until the singing of the final stanza on December 23. The bulletin’s cover art, created by Emily Norris, reflects this hidden word through visual art.

Our worship service today features the O Antiphons sung one at a time, each followed by a prophetic text of the Old Testament and a corresponding fulfillment text from the New Testament. Each pair of texts is followed by a musical work illuminating its lesson.

The overall theme is “Darkness to Light.” Advent has long been symbolized by the lighting of candles, representing the light that was brought into a dark world on a night nearly 2000 years ago. As we await and expect that glorious morn each year, we remember the darkness that still remains in our world. And, we work to bring light to those who are less fortunate, downtrodden, or in desperate need of love and healing.

Please utilize the time of silence before the service to reflect on the darkness in your own life, and the lives of those around you. May the light of Christ shine brightly to all this blessed Advent and Christmas season!

The assembly gathers in silence.

MATIN RESPONSORY

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

I look from afar and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet Him, and say,
“Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel?”
High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him, and say,
“Tell us, art thou he that should come?”
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

RINGING OF THE BELL

We stand and turn to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

PROCESSION An Advent Processional

Donald Pearson

*The Congregation joins in each refrain as indicated in **bold** below.*

Refrain

Bells
O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive
Is-ra-el. Re-joyce! Re-joyce Em-man-u-el, shall come to thee O Is-ra-el.

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Come thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:
Let ev'ry age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

Refrain

Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit thou art still,
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to us displayed.
The virgin womb that burden gained With virgin honor all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.

Refrain

Forth from his chamber goeth he, That royal home of purity,
A giant in two-fold substance one, Rejoicing now his course to run.
From God the Father he proceeds, To God the Father back he speeds:
His course he runs to death and hell, Returning on God's throne to dwell.

Refrain

O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene.

Refrain

All laud, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Refrain

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

All: Our God shall change the darkness into light.

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God forever.

BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

We sit.

INVITATORY CAROL Teach Me, My God and King

Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything to do it as for Thee.

text: George Herbert

music: Arlen Clarke

ANTIPHON *O Emmanuel (Sung by the Assembly)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

VENI, EMMANUEL

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

John 1:1-5, 14

CAROL Lo, the Beginning

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.
This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere;
True Man, yet very God, now come and dwell among us, sharing thy grace and truth.

Michael Praetorius

arr. Mark Schweizer

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, the Word was God.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of all.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

Spencer DesChenes, mezzo-soprano

ANTIPHON *O Sapientia (Sung by the Adult Choir)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3

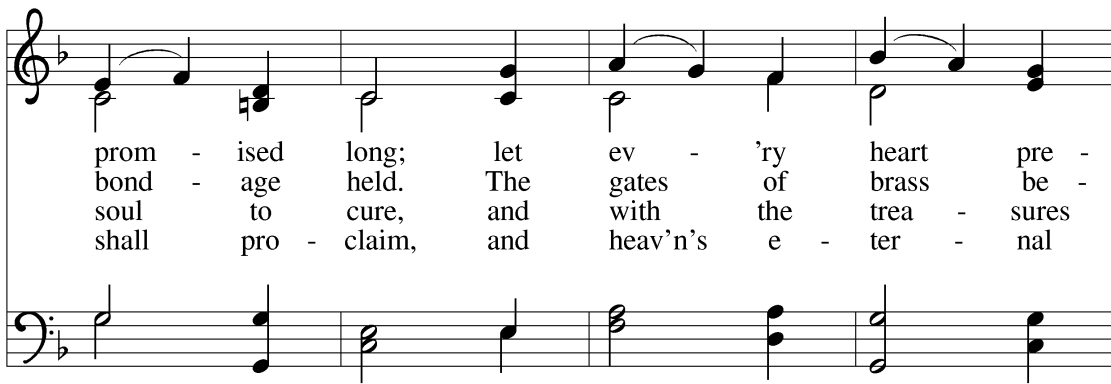
Luke 4:16-21

CAROL 239 Hark, the Glad Sound!

CHESTERFIELD



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

ANTIPHON *O Adonai (Sung by the Assembly)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 3:1-7, 11

CAROL 255 'There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ASCENSION



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.
Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988
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ANTIPHON *O Radix Jesse (Sung by Lobchor)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6
Matthew 4:12-17

CAROL O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

O Radian Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." Amen.

ANTIPHON *O Clavis David (Sung by soloists)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14
Matthew 1:20-23

CAROL All Earth Is Hopeful

Alberto Taulé

arr. James E. Bobb

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
This, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel":
She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see, our Jesus is with us and ever sets us free.

ANTIPHON *O Oriens (Sung by the Assembly)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

SIXTH LESSON

Isaiah 42:5-9
Luke 2:25-32

CAROL Nunc dimittis in B-flat

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON *O Rex gentium (Sung by the Choirs)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

SEVENTH LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-6, 8a, 10
Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20

CAROL 260 The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
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ANTIPHON *O Emmanuel (Sung by the Assembly)*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, we offer you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN 261 As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

LUCENT



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
 2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
 3 As the moon re - flects the sun
 4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
 be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
 un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
 en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
 see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
 heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
 stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
 wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: LUCENT, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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VESPER RESPONSORY Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums,
 Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.
 Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by his crown or by his gown,
 But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
 Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as light in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

Amen.

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

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

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

We sit.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Improvisation on HELMSLEY

Timothy Olsen

Soli Deo Gloria

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