LAUDS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE HOURS / DECEMBER 20 / Morning Prayer

Please stand and make the Sign of the Cross as the priest (or cantor) intones "O God, come to my assistance." Bow at "Glory to the Father...Holy Spirit"



as it was in the be-ginning, is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen.



Alle- lu- ia.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Saint Michael Hymnal, #652

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 thee, O Israel.

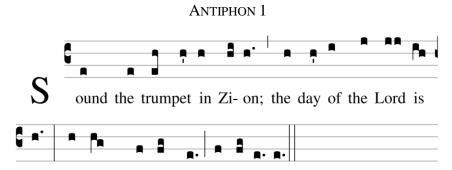
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

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Please be seated.

PSALMODY

Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the left (I) and right (II) sides of the congregation.



near; he comes to save us, al-le-lu-ia.

PSALM 118



- I Give thanks to the LORD for | he is good, * for his mercy en- | dures for ever.
- II Let the sons of | Is-*rael* say: * "His love en- | dures for ever."
- I Let the sons of Aar-*on* say, * "His love en- dures for ever."
- II Let those who fear the |LORD say: * "His love en- | dures for ever."
- I I called to the LORD in | my *dis*-tress; * he an- | swered and freed me.
- II The LORD is at my side; I do *not* fear; * What can man do against me?

- I The LORD is at my side as my helper: * I shall look down on my foes.
- II It is better to take refuge | in *the* LORD * --- | than to trust *in* men:
- I it is better to take refuge | in *the* LORD * than to | trust in princes.
- II The nations all en- | com-*passed* me; * in the LORD's | name I crushed them.
- I They compassed me, compassed | me *a*-bout; * in the LORD's | name I crushed them.

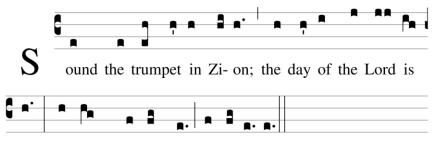
II They compassed me about † *like* bees; they blazed like a fire a- | mong thorns. * In the LORD's | name I crushed them.

- I I was hard-pressed and was | falling * but the LORD | came to help me.
- II The LORD is my strength | and my song; * he | is my savior.
- I There are shouts of joy and vic-*to*-ry * in the tents of the just.
- II The LORD's right hand has | triumphed; * his | right hand raised me.
- I The LORD's right hand has | triumphed; * I shall not die, I shall live | and recount *his* deeds.
- II I was punished, I was punished | by the LORD, *
 --- | but not doomed to die.
- I Open to me the gates of ho-*li*-ness: * I will enter and *give* thanks.

- II This is the LORD's | own gate * where the | just may enter.
- I I will thank you for you have answered * and you are my savior.
- II The stone which the builders re- | jected * has be- | come the cor-*ner* stone.
- I This is the work of *the* LORD, * a marvel in *our* eyes.
- II This day was made | by *the* LORD, * we re- | joice and are glad.
- I O LORD, grant us sal- | vation; *
 O | LORD, grant success.
- II Blessed in the name | of the LORD *
 --- | is he who comes.
- We bless you from the house | of *the* LORD; *
 the LORD | God is our light.
- II Go forward in procession with branches even to the al-†tar. You are my God, and I | thank you. * My | God, I praise you.
- I Give thanks to the LORD for | he *is* good; * for his love en- | dures for ever.

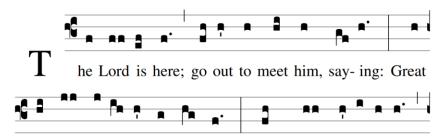
Bow at "Glory to the Father Holy Spirit."

- II Glory to the Father, and | to the Son, * and to the | Holy Spirit:
- I as it was in the beginning, | is now, * and will be for- | ever. Amen.



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ANTIPHON 2

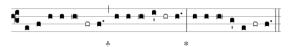


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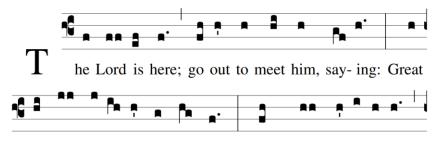
Prince of peace, al-le-lu-ia.

CANTICLE: DANIEL 3:52-57



- I *Blessed* are you O LORD, the God of our | fathers, * praiseworthy and exalted above | all for-*ev*-er.
- II And blessed is your holy and | glo-*rious* name, * praiseworthy and exalted above all | for all *a*-ges.
- I Blessed are you in the temple of your holy | glory, * praiseworthy and exalted above | all for-*ev*-er.

- II Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, * praiseworthy and exalted above all for-*ev*-er.
- I Blessed are you who look into † *the* depths from your throne upon the | cherubim, * praiseworthy and exalted above | all for-*ev*-er.
- II Blessed are you in the firmament of | heaven, * praiseworthy and glo- | rious for-*ev*-er.
- I Bless the LORD, all you works of *the* LORD, * praise and exalt him above all for-*ev*-er.
- II Glory to the Father, and | to *the* Son, * and to the | Holy *Spi*-rit:
- I as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forev-er. Amen.

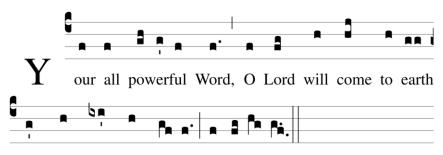


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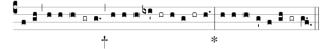
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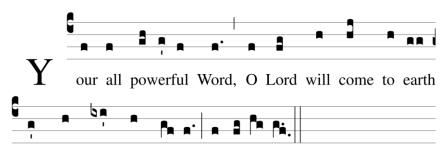
from his throne of glo-ry, al-le-lu- ia.





 Praise <u>God</u> | in his ho-ly place, * praise him in his | mighty <u>hea-vens</u>.
 Praise him for his | powerful deeds, * praise his sur- | passing <u>great-ness</u>.
 O praise him with | sound of trumpet, * praise | him with <u>lute and harp</u>.
 Praise him with | timbrel and dance, *

- II Praise him with | timbrel and dance, * Praise | him with <u>strings</u> and <u>pipes</u>.
- I O praise him with re- | sounding cymbals, * praise him with clash- | ing of <u>cym-bals</u>.
- II Let everything that | lives and that breathes * give | praise to <u>the LORD</u>.
- I Glory to the | Fa-*ther*, and to *the* Son, * and to the | Holy <u>Spir-it</u>:
- II as it was in the be- ginning, is now, * and will be for- ever. <u>A-men</u>.



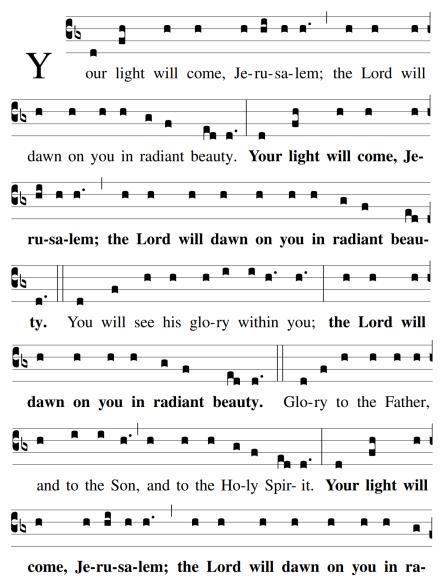
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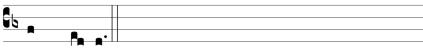
READING

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs; while tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people's homage.

RESPONSORY

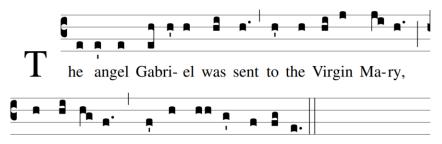




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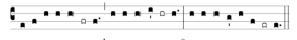
Please stand.

ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



who was engaged to be mar-ried to Jo-seph.

Make the Sign of the Cross as all sing "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel."



all: Bless-ed be the LORD, the God of | Is-*ra*-el; * He has come to his peo- | ple and set *them* free.

He has raised up for us a mighty | savior, * born of the house of his | servant David.

- Through His holy prophets he promised $| of old \dagger$ that he would save us from our | en-e-mies, *from the hands of | all who hate us.
- *He pro*-mised to show mercy to our | fathers * and to remember his | holy co-*ve*-nant.
- *This was* the oath he swore to our father | Ab-*ra*-ham: * to set us free from the hands | of our en-*e*-mies,
- *Free to* worship him with- | out fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the | days of our life.
- *You, my* child, shall be called the prophet of the | Most High;* for you will go before the LORD | to prepare *his* way,

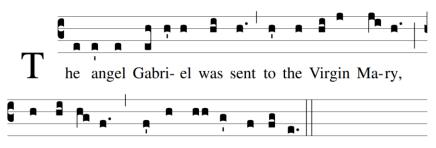
To give his people knowledge of sal- | vation * by the for- | giveness of *their* sins.

In the tender compassion of | our God * the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in dark- | ness † and the shadow | of death, * and to guide our feet in- | to the way *of* peace.

Glory to the Father and | to *the* Son, * and to the | Holy Spirit:

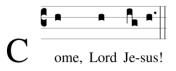
As it was in the beginning | is now, * and will be for- | ever. Amen.



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INTERCESSIONS

To Christ our Lord, the light of the world, let us cry out with joy:



Dispel our darkness with the light of your presence, —and make us worthy of your gifts.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Save us, Lord our God,

-that we may praise your holy name this day.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Enkindle in our hearts the flame of your love, —and make us long to be united with you.

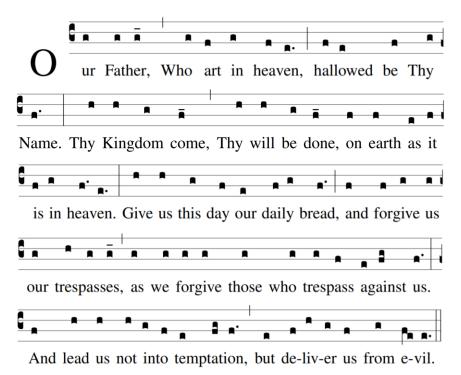
Come, Lord Jesus!

You bore our infirmity,

-aid the sick and those who are to die this day.

Come, Lord Jesus!

OUR FATHER



PRAYER

God of love and mercy, help us to follow the example of Mary, always ready to do your will. At the message of an angel she welcomed your eternal Son and, filled with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your Word, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

May the LORD bless us, (make the Sign of the Cross) protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.