

THE ADVENT PROCESSION

12.7.2025 | 4:00PM

¶ The People's responses are in bold

INTROIT

¶ During the singing of the introit, the People stand as the procession enters the sanctuary

Behold, a mighty Prophet, comes in might and power to save;
King and Shepherd, Prince of Peace, alleluia.
Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the glory of God's voice will sound upon the mountains. Alleluia.
O light in darkness shining, Sun of Righteousness, arise!
King and Shepherd, Prince of Peace, alleluia.
The dew of heaven falls softly like the rain upon the mown grass.
O Lord, prepare within a barren heart a peaceful place, where, by your grace,
therein may ever grow that blissful Flower, God's fairest Rose. Alleluia.
O Zion's sons and daughters, hasten forth to greet your Lord.
King and Shepherd, Prince of Peace, alleluia.
Rise up, O Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights!
Rejoice and sing, all nations, for your Savior now draws near;
King and Shepherd, Prince of Peace, alleluia.

Behold a Mighty Prophet
Text: propers for Advent
Music: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

BIDDING PRAYER

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
The Great King who is to come.

Dear friends in Christ, in the stillness of this cathedral church we gather to mark the beginning of Advent, a season of waiting upon the Lord: who came once in the flesh as Savior and Redeemer of the world, who comes daily in word, Sacrament, and ordinary moments of human encounter, who will come again in glorious majesty to establish God's Kingdom of justice and peace. Let us hear from prophets foretelling the first coming of Emmanuel and proclaiming "God with us."

Let us remember prophecies fulfilled in the distant past and strive to proclaim Christ's transforming presence in our own generation. Let us also pray for a renewed vision of God's righteousness on earth; where healing is freely offered to all: the poor and the oppressed, the privileged and proud, the complacent and complicit, the sick and the suffering, prisoners and refugees, the forgotten and outcasts—that together we may proclaim and enact the coming of God's Reign. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive the message of Christ. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon I O Sapiencia

¶ Sung by the choir

O WISDOM, you came from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

A READING

In the silence, before words, songs, or speech,
The Spirit breathes over the water's night;
The Most High speaks; Wisdom readies to teach,
Drive away darkness, sing: "Let there be light!"

O'er Sinai, I AM in glory thunders;
Wisdom speaks again, makes her precepts known,
Reveals the way, writing worded wonders,
Her purpose and promise on tablets of stone.

David's Branch shall come, rule with right wisdom;
Prince of Peace, Immanuel, God of Might,
O'erturn the proud, exalt in His Kingdom
The meek and low whom he mends, heals, makes right.

Tonight, Wisdom waits, poised in the world's wild—
Inhales to speak through the cries of a child.

Wisdom III
Randall Edwards (b. 1954)

¶ The People stand


HYMN *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*



1. Come and seek the ways of
2. Lis - ten to the voice of
3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come as -



Wis - dom, she who danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
Wis - dom, cry - ing in the mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
sist us; nur - ture all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the path of
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes root and
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be - come your
 jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
 peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

THE COLLECT

O Wisdom, your words spoken in the beginning of creation generated a world of beauty and goodness: Come and instruct us in the way of prudence, that we may care for your world with justice and compassion; through the One whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon II O Adonai

¶ Sung by the choir

O ADONAI, Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law: with outstretched arm, come and redeem us.

A READING

The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will be left among the nations where the Lord will lead you. There you will serve gods made by human hands, objects of wood and stone that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find the Lord if you search after him with all your heart and soul. In your distress, when all these things have happened to you in the time to come, you will return to the Lord your God and obey. For the Lord your God is a merciful God; the Almighty will neither abandon you nor destroy you; the Lord will not forget the covenant with your ancestors that was sworn to them.

Has any people ever heard the voice of a god speaking out of the fire, as you have heard, and lived? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for themselves from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and by terrifying displays of power, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

On earth, the Lord showed you a great fire, while you heard words coming out of the fire. And because the Most High loved your ancestors, God chose their descendants after them. The Lord brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than yourselves, to bring you in, giving you their land for a possession, as it is still today. So acknowledge today and take to heart that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Keep the Lord's statutes and commandments, which I am commanding you today for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you, so that you may long remain in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.

Deuteronomy 4: 27-31, 33-34, 36-40 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

Drop down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:

Turn your anger from us, O Lord, and no longer remember our iniquities.

for behold, the city of the Holy One has become a desert, Sion a wilderness:
Jerusalem a desolation: this hallowed and glorious house, where our fathers praised you.
Drop down...

We have sinned, and have become like the unclean, we are fallen like a leaf,
our iniquities, like the wind, have swept us away.

You have hidden your face from us: and abandoned us to our wickedness.
Drop down...

Behold, O Lord, the afflictions of your people, and send forth the Lamb,
the ruler of the earth, from the Rock of the desert,
to the mountain of the daughter of Sion, that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.
Drop down...

Be comforted, O my people, for your salvation shall quickly come.
Why have grief and sorrow consumed you? I will save you, do not fear:
for I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your Redeemer.
Drop down...

The Advent Prose
Text: Isaiah 45 (adapt.)
Music: Gerald Near

¶ The People stand for the Collect

THE COLLECT

O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you rescued your people from slavery and exile:
Come and with great might deliver us from all that binds us to sin and alienates us from you,
through the One whom we know as Mighty Savior of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon III *O Radix Jesse*

¶ Sung by the choir

O ROOT OF JESSE, you stand as an ensign to the peoples; before you kings shall keep silence, all nations bow in worship: Come and save us, and do not delay.

A READING

Then I saw in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then I saw a Lamb standing as though it had been slain, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sang a new song:

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God those from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Revelation 5:1–14; 22:12–16 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord always
Text: Philippians 4:4-7
Music: Anonymous

¶ The People stand for the Collect

THE COLLECT

O Root of Jesse, you reach deep into our hearts, drawing forth our longing for justice: Come and plant within us a passion for your Kingdom; through the One whom we know as the Root of all righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon IV O Clavis David

¶ Sung by the choir

O KEY OF DAVID, scepter of the house of Israel; you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and deliver us from the chains of prison—we who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

A READING

Thus says the Lord God of hosts: Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: What right do you have here? Who are your relatives here, that you have cut out a tomb here for yourself, cutting a tomb on the height, and carving a habitation for yourself in the rock? The Lord is about to hurl you away violently, my fellow. He will seize firm hold on you, whirl you round and round, and throw you like a ball into a wide land; there you shall die, and there your splendid chariots shall lie, O you disgrace to your master’s house! I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post. On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open.

Isaiah 22:15-22 (NRSV)

¶ The People stand

HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE COLLECT

O Key of David, you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and liberate us from captivity to our past, that we may face your future's promise with boldness and purpose; through the One whom we know as the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon V *O Oriens*

¶ Sung by the choir

O RISING DAWN, brightness of the light eternal, sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

A READING

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child and were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John."

They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they motioned to his father to find out what he wanted. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” All were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, and his tongue was freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and these events were talked about throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered, “What then will this child become?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he promised through his holy prophets from long ago, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. He has shown mercy, remembering his holy covenant, the oath sworn to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us freedom to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:57–79 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high,
Eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
Hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God’s ordaining counsel,
As thy sight gives measur’d grace to each,
Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee,
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

O Thou the Central Orb
Text: Henry R. Bramley (1833-1917)
Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

¶ The People stand for the Collect

THE COLLECT

O Rising Dawn, you chase away the shadows of the night: Come and enlighten our darkness with visions of reconciliation, that we who are alienated one from another may seek fullness of life together; through the One whom we know as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

Antiphon VI *O Rex Gentium*

¶ Sung by the choir

O KING OF NATIONS, and their desire, you are the cornerstone that binds two into one: Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.

A READING

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, "HALLELUJAH! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'."

Revelation 19:6–8, 11–16 (NRSV)

¶ The People stand

HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King*



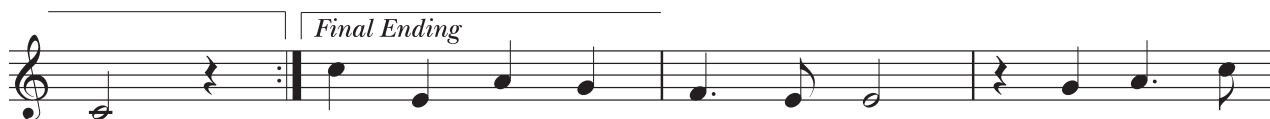
1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

THE COLLECT

O King of the Nations, you defend the cause of the poor and raise up the oppressed of the earth: Come and build us into a world community where all are valued and the vulnerable protected; through the one whom we know as the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The People sit

Antiphon VII O Emmanuel

¶ *Sung by the choir*

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

A READING

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
Be folded with us into time and place,
Unfold for us the mystery of grace
And make a womb of all this wounded world.
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
O tiny hope within our hopelessness
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
To touch a dying world with new-made hands
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

O Emmanuel
Malcolm Guite (b. 1957)

ANTHEM

There stood in heav'n a linden tree;
But, though 'twas honey laden,
All Angels cried, 'No bloom shall be
Like that of one fair Maiden.'

Sped Gabriel on wingèd feet,
He pass'd through bolted portals
To Nazareth, a maid to greet,
Most bless'd above all mortals.

'O gentle Mary dear delight,
'Of woman-kind most surely fair,
Within the darkness of a night
A heav'nly child shalt bear!'

'How come this wonder unto me,
This babe to all now granted,
This darling flow'r upon a tree,
A sun within me planted?

'O Virgin pure, it now shall be,
As thou dost bow before me,
The Holy Ghost, so all may see,
Shall cast his shadow o'er thee.'

'A joy doth quicken in my heart,
According to thy telling.'
A wondrous star shall stand apart
To shine upon my dwelling.'

There stood in heav'n a linden tree;
Its boughs with blossom laden,
The angels cried: O come and see
the bloom of this fair maiden.

The Linden Tree
Words: *Geistliche Lieder* (c. 1420), trans. George R. Woodward
Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

¶ The People stand for the Collect

THE COLLECT

O Emmanuel, God with us, you dwell beyond our farthest reach, yet are nearer to us than we are to ourselves: Come among us in these days of Advent expectation, that we may give birth to what is true, just, beautiful and good; for you are the One whom we know as Lord, and with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, you abide with us, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN *O come, O come, Emmanuel*



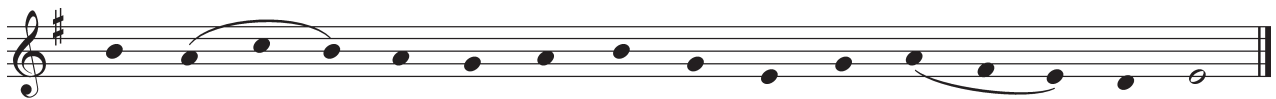
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

¶ The Officiant or Deacon dismisses the People. The People respond Thanks be to God.

Today's service is based on the "O" Antiphons Advent Procession from St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. It is similar to a "Lessons & Carols" service, but rather than presenting a linear narrative from scripture, it is structured around seven medieval antiphons, each beginning with the word "O"—which also form the basis of the hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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