

# ADVENT PROCESSION

WITH LESSONS & CAROLS

December 3, 2017

7:00 PM

SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. We hope that this service will provide a quiet time of reflection through music, readings and prayer that will help you enter into this Advent season.

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## INCENSE RITE

Please remain seated during the incense rite so that all may see.

The Officiant places incense in the burning bowl and blesses the incense.

*Officiant* O God who enfolds us in night's sacred darkness, accept our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. As frankincense was brought to the Christ Child by the magi, so now we bring to you our gift of incense. May these clouds ascending to you be a sign of our prayer. May their fragrance fill us with longing for the sweetness of Christ. May our offering this night honor and please you. This we pray through the one whose coming we await, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

A bell is rung and all rise as able.

**PROCESSION** *Let my Prayer come up as the Incense*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

*Dirigatur oratio mea  
sicut incensum in conspectu tuo:  
elevatio manuum mearum  
sacrificium vespertinum.*

Let my prayer come up  
as the incense:  
And let the lifting up of my hands  
be as an evening sacrifice.

## GREETING & BIDDING PRAYER

*Officiant* Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

**Assembly** **The Great King who is to come.**

*Officiant* 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 the readings which foretold the first coming of Emmanuel, God with us, and, remembering the promises fulfilled in the past, let us pray with confidence for a renewed sense of Christ's presence in our own day. Let us also pray for a renewed vision of God's righteousness; that our ministries with the poor and the oppressed, the sick and the suffering, prisoners and refugees, the forgotten and outcasts, may proclaim and enact the coming of God's Kingdom. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive the message of Christ.

**All Amen.**

Please be seated.

## ANTIPHON 1

setting by Mel Butler



SAPIENTIA, quæ ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponesque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiæ.

WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

**READING***Wisdom of Solomon 7:22b–8:1*

There is in Wisdom a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.

For Wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against Wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well. ♦

**ANTHEM***Rorate cæli desuper*

WORDS: Gregorian Prose for Advent, after Isaiah

MUSIC: Leo Nestor (b. 1948)

REFRAIN: *Rorate cæli desuper,  
et nubes pluant Justum.*

REFRAIN: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

*Ne irascaris, Domine!*

Be not angry, O Lord!

*Ne ultra memineris iniquitatem.*

Remember no longer our iniquity.

*Ecce civitas sancta facta est deserta:*

Behold the Holy City is become a desert:

*Sion deserta facta est. Jerusalem desolata facta:*

Sion is become a desert. Jerusalem is made desolate:

*Domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ,  
ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.*Even the house of thy sanctification and of thy glory,  
where our fathers praised thee.REFRAIN: *Rorate cæli...*

REFRAIN: Drop down dew, ye heavens...

*Vide, Domine, afflictionem populi tui,*

Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people,

*et mitte quem missurus es:*

and send forth Him who is to come:

*emitte Agnum, dominatorem terræ,*

send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth,

*de petra deserti ad montem filiæ Sion.*

from the desert rock to the mount of the daughters of Sion:

*ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.*

that he himself may take away the yoke of our captivity.

REFRAIN: *Rorate cæli...*

REFRAIN: Drop down dew, ye heavens...

*Consolamini, consolamini popule meus:*

Be comforted, be comforted, my people:

*cito veniet salus tua.*

thy salvation cometh quickly.

*Quare mærore consumeris?*

Why art thou consumed with grief?

*Quia innovavit te dolor?*

Why have pain and sadness come to thee?

*Salvabo te: noli timere.*

I will save thee: fear not.

*Ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus:*

For I am the Lord thy God:

*Sanctus Israel, Redemptor tuus.*

the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

REFRAIN: *Rorate cæli...*

REFRAIN: Drop down dew, ye heavens...

*All rise as able.***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.

**All Amen.***Please be seated.*



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

LORD and Ruler of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us, with outstretched arms.

## READING

*Ezekiel 20:33-36, 40-41*

As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord GOD.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. As a pleasing odor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. ♦

*All rise as able.*

## HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

TUNE: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

*Sung by all, in unison stanzas 1 & 5; in harmony ad lib. stanzas 2-4*

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4. Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 from age to age more glor - ious, all - bless - ing and all - blest:

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the he - rald, go;  
 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dail - y vows a - scend;  
 the tide of time shall nev - er his co - ve - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

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**COLLECT** O Adonai, ruler of the house of Israel, you rescued remnants of 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.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated.*





RADIX JESSE, *qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare.*

ROOT OF JESSE, which stands for an ensign of the people; before whom the kings keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

## READING

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. ♦

## ANTHEM

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

WORDS: stanzas 1–2, German, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Theodore Baker.  
stanza 3, Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth  
MUSIC: 16<sup>th</sup> cent. German tune, arranged by Dale Adelman (b. 1961)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!	Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.	with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.	To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor  
the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God,  
from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

*All rise as able.*

## 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.

**All Amen.**



CLAVIS DAVID, *et Sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel; who opens and no one shuts; who shuts and no one opens: Come and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**READING** *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD. ♦

**ANTHEM** *Zion hört die Wächter singen* from Cantata No. 140                      WORDS: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
MUSIC: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Zion hört die Wächter singen,  
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,  
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.  
Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig,  
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,  
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.*

*Nun komm, du werte Kron',  
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,  
Hosianna!  
Wir folgen all  
zum Freudensaal  
und halten mit das Abendmahl.*

Zion hears the watchman singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
she wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,  
God's Son, Incarnate Word,  
Hosanna!  
We follow all  
and heed your call  
to come into the banquet hall.     [trans. by Carl P. Daw, Jr.]

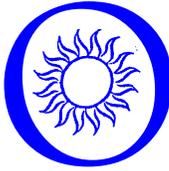
**During this anthem, an offering is collected. Your contribution, together with the gifts of many others, makes possible the community of welcome, reconciliation and service that is Saint Mark's Cathedral. Please be generous in your support for the mission and ministry of this Cathedral.**

*All rise as able.*

**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.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



ORIENS, *splendor lucis æternæ, et sol iustitiæ:*  
*veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of light eternal,  
and Sun of justice: come and enlighten those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

## READING

*Isaiah 42:1-7*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ♦

## ANTHEM

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

WORDS: Latin Advent Hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. John Mason Neale.

MUSIC: Sarum plainsong melody, arranged by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night,  
you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

*All rise as able.*

## 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.

*All Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANTIPHON 6



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

KING OF THE NATIONS, and their desired One, the  
Cornerstone that makes both one: Come and deliver us, whom you  
have formed out of the dust of the earth.

**READING**

*Zechariah 10:1-6*

Ask rain from the LORD in the season of the spring rain, from the LORD who makes the storm clouds, who gives showers of rain to you, the vegetation in the field to everyone. For the teraphim utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; the dreamers tell false dreams, and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they suffer for lack of a shepherd.

My anger is hot against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the LORD of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them like his proud war-horse. Out of them shall come the cornerstone, out of them the tent peg, out of them the battle bow, out of them every commander. Together they shall be like warriors in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight, for the LORD is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.

I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them; for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. ♦

*All rise as able.*

**HYMN**

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

TUNE: *Merton*

*Sung by all, in unison stanzas 1, 2 & 5; in harmony ad lib. stanzas 3 & 4*

1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2. Wak - ened by the so - lemn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
 3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
 4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5. Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
 2. Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 3. let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4. may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5. with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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**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.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



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

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us,

O Lord our God.

**READING** *Isaiah 33:20–22; 7:14–15*

Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken. But there the LORD in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can pass. For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our ruler, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ♦

**ANTHEM** *Ave Maria*

WORDS: based on the Gospel according to Luke and John

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), Op. 23 No. 2

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum:  
benedicta tu in mulieribus!  
Sancta Maria, mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ.  
Ave Maria...*

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women!  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and in the hour of our death.  
Hail, Mary...

*All rise as able.*

**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.

**All Amen.**

*All remain standing as able.*

**BLESSING**

*Officiant* 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.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

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

*Assembly* **Amen.**

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

*Assembly* **Amen.**

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

*Assembly* **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

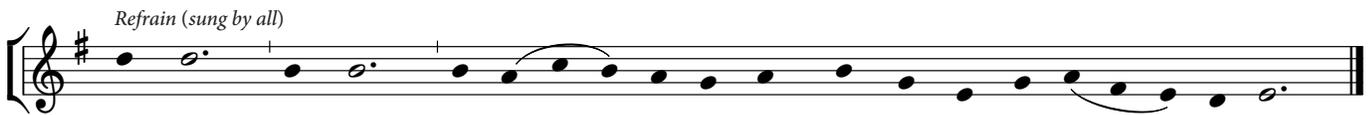
The Assembly joins in the singing of stanzas 2, 4, 6, 7 and all refrains.



Choir alone 1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 Choir alone 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from \_\_\_ on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;  
All 3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height  
 Choir alone 4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny  
All 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;  
 Choir alone 6. O come, thou Day-spring from \_\_\_ on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;  
All 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all \_\_\_ man - kind;  
All 8. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,



1. that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God \_\_\_ ap - pear.  
 2. to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways \_\_\_ to go.  
3. in an - cient times didst give \_\_\_ the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, \_\_\_ and awe.  
 4. that trust thy might - y power \_\_\_ to save, and give them vic - tory o'er \_\_\_ the grave.  
 5. make safe the way that leads \_\_\_ on high, and close the path to mi - se - ry.  
6. dis - perse the gloom - y clouds \_\_\_ of night, and death's dark sha - dow put \_\_\_ to flight.  
7. bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King \_\_\_ of Peace.  
 8. that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God \_\_\_ ap - pear.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**VOLUNTARY**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

J.S. Bach

["Savior of the nations, come!" melody of Hymn #54]

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 Rick Hodsdon, *tenor (Mendelssohn)*  
 John Stuntebeck, *Organist*

## ABOUT THE O ANTIPHONS

These seven antiphons were sung as a part of the evening Vespers prayers of the Catholic Church before and after the Magnificat in the Octave before Christmas, December 17 to 23 (the Vespers for December 24, Christmas Eve, are those for the Christmas Vigil).

One verse was sung or chanted each evening (as opposed to being sung together in a single liturgy, as we do today). Each of the seven stanzas addresses the Messiah by one of his titles, each one praising the coming of the Savior by a different name, and closing with petitions appropriate to the title. Thus:

*Address and Praise:* O EMMANUEL, God with us,  
Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the  
nations and their Saviour:

*Closing Petition:* COME to save us, O Lord our God.

The antiphons date back at least to the reign of Charlemagne (771–814). The Christian philosopher Boethius (c. 480–524) may have made a reference to them in his writings, thereby suggesting their existence as early as the sixth century. At least two—and up to five—additional verses were later added to the original seven. However, it is clear that these seven were designed as a group, since their initial letters (ignoring the ‘O’ that precedes each line) spell out, in reverse, the acrostic ERO CRAS, that is, “I shall be [with you] tomorrow.”

By the 12th or 13th century, the antiphons had been put together to form the verses of a single hymn, with the addition of a refrain (there was no refrain in the original Latin chant). The earliest known metrical and rhymed form of the O Antiphons—essentially the hymn we know today as “O come, O come, Emmanuel”—did not appear until the early 18th century.

## ABOUT THE O ANTIPHONS LITURGY

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> O Antiphons Advent Procession at Saint Mark’s Cathedral—it was first created in 1986 and, with one exception, has been offered in this space every year since then. Today, the form of this liturgy that was created here is used in churches around the world.

The banners we carry in procession were made in 1986 for that first service. This year is also the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composition of the processional anthem *Let my Prayer come up as the Incense*, which was composed by Peter Hallock especially for this liturgy and these choirs, and was first performed at the Advent Procession in 1987.

The musical setting of the O Antiphons by Mel Butler, Canon Musician Emeritus of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, were premiered at the Advent Procession in 2012.

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## PAGEANT OF THE NATIVITY

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7:00 PM**

*Choristers, Evensong Choir and young children of Saint Mark’s join forces in this dramatic telling of the Nativity story*

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 PM\* ♦ HOLY EUCHARIST**

*\*gathering music & carols at 3:45 PM  
with music by the Junior & Senior Choristers;  
a service especially suitable for children and families.*

**7:30 PM\* ♦ HOLY EUCHARIST**

*\*gathering music & carols at 7:00 PM  
with music by the Evensong Choir & Schola*

**11:00 PM\* ♦ HOLY EUCHARIST**

*\*gathering music & carols at 10:15 PM  
with music by the Cathedral Choir*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**10:00 AM ♦ HOLY EUCHARIST**

*with music by the Saint Mark’s Singers*

## NEW YEAR’S EVE LABYRINTH WALK

*with* **MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM**

*A contemplative, candlelit experience  
featuring a special Office of Compline  
sung by the Compline Choir at 9:30 PM.*

*As the Labyrinth Walk concludes,  
and as the new year begins, we will  
ring bells and celebrate Eucharist,  
commemorating the Feast of the Holy Name.*

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