



The First Sunday of Advent, Year C
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On the First Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our worship incorporates the 'O' antiphons from the ancient church. Each of the antiphons starts with 'O' and a name from the Hebrew scriptures associated with Christ.

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*arr. Paul Manz (1919–2009)
Oliver Steissberg, Organ

Processional Hymn *Lo! He Comes*.....Blue Hymnal, no. 57

The Bidding Prayer

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, in the stillness and quiet of this church, we have gathered again at the beginning of an Advent Season, a season of waiting upon the Lord, who once came in the flesh as Savior and Redeemer of the world, and who will come again in glorious majesty to establish a rule of justice, peace and righteousness for all the earth.

Let us listen carefully to the readings which prophesied the first coming of “Emmanuel – God with us.” And in remembering the promises fulfilled in the past, find within ourselves a renewed sense of the presence of the one whose life and kingdom dwell in us.

During this service let us also pray for a renewed vision of God’s reign, that through our ministries and works the ancient prophesies may again be fulfilled in our time. And through our passionate commitment to the poor and the oppressed, the sick and the destitute, prisoners and hostages, the forgotten and the outcast, we may hear, see, and know God’s gracious rule both within our hearts and in the common life of our society.

May God give us ears to hear, minds to perceive and understand, and hearts ready to receive the Redeemer. May God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

*Please remain seated for the singing of the 'O' Antiphons, readings, and anthems.
Please stand for the hymns.*



Sapientia

Wisdom

Antiphon *O Sapientia* Plainsong, Mode II and Peter Hallock (1924–2014)

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, You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Reading Wisdom 7:24-8:1

Hymn *O Wisdom, Spotless Mirror of God*

1. O Wisdom, spotless mirror of God, your hand makes all things new,
Your light of goodness shines abroad through out all actions true.
Disperse your light upon our ways that we may clearly see
The value of your prudent ways in making persons free.
2. With beauty far beyond compare her grace outshines the sun,
Arranges all that's good and fair, gives life to ev'ryone.
Her acts of love are new each day, yet love remains the same.
She faithfully discerns the way, in honor of her name.
3. She speaks through prophets of each age who urge us toward new heights
Of justice, peace and common good, our need for human rights.
The lives of common people show the force that we can wield
In making all the world to know True Wisdom will not yield.

Collect **O WISDOM**, your words uttered in the beginning generated a world of beauty and goodness, giving purpose and value to each creature: instruct us in the way of prudence that we may nurture the world with justice and joy, that its beauty and goodness may flourish; through the one whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, even Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Adonai

Lord of Might

Antiphon *O Adonai* Peter Hallock

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, 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.

Reading Exodus 3:1-12

Hymn

The God of Abr'ham Praise

1. The God of A-br'ham praise, By whose al-might-y hand
 2. God's mys-ter-y sub-lime, In un-con-sum-ing flame
 3. In maj-es-ty and awe, The Lord of pow'r and might
 4. Great Ad-o-nai, our Lord, Whose pow'r the heav-ens sing,

Showed Is-rael on her pil-grim ways A prom-ised land.
 An-nounced the sa-cred name di-vine, The great I Am.
 Made ho-ly cov'-nant by the law On Si-nai's height.
 Is born in-car-nate, ho-ly Word, A child, our king.

Our Lord will lead us, too, Through des-erts and the sea,
 From bond-age cap-tives freed, Their hope and faith re-stored,
 And now our knees we bend To one who sets us free,
 As in-fi-nite, yet small, Whom worlds can-not con-tain,

That we may hear in all we do, "I am with thee."
 By one who filled their ev-ry need, E-ter-nal Lord.
 To serve with love un-til the end In loy-al-ty.
 He dwells as Lord with-in us all From there to reign.

Collect O ADONAI, Master of the universe and ruler of the house of Israel, your mighty acts have rescued remnants of your people from the midst of slavery, exile, war and holocaust: raise your scepter over us that the condition of human dignity may be extended to all people, in all places; for the sake of him whom we know as Lord of all, even Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**



Radix Jesse

Root of Jesse

Antiphon *O Radix Jesse* Peter Hallock

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, 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.

Reading Isaiah 11:1-4a, 10

Anthem *There Shall Come Forth a Shoot from Jesse* Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)
 The Saint Andrew's Junior Choir

There shall come forth a shoot from Jesse, and a branch shall grow from his roots. There shall come forth a shoot from Jesse, and God shall rest on him. The spirit of wisdom and love, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and spirit of truth, and the glory of God. O come, Emmanuel, come, come soon.

Collect O ROOT OF JESSE, you reach deep down into the darkness of the earth and stir the world's longings for deliverance and hope: raise up within our own lives a spirit of courage and strength, of wisdom and insight, that we may add to the coming of the kingdom; through the merits of the One we know as the beginning of the ages, even Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Clavis David

Key of David

Antiphon *O Clavis David* Peter Hallock

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

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.

Reading Isaiah 22:20-24

Anthem *An Open Door* Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)
The Saint Andrew's Adult Choir

Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. Ask, and it will be given you, search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For ev'ryone who asks receives, and ev'ryone who searches finds, and for ev'ryone who knocks, the door will be opened. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Collect **O KEY OF DAVID** and throne of glory, you open the way to a promising future and no one closes; you close the way to a formative past and no one opens. Release us and all your people from the oppressions of the past that we may face the future with boldness and purpose; through the merits of the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Oriens

Rising Dawn

Antiphon *O Oriens* Peter Hallock

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

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.

Reading Isaiah 41:25; 42:1-7

Anthem *Creator of the Stars of Night* Daniel Nelson
The Saint Andrew's Adult Choir

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, chosen 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 heav'n, 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. Amen.

Collect **O RISING DAWN**, you shine with warm brightness and clean freshness, chasing the fearsome shadows of the night away: enlighten the lives of your people with ideal visions of harmony and mutuality, so that all that is alien may finally join in the fullness of life together; for the sake of him we call the Light of the world, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Rex Gentium

King of Nations

Antiphon *O Rex Gentium* Peter Hallock

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

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.

Reading Isaiah 33:20-22

Hymn *O Quickly Come, Great Judge of All* arr. June Nixon
The Saint Andrew's Adult Choir

O quickly come great Judge of all, for glorious though thine Advent be. All shadows from the truth shall fall, and falsehood die in sight of Thee. O Quickly come, for doubt and fear like clouds dissolve when Thou art near. O quickly come great King of all, reign all around us and within; let sin no more our souls enthrall, and pain and sorrow die with sin. O quickly come, for Thou alone canst make Thy scattered people one. O quickly come sure Light of all, for gloomy night broods o'er our way and weakly souls begin to fall with weary watching for the day. O quickly come, for round thy throne no eye is blind, no night is known, no eye is blind, no night is known.

Collect O KING OF NATIONS, your reign spreads through all the lands, you defend the cause of the poor and plead for the wretched of the earth: come and fashion us into a commonwealth of free and responsible creatures, that all may discover the depth of meaning and the grace of belonging; in the name of him we know as King of Kings, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



Emmanuel

God with us

Antiphon *O Emmanuel* Peter Hallock

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 desire of the Nations and their salvation: Come and save us,
O Lord our God.

Reading Isaiah 7:13-14

Anthem *Come, Messiah, Come* Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
The Saint Andrew's Junior Choir

O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come. Lord, reveal your mercy, guide us Lord, we pray, may we see your Light and walk your way. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Lord, we pray. Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide as Lord, we pray. May we see your Light and walk your way. O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come. Come, Messiah, come!

Collect O EMMANUEL, Child of Promise and sign of hope, you come from a distance far beyond our reach, yet to be closer to us than we are to ourselves: remain with us in our own days of expectation that we may give birth to what is just, true, beautiful and good; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, abides with us, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn *People, Look East*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare.
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth



Of the crown - ing of the year.
One more seed is plant - ed there:
Guard the nest that must be filled.
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Him who brings new life to earth.



Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
He for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple look East and sing to - day:



Love the Guest is on the way.
Love the Rose is on the way.
Love the Bird is on the way.
Love the Star is on the way.
Love the Lord is on the way.

Prayers of the People

God of Wisdom, Lord of Might, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Dawn, King of Nations, Emmanuel: On this first Sunday of Advent, we pray for the church and the world, that as the advent candles glow more brightly, our hearts may be awakened to see the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. *Pause* We ask your blessing upon St. Andrew's, that we may continue to be a sign of your loving presence and hope. Keep us mindful of and responsive to the community beyond these walls and give us strength to serve all your children.

People **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises sung by your people on earth. May their offerings grant us glimpses of your beauty and deepen our faith.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who labor in the night. We give thanks for the work of all caregivers, health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, emergency dispatchers, and all who serve while we sleep. Let us never forget that our common life together is built on each other's toil. **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, open the heavens and send your healing grace to all people in crisis, including those on our prayer list, and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and in your good way. **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

May your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember Dave Hunsche, in whose memory the flowers are given today, and all those we love but see no longer. *Pause* May we also come to dwell in your holy city, where sorry and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting. **God of hope, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace Prayer Book, page 360

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Voluntary *Rorate Coeli*..... Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

Children's Entrance Hymn *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* Hymnal, no. 73

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus Hymnal, S-130

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal, S-152

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Music during Communion

Voluntary *Prelude on an Ancient Melody (Watchet Auf)* Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

Hymn *Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *"Sleepers, Wake!"* Hymnal, no. 61

Dismissal

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Watchet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV-645* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)