

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
2107 Three Oaks Road, Cary, Illinois
Observing the Fourth Week in Advent
December 18 & 19, 2021
The "O" Antiphons

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

INVOCATION

P: We begin our Advent worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

WISDOM (O Sapientia in Latin)

P: O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly.
C: **Come, and teach us the way of prudence.**



**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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O ADONAI, GOD OF THE COVENANT (O Adonai in Latin)

P: O Adonai, God of the Covenant and Ruler of the House of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mt. Sinai gave your law.
C: **Come and with an outstretched arm redeem us.**



**O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

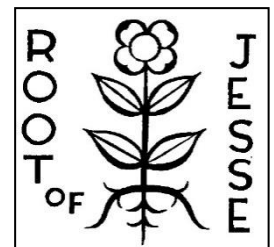
P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us into everlasting life.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

O ROOT OF JESSE (O Radix Jesse in Latin)

P: O Root of Jesse, you stand for a sign for humankind; before you rulers shall keep silent, and to you all nations shall have recourse.
C: **Come, save us, and do not delay.**



**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them Victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

O KEY OF DAVID (O Clavis David in Latin)

P: O Key of David and Scepter of the House of Israel: you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens.

C: Come and deliver from the chains of prison the one who sits without light in the shadow of death.



**O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CHOIR

"Magnificat"

de Zacharia/Long 16th century

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

LSB 338

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

SERMON

CREEDAL HYMN

"Savior, of the Nations Come"

LSB 332

**Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh-- woman's offspring, pure and fresh.**

**Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.**

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all from His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.**

**God the Father was His source back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, back then to His throne and crown.**

**For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the victory won.
By Your mighty power make whole all our ills of flesh and soul.**

**From the manger newborn light shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; in this light faith now abides.**

Glory to God the Father sing. Glory to God the Son, our King.
Glory to God the Spirit be now and through eternity.

O DAYSPRING (O Oriens in Latin)



P: O Rising Dawn, Radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Justice;
C: come, enlighten those who sit without any light and in the shadow of death.

**O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O RULER OF THE NATIONS (O Rex Gentium in Latin)

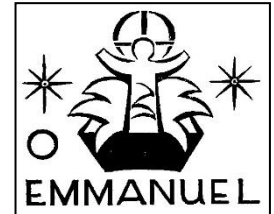


P: O Ruler of the Nations and the Desired of all, you are the keystone that binds two—the Jews and Gentiles—into one.
C: **Come and save humankind that you fashioned out of clay.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

BENEDICTION

O GOD-WITH-US (O Emmanuel in Latin)



P: O Emmanuel, God with Us, our Ruler and Lawgiver, the Expected of Nations and Savior:
C: **Come and save us, our Sovereign God.**

**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!**

†††COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS! †††

The first letter of each of the “O Antiphons” sung and spoken about this evening form an acrostic for the Latin phrase “Ero cras” which means, “Tomorrow, I will be.” Each antiphon addresses Jesus by one of messianic titles as foretold by the figures throughout the Old Testament. The “O Antiphons” is a tradition that dates back to at least the 8th Century.

- O **E**mmanuel
- O **R**ex Gentium
- O **O**riens
- O **C**lavis David

- O **R**adix Jesse
- O **A**donai
- O **S**apientia

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

Christmas Eve	Friday, December 24	4:00 PM – LOFT
Christmas Eve	Friday, December 24	6:00 PM - sanctuary
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25	10:00 AM - sanctuary
December 26	One service only	9:30 AM - sanctuary