

GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT AND VIRTUAL CHORAL COMPLINE

Sunday, December 20th, 2020

8:00 PM



A Note about this evening's service

The O Antiphons, also called “The Great Os”, are seven antiphons that precede the Magnificat at Vespers during the final seven days of Advent. Each of these begins with the vocative particle “O” followed by one of the seven Messianic names of Christ found throughout scripture, those being: **S**apientia (Wisdom), **A**donai (Lord God), **R**adix Jesse (Root of Jesse), **C**lavis David (Key of David), **O**riens (Day-Spring), **R**ex Gentium (King of the Gentiles), and **E**mmanuel (God Among Us). When the first letters of each of these names are put in reverse order, they create the corresponding Latin phrase **ERO CRAS**, which translates to “Tomorrow, I will come”. A portion of the evening psalms that correspond to the appointed dates of each antiphon, will be read in between each antiphon. We hope this liturgy moves you during this season of anticipation and that it will help guide your prayers during the coming weeks.



Each antiphon will be sung to Gregorian chant by individual members of the men of the Grace Church Schola from various locations throughout the Church. We encourage you to simply just sit and let the music and psalms wash over you as you pray.

ANTIPHON I

(December 17th)

O SAPIENTIA, quae ex ore Altissimi
prodiisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem,
fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia:
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae!

O WISDOM, that comest out of the mouth of the
Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and
dost mightily and sweetly order all things; come, to
teach us the way of prudence!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 47:1-7

Omnes gentes, plaudite

CLAP YOUR HANDS TOGETHER, all ye peoples: *
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
² For the LORD is high, and to be feared; *
he is the great King upon all the earth.
³ He shall subdue the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
⁴ He shall choose out an heritage for us, *
even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.
⁵ God is gone up with a merry noise, *
and the LORD with the sound of the trump.
⁶ O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; *
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
⁷ For God is the King of all the earth: *
sing ye praises with understanding.

PSALM 48:1-8

Magnus Dominus

GREAT IS THE LORD, and highly to be praised *
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
² The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; *
upon the north side lieth the city of the great King:
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
³ For lo, the kings of the earth *
were gathered, and gone by together.
⁴ They marvelled to see such things; *
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
⁵ Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, *
as upon a woman in her travail.
⁶ Thou dost break the ships of the sea *
through the east-wind.
⁷ Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God; *
God upholdeth the same for ever.
⁸ We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of thy temple.

ANTIPHON II

(December 18th)

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, and Ruler of the house of Israel, who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai; come, to redeem us with an outstretched arm!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 49:1-11

Audite haec, omnes

O HEAR YE THIS, all ye people; *
ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
² High and low, rich and poor, *
one with another.
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall muse of understanding.
⁴ I will incline mine ear to the parable, *
and show my dark speech upon the harp.
⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *
when wickedness at my heels compasseth me round about?
⁶ There be some that put their trust in their goods, *
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
⁷ But no man may deliver his brother, *
nor give a ransom unto God for him,
⁸ For it cost more to redeem their souls, *
so that he must let that alone for ever;
⁹ That he shall live always, *
and not see the grave.
¹⁰ For he seeth that wise men also die and perish together, *
as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.
¹¹ And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever,
and that their dwelling-places shall endure
from one generation to another;*
and call the lands after their own names.



ANTIPHON III

(December 19th)

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, which standest for an
ensign of the people, at whom the kings shall shut their
mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek; come to
deliver us, make no tarrying!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 59:1-9, 17

Eripe me de inimicis

DELIVER ME FROM MINE ENEMIES, O God; *
defend me from them that rise up against me.
² O deliver me from the wicked doers, *
and save me from the blood-thirsty men.
³ For lo, they lie waiting for my soul; *
the mighty men are gathered against me,
without any offence or fault of me, O LORD.
⁴ They run and prepare themselves without my fault; *
arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.
⁵ Stand up, O LORD God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen, *
and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.
⁶ They go to and fro in the evening, *
they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.
⁷ Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips; *
for who doth hear?
⁸ But thou, O LORD, shalt have them in derision, *
and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.
⁹ My strength will I ascribe unto thee; *
for thou art the God of my refuge.
¹⁷ Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; *
for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

PSALM 60:1-5

Deus, repulisti nos

O GOD, THOU HAST CAST US OUT, and scattered us abroad; *
thou hast also been displeased: O turn thee unto us again.
² Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: *
heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.
³ Thou hast showed thy people heavy things; *
thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
⁴ Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee, *
that they may triumph because of the truth.
⁵ Therefore were thy beloved delivered; *
help me with thy right hand, and hear me.



ANTIPHON IV

(December 20th)

O 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.

O KEY OF DAVID, and Sceptre of the house of Israel that openest, and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth; come to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 51:1-9, 17-19

Miserere mei, Deus

HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD, after thy great goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; *
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou shalt judge.

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

⁶ But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, *
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

⁷ Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

⁹ Turn thy face from my sins, *
and put out all my misdeeds.

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

¹⁸ O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; *
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with the burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.



ANTIPHON V

(December 21st)

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

O DAY-SPRING, brightness of the everlasting
Light, Sun of Righteousness; come, to give light to
them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 138

Confitebor tibi

I WILL GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
² I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.
³ When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; *
and enduedst my soul with much strength.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD; *
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
⁵ Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; *
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.
⁸ The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever;
despise not then the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 139:1-2, 8-9

Domine, probasti

O LORD, THOU HAST SEARCHED ME OUT, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
² Thou art about my path, and about my bed; *
and art acquainted with all my ways.
⁸ If I take the wings of the morning, *
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
⁹ Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *
and thy right hand shall hold me.



ANTIPHON VI

(December 22nd)

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

O KING OF THE GENTILES, yea, and Desire
thereof, O Cornerstone that makest of twain one; come
to save man, whom thou hast made of the dust of the
earth!

A brief period of silence is kept.

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

O LORD OUR GOVERNOR, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; *
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
² Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings
hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, *
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; *
the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? *
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
⁵ Thou madest him lower than the angels, *
to crown him with glory and worship.
⁶ Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; *
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:
⁷ All sheep and oxen; *
yea, and the beasts of the field;
⁸ The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; *
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD our Governor, *
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

PSALM 84:1-2, 9-13

Quam dilecta!

O HOW AMIABLE ARE THY DWELLINGS, *
thou LORD of hosts!
² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
¹⁰ For one day in thy courts *
is better than a thousand.
¹¹ I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, *
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
¹² For the LORD God is a light and defense; *
the LORD will give grace and worship;
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
¹³ O LORD God of hosts, *
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

THE FINAL ANTIPHON

(December 23rd)

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,
exspectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum: veni
ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.

O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver,
Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and Salvation thereof;
come to save us, O Lord our God!

As the final antiphon is chanted, the Choir joins together and processes up into the Chancel. The Magnificat, or Song of Mary, is sung and the High Altar is censed, representing our prayers rising to heaven. This marks the beginning of Compline.



CHORAL COMPLINE

INTROIT

MAGNIFICAT ANIMA MEA DOMINUM;
Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo,
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae;
 ecce enim ex hoc beatam
 me dicent omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,
 et sanctum nomen ejus,
Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies
 timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;
Dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.
Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles.
 Esurientes implevit bonis,
 et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel, puerum suum,
 recordatus misericordiae suae,
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.

GLORIA PATRI, ET FILIO, et Spiritui Sancto,
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in
 Saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be; world without end. Amen.*

Words: Luke 1:46-55
Music: Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALM

Officiant The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Choir Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Choir The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant O God make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord make haste to help us.

Officiant and Choir

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

Montes et colles cantabunt

Mode I

Let the mountains break forth into singing,
and the hills with righteousness;
for the LORD, the light of the world,
is coming with power, hallelujah.

PSALM 112

Beatus vir

Tone I.7

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT FEARETH THE LORD; *

he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth; *

the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; *

and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; *

he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth; *

and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: *

and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; *

for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.

⁸ His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, *

until he see his desire upon his enemies.

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor, *

and his righteousness remaineth for ever;

his horn shall be exalted with honour.

¹⁰ The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; *

he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;

the desire of the ungodly shall perish. *Antiphon.*

THE OFFICE HYMN

TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM,
rerum Creator, poscimus,
ut pro tua clementia
sis præsul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne polluantur corpora.
Præsta, Pater pissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spiritu Paraclito
regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

To Thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Words: Office Hymn for Compline, St. Ambrose of Milan (c 340-397)
Music: Severus Gastorius (1647-1682)

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5: 8-9a

Officiant Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith
Choir Thanks be to God.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Plainsong

℣. In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
℞ In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
℣. Redemisti me, Domine,
Deus veritatis.
℞ Commendo spiritum meum.
℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.
℞ In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.

℣. Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
℞ Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
℣. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
O God of truth.
℞ I commend my spirit.
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
℞ Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.

℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.
℞ Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

KYRIE ELEISON

Officiant Lord have mercy.
Choir Christ have mercy.
All Lord have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

Sung on a single note by all

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.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer.

Choir And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, ALMIGHTY GOD by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BE PRESENT, O MERCIFUL GOD, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

THE MOTET

VENI, EMMANUEL! Captivum solve Israel!
Qui gemit in exilio, Privatus Dei Filio,
Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel nascetur pro te, Israel.

*O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in exile, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Veni O Jesse virgula! Ex hostis tuos ungula,
De specu tuos tartari Educ, et antro barathri.
Gaude, gaude...

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free from Satan's tyranny;
From hell Thy people save, and give victory o'er grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice...*

Veni, veni O oriens! Solare nos adveniens,
Noctis depelle nebulas, Dirasque noctis tenebras.
Gaude, gaude...

*O come, Dayspring, from high, cheer us by drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloom of night, death's shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice...*

*Words: Anonymous 8th or 15th century text
Music: Plainsong, Bone Jesu dulcis cunctis, 15th century*



THE EVENING ANTIPHON AND NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainsong

SALVANOS DOMINE VIGILANTES, custodi nos
dormientes, ut vigilemus cum Christo,
et requiescamus in pace.

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.*

NUNC DIMITTIS SERVUM TUUM, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

GLORIA PATRI, ET FILIO, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.*

Salvanos Domine vigilantes...

Guide us waking...

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

People **Amen.**

THE SEASONAL MARIAN ANTIPHON

Mode V

ALMA REDEMOTORIS MATER,
quae per via coeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo:
tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

*Kind mother of the Redeemer,
who remaineth the open gate of heaven
and the star of the sea: send thine aid
to thy falling people,
thou who bore thy holy Creator,
while all of nature marveled:
a Virgin before and after,
receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel,
have mercy upon us sinners.*

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