

# 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.*



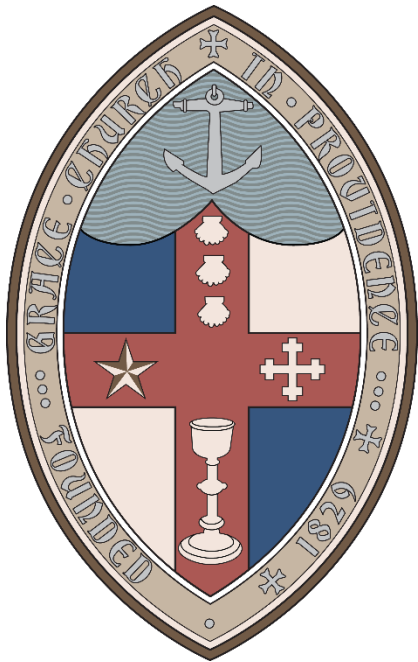
## A LITURGY FOR ADVENT: THE SEVEN GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS



## CHORAL COMPLINE

DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

8:00 PM



## WELCOME!

Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a “new” church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this evening! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace’s size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+  
*Rector*

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*Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!*

### 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.*

*The liturgy begins with the members of the Grace Church Schola entering the Nave and taking their places at various points throughout the church. All are welcome to remain seated.*

## ANTIPHON I

*(December 17<sup>th</sup>)*

### 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 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!*

## PSALM 47:1-7

*Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 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 trumpet.
- 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*

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised \*  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

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- 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 marveled 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.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

**ANTIPHON II**

*(December 18<sup>th</sup>)*

**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!*

**PSALM 49:1-11**

*Audite haec, omnes*

- 1 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 one may deliver their 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 alway, \*  
and not see the grave.
- 10 For he seeth that the wise 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.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

**ANTIPHON III**

*(December 19<sup>th</sup>)*

**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!*

**PSALM 59:1-9, 17**

*Eripe me de inimicis*

- 1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O God; \*  
defend me from them that rise up against me.

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- 2 O deliver me from the wicked doers, \*  
and save me from the blood-thirsty ones.
- 3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul; \*  
the mighty 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*

- 1 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.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

## ANTIPHON IV

(December 20<sup>th</sup>)

### 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!*

## PSALM 51:1-9, 17-19

*Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 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 purer 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.

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- 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.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

**ANTIPHON V**

*(December 21<sup>st</sup>)*

**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!*

**PSALM 138**

*Confitebor tibi*

- 1 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*

- 1 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.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

**ANTIPHON VI**

*(December 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

**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, the cornerstone  
that makest of twain one;  
come to save humankind,  
whom thou hast made of dust of the earth!*

**PSALM 8**

*Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 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.

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- 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, 8, 10-13**

*Quam dilecta!*

- 1 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 one that putteth trust in thee.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

**THE FINAL ANTIPHON**

*(December 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

**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 to the Chapel of the Messiah. 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 exultavit 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 bracchio 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.  
He hath put down the mighty  
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 & Gloria Patri  
Music: Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)*

## THE INVITATORY & PSALM

*Cantor* The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

*Choir* Amen.

*Cantor* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Choir* The maker of heaven and earth.

*Cantor* O God make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord make haste to help us.

*Cantor & 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*

- 1 Blessed is the one 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

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| <p>TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM,<br/>       rerum Creator, poscimus,<br/>       ut pro tua clementia<br/>       sis præsul et custodia.</p> <p>Procul recedant somnia<br/>       et noctium phantasmata;<br/>       hostemque nostrum comprime,<br/>       ne polluantur corpora.</p> <p>Præsta, Pater pissime,<br/>       Patrique compar Unice,<br/>       cum Spiritu Paraclito<br/>       regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.</p> | <p><i>To Thee before the close of day,<br/>       Creator of the world, we pray<br/>       That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou<br/>       wouldst be our guard and keeper now.</i></p> <p><i>From all ill dreams defend our sight,<br/>       From fears and terrors of the night;<br/>       Withhold from us our ghostly foe,<br/>       That spot of sin we may not know.</i></p> <p><i>O Father, that we ask be done,<br/>       Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,<br/>       Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,<br/>       Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.</i></p> |
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*Words: Office Hymn for Compline, St. Ambrose of Milan (c 340-397)*

*Music: Severus Gastorius (1647-1682)*

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Cantor* MAY THE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

## THE VERSICLES & 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

*Cantor*      Lord have mercy.

*Choir*        Christ have mercy.

*All*            Lord have mercy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung on a single note by all.*

**O**UR 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.

## THE COLLECTS

*Cantor* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Choir* And let our cry come to you.

*Cantor* Let us pray.

**S**TIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**B**E 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.*

**K**EEP 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.*

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

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

*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.*

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

*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 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> century text  
Music: Plainsong, Bone Jesu dulcis cunctis, 15<sup>th</sup> century*



## THE EVENING ANTIPHON & NUNC DIMITTIS

*Plainsong*

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

NUNC DIMITTIS SERVUM TUUM,  
Domine, secundum verbum  
tuum 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.*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace  
according to thy word.*



Quia viderunt oculi  
mei salutare tuum  
Quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:  
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

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

*Salvos Domine vigilantes...*

*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.*

*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.*

*Guide us waking...*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Cantor* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

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

*People* **Amen.**

## THE SEASONAL MARIAN ANTIPHON

*Mode V*

ALMA REDEMPOTORIS 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.*

*The Choir departs in silence.*

*All are welcome to remain to pray quietly  
and/ or light a candle at the Votive Candle Station in the rear corner of the church.*

*When you leave, please do so as quietly as possible,  
so as not to disturb others in their prayers.*

*We are glad you are here!*

*Men of the Grace Church Schola:*

John Brooks, Jacob Chipppo, Nicholas Halar,  
Brad Kleyla, Vince Edwards, Amory Kisch, Joseph Hackler

*Lector: Elfreda Thorpe*

*Thurifer: David Heinze*

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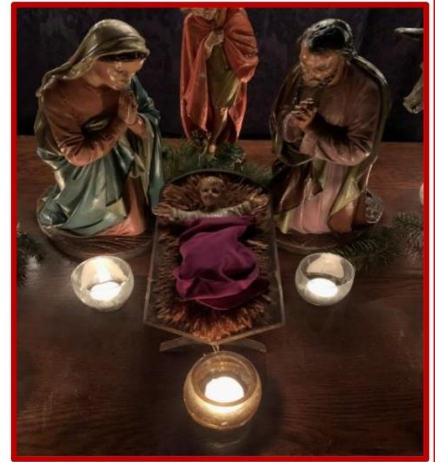
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## THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: ~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas *with* Choral Eucharist  
5:00 PM

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* String Quartet  
10:00 PM

*Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM*

## ~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols  
10:00 AM

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Spoken Holy Eucharist  
8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Christmas Carols  
10:00 AM



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Anaezi Modu

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