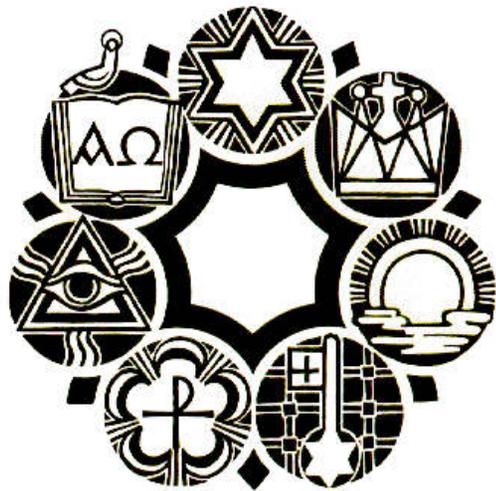


ANTIPHONS: ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Invitatory

From the First Sunday of Advent until December 16: Come, let us worship the Lord, the king who is to come.

From the December 17 to December 23: The Lord is close at hand; come let us worship him.

December 24: Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

From Christmas until Epiphany: Christ is born for us; come let us adore him.

From Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord: Christ has appeared to us; come let us adore him..

First and Second Vespers

- Ant. 1** Proclaim the good news among the nations: Our God will come to save us.
- Ant. 2** Know that the Lord is coming and with him all his saints; that day will dawn with a wonderful light, alleluia.
- Ant. 3** The Lord will come with mighty power; all mortal eyes shall see him.
- Ant. 4** Rejoice, daughter of Zion, shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem, alleluia.
- Magnificat:** See the Lord coming from afar. His splendor fills the earth.

Vigils

- Ant. 1** This is our heavenly king; he comes with power and might to save the nations, alleluia.
- Ant. 2** Daughter of Jerusalem, rejoice and be glad; your king will come to you. Zion, do not fear; your Savior hastens on his way.
- Ant. 3** Let us cleanse our hearts for the coming of our great King, that we may be ready to welcome him; he is coming and will not delay.

Lauds

- Ant. 1** On that day, sweet wine will flow from the mountains, milk and honey from the hills, alleluia.
- Ant. 2** The mountains and hills will sing praise to God; all the trees of the forest will clap their hands, for he is coming, the Lord of a kingdom that lasts for ever, alleluia.
- Ant. 3** A great prophet will come to Jerusalem; of that people he will make a new creation.
- Benedictus:** The Holy Spirit will come upon you, Mary; you have no need to be afraid. You will carry in your womb the Son of God, alleluia.

Daytime Prayer: This is the good news the prophets foretold: The Savior will be born of the Virgin Mary. (alleluia).

ADVENT: WEEK II

First and Second Vespers

- Ant. 1** Christ our King will come to us: the Lamb of God foretold by John.
- Ant. 2** I am coming soon, says the Lord; I will give to everyone the reward his deeds deserve.
- Ant. 3** The Lord looks tenderly on those who are poor.
- Ant. 4** Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
- Magnificat:** Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God; you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.

Vigils

- Ant. 1** Show me your mercy, Lord, and keep me safe, alleluia.
- Ant. 2** The poor are not alone in their distress. God is here to help them (alleluia).
- Ant. 3** I will be the herald of your praises, Lord, where the people of Zion gather (alleluia).

Lauds

- Ant. 1** I lift up my heart to you, O Lord, and you will hear my morning prayer.
- Ant. 2** We praise your glorious name, O Lord our God.
- Ant. 3** Adore the Lord in his holy court.
- Benedictus:** Lift up your eyes, Jerusalem, and see the great power of your King; your Savior comes to set you free.

Daytime

Antiphon: The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting: Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

ADVENT: WEEK III

First and Second Vespers

- Ant. 1** God chose us in his Son to be his adopted children.
- Ant. 2** God has crowned his Christ with victory.
- Ant. 3** We celebrate your mighty works with songs of praise, O God.
- Ant. 4** Lord, you have made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father.
- Magnificat:** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near, alleluia.

Vigils

- Ant. 1** The Lord is just, he will defend the poor.
- Ant. 2** Lord, you know the burden of my sorrow.
- Ant. 3** The words of the Lord are true, like silver from the furnace.

Lauds

- Ant. 1** The man whose deeds are blameless and whose heart is pure will climb the mountain of the Lord.
- Ant. 2** Praise the eternal king in all your deeds.
- Ant. 3** The loyal heart must praise the Lord.
- Benedictus:** From the root of Jesse a flower will blossom, the glory of the Lord will fill the earth, and all creatures shall see the saving power of God.

Daytime

Antiphon: Mary said: My soul is deeply troubled; what can this greeting mean? Am I to give birth to my king and yet remain a virgin forever?

ADVENT: WEEK IV

First and Second Vespers

- Ant. 1** The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
Ant. 2 I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.
Ant. 3 He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.
Ant. 4 I cried to you Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you forever.

Magnificat: The angel of the Lord brought God's message to Mary, and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, alleluia.

Vigils

- Ant. 1** I love you Lord; you are my strength.
Ant. 2 The Lord has saved me; he wanted me for his own.
Ant. 3 Lord, kindle a light for my guidance and scatter my darkness.

Lauds

- Ant. 1** Awake, lyre and harp, with praise let us awake the dawn.
Ant. 2 My people, says the Lord, will be filled with my blessings.
Ant. 3 The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God.

Benedictus: The One who is coming after me is greater than I; I am not worthy to untie the straps of his sandals.

Daytime

Antiphon: This is the good news the prophets foretold: The Savior will be born of the Virgin Mary. (alleluia).

DECEMBER 17-23

First and Second Vespers

- Ant. 1** The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
Ant. 2 I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.
Ant. 3 He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.
Ant. 4 I cried to you Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you forever.

Magnificat (O Antiphons):

December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Vigils

- Ant. 1** Let everything within you watch and wait, for the Lord our God draws near.
- Ant. 2** Like the sun in the morning sky, the Savior of the world will dawn; like rain on the meadows he we descend to rest in the womb of the Virgin, alleluia..
- Ant. 3** The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph..

Lauds

- Ant. 1** The Lord, the ruler over the kings of the earth, will come; blessed are they who are ready to go and welcome him.
- Ant. 2** Sing a new song to the Lord, proclaim his praises to the ends of the earth.
- Ant. 3** When the Son of Man comes to earth, do you think he will find faith in men's hearts?
- Benedictus:** Believe me the Kingdom of God is at hand; I tell you solemnly, your Savior will not delay his coming.

Daytime

Antiphon: This is the good news the prophets foretold: The Savior will be born of the Virgin Mary. (alleluia).



DECEMBER 24

Vigils

- Ant. 1: The Lord summons heaven and earth to witness his judgment upon his people.
- Ant. 2: Come to me in your distress and I will save you.
- Ant. 3: Who can climb the Lord's mountain, or stand in his holy place?

Lauds

- Ant. 1: Bethlehem in Judah's land, how glorious your future! The king who will rule my people comes from you.
- Ant. 2: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is now at hand.
- Ant. 3: The day has come at last when Mary will bring forth her first-born Son.

Daytime

Antiphon: This is the good news the prophets foretold: The Savior will be born of the Virgin Mary.

Vespers

- Ant. 1: He comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; the whole world longs to see him.
- Ant. 2: He sends forth his word to the earth, and his command spreads swiftly through the land.
- Ant. 3: The eternal Word, born of the Father before time began, today emptied himself for our sake and became man.
- Ant. 4: This is the good news the prophets foretold: The Savior will be born of the Virgin Mary.

DECEMBER 25

Vigils

Ant. 1: The Lord said to me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

Ant. 2: The Lord comes forth, the bridegroom from his bridal chamber.

Ant. 3: Your words are filled with grace, because God has blessed you for ever.

Lauds

Ant. 1: Tell us, shepherds, what have you seen? Who has appeared on earth? We have seen a newborn infant and a choir of angels praising the Lord, alleluia.

Ant. 2: The angel said to the shepherds: I proclaim to you great joy; Today the Savior of the world is born for you, alleluia.

Ant. 3: A little child is born for us today; little and yet called the mighty God, alleluia.

Benedictus: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth, alleluia.

Daytime

Antiphon: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

Vespers

Ant. 1: You have been endowed from your birth with princely gifts; in eternal splendor, before the dawn of light on earth, I have begotten you.

Ant. 2: With the Lord is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

Ant. 3: The eternal Word, born of the Father before time began, today emptied himself for our sake and became man.

Ant. 4: In the beginning, before time began, the Word was God; today he is born, the Savior of the world.

Magnificat: Christ the Lord is born today; today, the Savior has appeared. Earth echoes songs of angel choirs, archangels' joyful praise. Today on earth his friends exult. Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

December 26- The Baptism of the Lord: Psalms are taken from either Sunday Week 1 or Week 2: Antiphons from December 26 to December 31 are taken from Christmas except as follows:

December 26: St. Stephen: Antiphons from Martyrs: Invitatory, Vigils, Lauds, Daytime. Vespers: Antiphons from Christmas.

December 27: St. John: Antiphons from Apostles: Invitatory, Vigils, Lauds, Daytime. Vespers: Antiphons from Christmas.

December 28: Holy Innocents: Antiphons from Martyrs: Invitatory, Vigils, Lauds, Daytime. Vespers: Antiphons from Christmas.

DECEMBER 30 OR THE SUNDAY BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY: HOLY FAMILY

First and Second Vespers

Ant. 1: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; the child in her womb is conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Ant. 2: After three days, Jesus was found in the temple, seated in the midst of the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions.

Ant. 3: Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth; there he lived and was obedient to them.

Ant. 4: Jesus grew in wisdom with the years and was pleasing to God and men.

Magnificat: The child Jesus remained in Jerusalem and his parents did not know it. They thought he was in the group of travelers and looked for him among their relatives and friends.

Vigils

Invitatory: Ant.: Come let us worship Christ, the Son of God, who was obedient to Joseph and Mary.

Ant. 1: When his parents brought the Child Jesus into the temple, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

Ant. 2: The Magi entered the house and found the child with Mary, his mother.

Ant. 3: Joseph rose in the night and took the child and his mother into Egypt.

Lauds

Ant. 1: The parents of Jesus went each year to Jerusalem for the solemn feast of Passover.

Ant. 2: The child grew in wisdom and strength, and the favor of God was upon him.

Ant. 3: His father and mother were full of wonder at what was said about their child.

Benedictus: Lord, give us light through the example of your family and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Daytime

Antiphon: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Antiphons from the Blessed Virgin Mary



FROM JANUARY 2 TO EPHIPHANY

First and Second Vespers

Ant. 1: Trusting in the Lord's promise, the Virgin Mary conceived a child, and remaining a virgin she gave birth to the King of kings.

Ant. 2: Sing for joy with Jerusalem; the Lord has refreshed her like a river of peace.

Ant. 3: The Lord has made manifest his steadfast love for us.

Ant. 4: He who was from the beginning, God from God, Light from Light, is born for us.

Magnificat: By the power of the Holy Spirit the Virgin Mary has conceived a child; she carries in her womb this mystery which she cannot comprehend.

Vigils

Ant. 1: Lord God, in splendor and majesty you are clothed, wrapped in light as in a robe, alleluia.

Ant. 2: The Lord has brought forth bread from the earth, and wine to give warmth to our hearts, alleluia.

Ant. 3: The Lord looked upon all he had made and saw that it was very good, alleluia.

Lauds

Ant. 1: A light has dawned for the just man: the Savior of the world is born, alleluia.

Ant. 2: Let us sing to the Lord our God.

Ant. 3 : The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light.

Benedictus: The Virgin believed in the Lord's promise: as a virgin she gave birth to the Word made flesh, and yet she remained a virgin. Let us praise her and say: Blessed are you among women.

Daytime

Antiphon: Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were filled with wonder at all that was said of the child.

EPIPHANY

First and Second Vespers

Ant. 1: Begotten of the Father before the daystar shone or time began, the Lord our Savior has appeared on earth today.

Ant. 2: A light had shone through the darkness for the upright of heart; the Lord is gracious, merciful and just.

Ant. 3: He comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; he is supreme over all the kings of the earth.

Ant. 4: The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of kings; the wise men saw the sign and brought their gifts in homage to their great King.

Magnificat: Seeing the star, the wise men said: This must signify the birth of some great king. Let us search for him and lay our treasures at his feet: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Vigils

Ant. 1: From Tarshish and from the islands, kings have come to offer gifts to the Lord our King.

Ant. 2: Adore the Lord in his holy court, alleluia.

Ant. 3: Worship the Lord, all you his angels, alleluia.

Lauds

Ant. 1: The wise men opened their treasures and offered to the Lord gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, alleluia.

Ant. 2: All the people, whom you have made, will come and worship before you, O Lord.

Ant. 3: Jerusalem, your light has come; the glory of the Lord dawns upon you. Men of every race shall walk in the splendor of your sunrise, alleluia.

Benedictus: Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia.

Daytime Antiphon: Christ Jesus has come, bringing the joyful news: peace to those who were far off; peace to those who are near.

FROM EPIPHANY TO THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First and Second Vespers

Ant. 1: Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, says the Lord.

Ant. 2: Adoration and glory belong by right to the Lamb that was slain.

Ant. 3: The bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him.

Ant. 4: I have raised you up as a light for all the nations; through you my salvation will be proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Magnificat: Christ, you are Light from Light; when you appeared on the earth, the wise men offered their gifts to you, alleluia.

Vigils

Ant. 1: Show me your mercy, Lord, and keep me safe, alleluia.

Ant. 2: The words of the Lord are true, like silver from the furnace.

Ant. 3: I have put all my trust in God's never-failing mercy.

Lauds

Ant. 1: When will I come to the end of my pilgrimage and enter the presence of God?

Ant. 2: Lord, show us the radiance of your mercy.

Ant. 3: The vaults of heaven ring with your praise, O Lord.

Benedictus: The wise men came from the East to adore the Lord in Bethlehem. Opening their treasures, they offered him three precious gifts: Gold for the great king, frankincense for the true God, and myrrh for his burial, alleluia.

Daytime

Antiphon: Christ Jesus has come, bringing the joyful news: peace to those who were far off; peace to those who are near.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First and Second Vespers

Ant. 1: John was in the wilderness baptizing and proclaiming a baptism of penance for the forgiveness of sins.

Ant.2 : I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Ant. 3: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came out of the water, and the heavens opened before him.

Ant. 4: The Father's voice resounded from the heavens: This is my Son in whom I delight, listen to what he says to you.

Magnificat: Christ Jesus loved us, poured out his blood to wash away our sins, and made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father. To him be glory and honor for ever.

Vigils

Ant. 1: The voice of the Lord, the God of majesty, echoes over the waters.

Ant. 2: Let all the earth adore you Lord, and let it be joyful; for a new light has dawned upon the ages.

Ant. 3: Blessed be God, for he has willed that my soul should live; he has led me to a place of refuge.

Lauds

Ant.: The soldier baptizes his king, the servant his Lord, John his Savior; the waters of the Jordan tremble, a dove hovers as a sign of witness, and the voice of the Father is heard: This is my Son.

Ant.: Springs of water were made holy as Christ revealed his glory to the world. Draw water from the fountain of the Savior, for Christ our God has hallowed all creation.

Ant.: You burned away man's guilt by fire and the Holy Spirit. We give praise to you, our God and Redeemer.

Benedictus: Christ is baptized, the world is made holy; he has taken away our sins. We shall be purified by water and the Holy Spirit.

Daytime

This was John's witness: I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and resting upon him.