

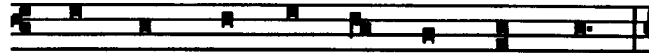
## First Sunday of Advent

### *I Evensong*

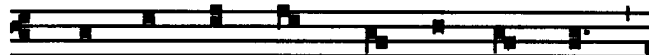
*Vos ante Christi tempora*



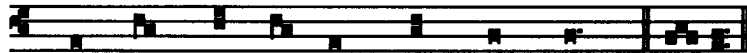
1. In cen - tu - ries be - fore Christ's birth ▲
2. O ho - - ly ones, who now can sing
3. You lived on earth as stran - gers here,
4. Our souls con - trite and pe - - ni - - - - tent
5. All praise, E - - ter - nal Son, to you,



1. The faith - ful fol - low'd God's de - - crees,
2. Your wor - - thy faith with pro - - per praise?
3. And scorn'd the emp - ty world - ly way;
4. Still humb - ly seek the Pro - - mis'd Land;
5. Whose Ad - - vent does your peo - - ple free;



1. A corps of just and ho - - ly men,
2. Who can ex - press your faith-filled hopes,
3. You lived the Spi - - rit not the Law,
4. O grant us, Christ, who wait for you
5. Whom with the Fa - - ther we a - - - - dore



1. First Fa - - thers of the faith were these.
2. The long - ings of your nights and days?
3. And wait - - ed for the pro - - mis'd Day.
4. To learn to love what you com - mand.
5. And Spi - - rit ev - - er - - last - - ing - - - - ly. A - men.

*Paris Breviary, XVIII; tr. John-Julian, OJN, 1997*

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### *II Evensong*

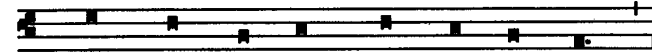
*Conditor alme siderum*



1. O, dear Cre - - - a - - - - tor of the stars, ▲
2. For you, in grief for all our sin,
3. So as the world drew t'wards its end,
4. The knees of all shall bend to you:
5. Come, Ho - - ly One, in all your pow'r,
6. Praise, ho - - nor, strength, and glo - - ry be



1. The Light of all who cleave to you,
2. Un - - wil - ling that your world should die,
3. As to his bride ap - - pears the Groom,
4. A help - less Babe, but prince - - - ly still,
5. Pre - serve us in this wick - - - ed age;
6. To God the Fa - ther and the Son,



1. O Christ, Re - deem - - - er of the world,
2. De - - - ter - min'd to des - troy sin's pow'r
3. You came in all no - - bi - - - li - - - ty
4. And all in heav'n and earth be - - low
5. Come, migh - - ty Judge, and save us all
6. And to the Ho - - - - ly Pa - - ra - - clete,



1. Hear now our hum - ble pray'r and true.
2. And po - - - tent re - - me - - - dy sup - - - ply.
3. From out the Vir - gin Mo - - ther's womb.
4. Ac - - know - ledge now your gra - - cious will.
5. From sin and death and Sa - - - tan's rage.
6. While end - - less a - - ges ev - - - er run. A - men.

*Ascr. St. Ambrose, VII; tr. John-Julian, OJN, 1997*

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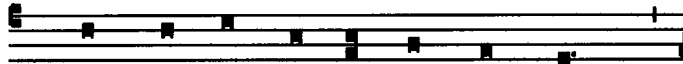
*Verbum supernum prodiens*



1. O, heav'n - ly Word, you came to earth ▲
2. En - - high - - ten now our dark - en'd breasts,
3. And, Judge of all, when you have come
4. O, cre - - dit not our wick - - ed past,
5. To Ho - - - ly Fa - - ther, Ho - - - ly Son,



1. And left your lov - - ing Fa - - ther's side;
2. Con - sume us with your heav'n - ly fire,
3. The se - - crets of all hearts to try,
4. The sins and er - - rors we have done,
5. And Ho - - - ly Spi - - rit, Bles - - sed Three:



1. Come now to ease cre - - a - - tion's pain
2. That as we hear the her - ald's cry,
3. To send all sin - ners to their doom,
4. But hear our tear - ful pen - ance now
5. Be now your prais - es rais'd on high,



1. In this our yearn - ing Ad - - vent - tide.
2. Our stub - born sins may all ex - - pire.
3. And raise the saints to joy on high,
4. And bring us to a heav'n - ly home.
5. And ev - - er - - more your glo - - - ry be. A - men.

*Unknown, V; tr. John-Julian, OJN, 1997*

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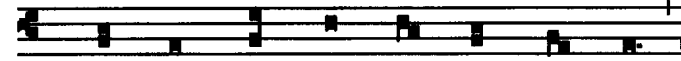
*In noctis umbra desides*



1. When ev' - ning dark - ness leads to rest ▲
2. For you the hearts of na - tions yearn,
3. O come, Re - deem - - er, come and free
4. Com - mend us not to Sa - tan's fire
5. O you who came to free us all,



1. And qui - - et sleep our bo - - dy guides,
2. The Fa - ther's Word, Hope of our race,
3. Your peo - - ple from the weight of sin;
4. But wash our sin - - ful souls a - - new
5. Great Son, to you be high - est praise



1. May faith - - ful, long - - ing souls, O Lord,
2. O, hear the groan - ing pray'rs of earth
3. The gates which an - - cient Ad - - am closed
4. That when your fi - - - - nal Ad - - vent comes,
5. With Fa - - ther and with Spi - - rit dear,



1. Keep vi - - - gil in your Ad - - vent - tide.
2. And raise the fal - len by your grace.
3. Throw wide and o - - - pen heav'n a - - gain.
4. We may re - joice and wel - come you.
5. For all the ev - - er - - last - ing days. A - men.

*C. Coffin, Paris Breviary, XVIII; tr. & v. 4, John-Julian, OJN, 1997*

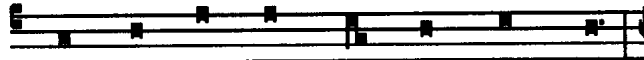
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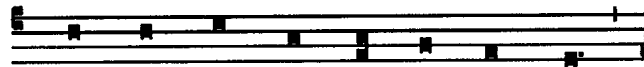
*Vox clara ecce intonat*



1. Be -- hold, a bril - liant voice is heard ▲
2. O Souls a -- wak - ened by the cry,
3. The Lamb, long - pro - mis'd, has been sent
4. That when he comes a --- gain at last
5. So great - est glo -- ry to our God



1. In earth - ly dark - ness cry - - ing loud:
2. De -- lay no more in earth's dark clay,
3. To can - cel debts by god --- ly grace;
4. And all the world is wrapp'd in fears,
5. And to the sole Be -- got --- ten One



1. "Put sleep a -- way and rise to see,
2. For bright - ly shines the Ris - ing Star
3. Then tears of sor - row let us shed
4. The con - trite he will not chas - tise,
5. And to the Breath Di - vine be praise



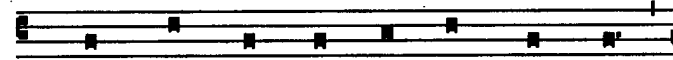
1. For Christ des - cends up -- on a cloud."
2. And sin like dark - ness flees a -- way.
3. And beg for -- give - ness for our vice.
4. But shel - ter us and dry our tears.
5. While all the end - less a -- ges run. A - men.

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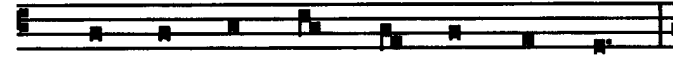
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*Instantis Adventum Dei*



1. The pre -- sent Ad - vent of our Lord ▲
2. Earth - born, our Lord did not des -- pise
3. All meek and mer -- ci -- ful he comes;
4. For soon, on clouds all clear and bright,
5. And as that day of Judg - ment comes,
6. O you who came to free us all,



1. We hold in ar --- dent hope - ful pray'r,
2. To be en -- clos'd in vir -- gin womb,
3. Then has - ten Sy -- on to your King
4. The na - tions' Judge will come to free
5. Dis - perse the sha -- dows of dis - grace;
6. Great Son, to you be high - est praise



1. And we a -- wait the com - ing Feast
2. But made him - self a slave to set
3. Who rea - ches out for -- giv - ing hands,
4. All faith - ful souls from fear of hell
5. Old A - dam's sin is wip'd a -- way,
6. With Fa - ther and with Spi - rit dear,



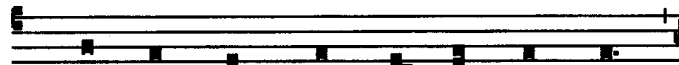
1. With joy -- ful song and fes -- tal fare.
2. Us free from sla - v'ry's bit -- ter doom.
3. And scorn not then the peace they bring.
4. And save them from ad -- ver --- si - ty.
5. And New - er A -- dam takes his place.
6. For all the ev -- er -- last -- ing days. A - men.

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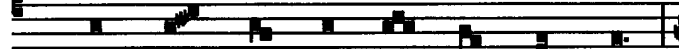
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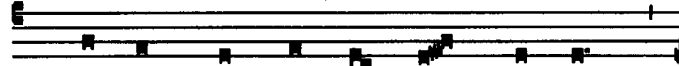
*Jordanis oras praevia*



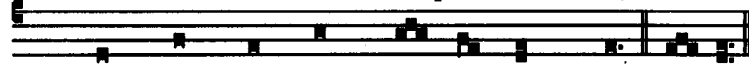
1. On Jor -- dan's banks the pro - phet stands, ▲
2. The ve -- - ry earth, the sea, the air
3. Now smooth a pas -- sage for the Lord
4. For you, O Je --- sus, are our Hope,
5. If you do but ex - tend your hand,
6. O you who came to free us all,



1. And, lo, the Bap - tist's warn - ing rolls,
2. Now sense their own Cre -- a --- tor near,
3. For God ap -- proa - ches on the way;
4. The Strength and So -- lace of our race;
5. The sick are healed, the fal -- len rise;
6. Great Son, to you be high - est praise



1. A - cross the land and o'er the hills:
2. And filled with long - ing for his grace,
3. And pu --- ri --- fy your hearts and minds
4. Our lives will wi -- ther and de -- cay
5. Or show the splen - dor of your Face
6. With Fa -- ther and with Spi --- rit dear,



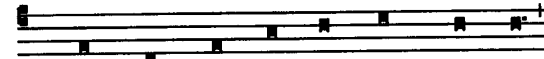
1. "A -- wake from sleep, you i - dle souls."
2. They wel - come back their Ma - ker dear.
3. Where such a migh -- ty Guest may stay.
4. Like win - ter grass with - out your grace.
5. And all the beau - teous world re -- vives.
6. For all the ev --- er -- last - ing days. A - men.

*C. Coffin, Hymni Sacri, XVIII; tr. John-Julian OJN, 1997*

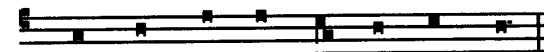
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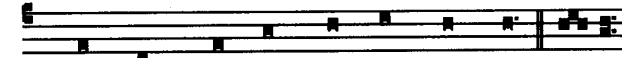
1. They knew you not in Ad -- vent past,▲
2. And ev --- en now we know you not,
3. You come still qui -- et --- ly and small,
4. As we a -- wait the Christ - mas feast,
5. O Lord, pre - pare us by your grace
6. So when the cir - cling years of earth
7. So, Com - ing Lord, to you we pray,



1. You came so qui -- et -- ly and small,
2. Nor find you in our dai -- ly round,
3. Nor tout your com - ing with a flair,
4. We think of all your Com - ings since,
5. That in this Ad - vent we re -- pent
6. Have turn'd their last and time shall end,
7. And to your Fa - ther lift our praise,



1. The shep - herds on -- ly knew your birth
2. Nor sense you on your al --- tar now,
3. But come you do, and come you shall,
4. And curse our fool - ish blind - ness now,
5. And rea --- dy us for Beth -- le - hem
6. Then may we raise our songs of joy
7. And to the Spi - rit, Breath of God:

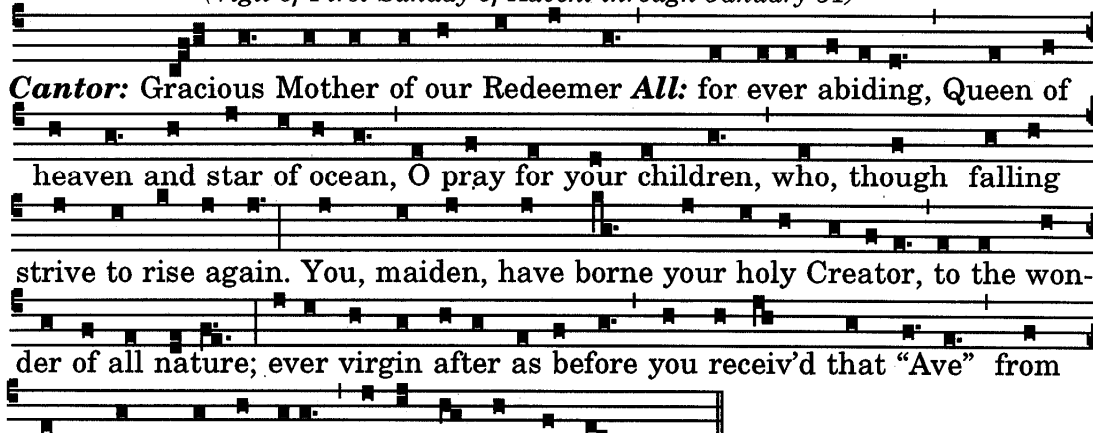


1. Re - spond - ing to their an -- gels' call.
2. Nor in our neigh - bor are you found.
3. Un -- til the end of all is here.
4. La - ment - ing our ne - glec - ted sins.
5. With hearts re - stored and pe --- ni --- tent,
6. And know you then as long'd - for Friend.
7. To all our ac -- cla - ma - tions raise. A - men

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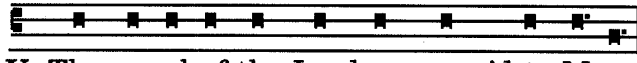
### Alma Redemptoris

(Vigil of First Sunday of Advent through January 31)

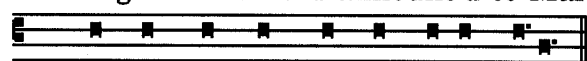


**Cantor:** Gracious Mother of our Redeemer **All:** for ever abiding, Queen of heaven and star of ocean, O pray for your children, who, though falling strive to rise again. You, maiden, have borne your holy Creator, to the wonder of all nature; ever virgin after as before you receiv'd that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel; intercede for us sinners.

(During Advent)



V. The angel of the Lord announc'd to Mary.



R. And she conceiv'd by the Holy Spirit.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our **hêarts**, O Lord, that we who have known the Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Ma-ry may, by His cross and passion, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through **Jê-sus** Christ our Lord. **Amen.**