

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

Entrance Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

Responsorial Psalm #1001

Psalm 89: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Communion Hymns

O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel #395

This Is Jesus #2071

As the Deer #2027

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

Closing Hymn

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman #889

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the
heavenly hosts, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan, and all
evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Readings

#1001

First Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
16

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38



Opening Hymn

401 O Come, Divine Messiah!



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to
shall your God - head see.



earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -



si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

First Reading

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king,
"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29



For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

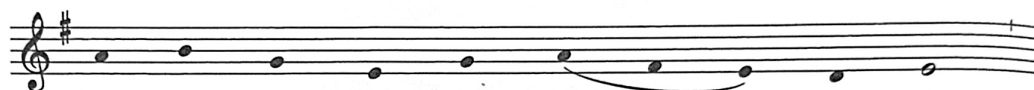
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

Communion Hymns

395 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



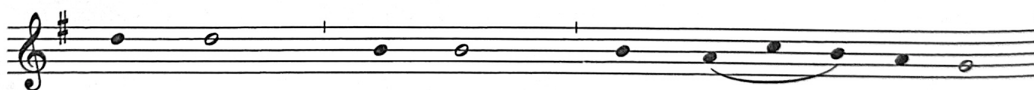
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.

This Is Jesus

2071

Text and Music by Jim Cowan
b.1952

Refrain

This is Je - sus, Em - ma - nu - el. God is with us,
in this sa - cra - ment. Come, re - ceive Him. A - dore Him.
This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

1-3. to Verses

4. Final

This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

Verses

1. Bright Star of Da - vid, Ra - di - ance of God;
2. Drink of Liv - ing Wa - ters, flow - ing from the Lord.
3. Priest of high - est hon - or, King and Sov' - reign Lord, un -
now be - come the Li - ving Bread, the bo - dy of the Lord.
Taste the cup of bless - ing par - take of pre - cious blood.
blem - ished Lamb of Sac - ri - fice, Your ver - y life out - poured:
Come in a - do - ra - tion, re - ceive with trem - bling hands; the
Riv - er of Sal - va - tion, ho - ly cleans - ing tide;
roy - al pas - chal vic - tim, true be - got - ten Son,
sa - cra - ment most ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb.
Foun - tain of Re - demp - tion, flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side..
of - fered as our ran - som by the Ho - ly One.

As the Deer

2027

Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa - ter, so my
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, e - ven
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver; on - ly



soul long- eth af - ter Thee;
though You are a King.
You can sat - is - fy.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I
I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much
You a - lone are the real joy giv - er and the



long to wor - ship Thee.
more than an - y - thing.
ap - ple of my eye.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield. To



You a - lone may my spir - it yield.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I



long to wor - ship Thee.

909 Jesus, Hope of the World

Refrain



Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our



dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.



Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:



Je-sus, hope of the world.

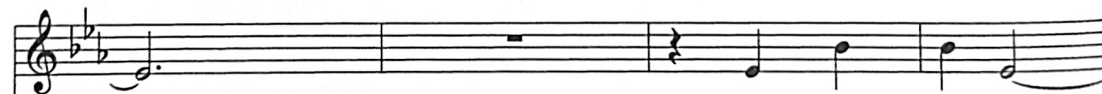
Verses



All:
Come, Lord Je-sus!



- Cantors:*
1. Come to us, O Son of God!
 2. Come to us, O Prom-ised King!
 3. Come to us, O Ris-ing Sun!
 4. Come to us, O Heart's De-sire!



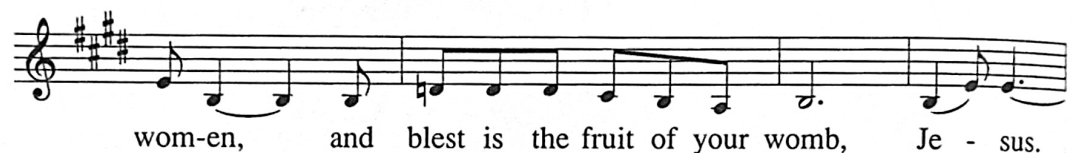
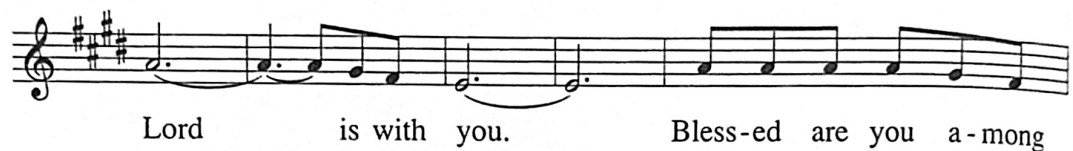
Come, Lord Je-sus!



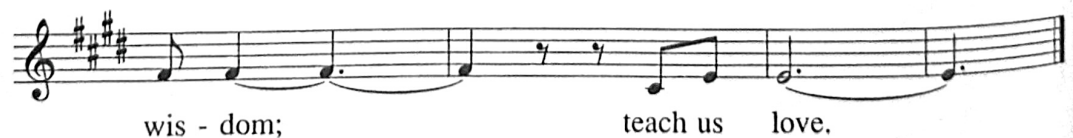
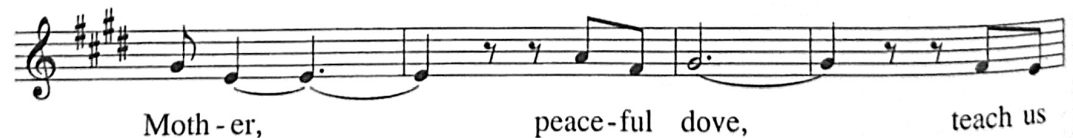
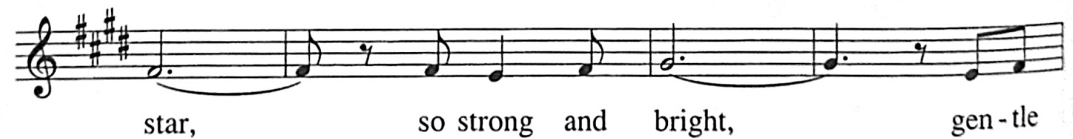
- Come to us, O Son of Man!
- Come to us, O Prom-ised Peace!
- Come to us, O End-less Light!
- Come to us, O Sav-ing Love!

Closing Hymns

889 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman



Refrain



Verse 1



1. You were cho - sen by the Fa - ther;



you were cho - sen for the Son.



You were cho - sen from all wom-en



and for wom-an, shin-ing one.

Verse 2



2. Bless-ed are you a - mong wom-en,



blest in turn all wom-en, too.



Bless-ed they with peace - ful spir-its.



Bless-ed they with gen - tle hearts.