

## CHRISTMAS SEASON FEASTS AND WEEKDAYS

- The antiphon (introit) has been arranged as a hymn!
- Pick a tune from the box or another tune of the same meter
- Copy and paste the text below into your worship aid
- consider pasting original antiphon as well. Not to sing, but so people understand what's going on!
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### St. Stephen, December 26<sup>th</sup>

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Apertae sunt ianuae caeli beato Stephano

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

### Introit Hymn 1

*Ant.* Heaven's gates were opened for him,  
Blessed Stephen entered in,  
who was first among the number  
of the Martyrs for our King.  
Therefore he is crowned triumphant  
as the heavn'ly angels sing.  
(*Evermore and evermore.*)

*Dox.* Christ, to you with God the Father,  
Spirit blest eternally,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
And unending praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
(*Evermore and evermore.*)

Text: Apertae sunt, Introit, St. Stephen,  
adapt Luke Massery © 2020  
Doxology: John M. Neale, 1818-1866

**Pick one tune for Introit Hymn: 878787**

REGENT SQUARE: Angels From the Realm  
of Glory

DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM: Of the Father's  
Love Begotten, with "*evermore and evermore.*"

PICARDY: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep *Silence*

ST THOMAS: Tantum Ergo

LAUDA ANIMA: Praise, My Soul, The King  
of Heaven

### Introit Hymn option 2

*Tune: Good King Wenceslas Looked Out*

1. Heaven's gates were opened wide for the Blessed Stephen.  
First among the martyrs found, for his firm believing.  
Therefore he is crowned on high in triumphant glory,  
For his faith until the end, we recall his story.

2. Glory to the Father be, You who reign in heaven;  
And to Christ concordantly, in this Christmas season;  
With the Spirit ever blest, praise we now and ever,  
Triune Godhead we adore, Lord of all forever.

## **St. John the Evangelist, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Iste est Ioannes

This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper,  
the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed  
and who spread the words of life through all the world.

*Or: Sir 15: 5*

In medio ecclesiae

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,  
and the Lord filled him

with the spirit of wisdom and understanding

and clothed him in a robe of glory. (Same as Common of Doctors)

### **Introit Hymn (see also common of doctors)**

#### **Both antiphons combined - use God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**

1. This John reclined on Jesus' breast at His Last Supper meal,  
Apostle blest, to whom celestial secrets were revealed,  
Who spread the words of life throughout the fallen world to heal.  
O tidings of comfort and joy...

2. Within the church he opened his mouth, the Lord filled him aright  
With understanding, solid truth, With wisdom born of light.  
In glory robed, he praised God's name, our Triune God of Might.  
O tidings of comfort and joy...

*Verse 1: Iste est Ioannes, Introit St John the Evangelist, Roman Missal. adapted Luke Massery © 2020*

*Verse 2: Sirach 15:5; Introit Roman Gradual, St. John and Common of Doctors of the Church; adapted Greg Heislman, © 2020.*

*Tune: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, Traditional English Carol.*

## **Holy Innocents, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Innocentes pro Christo

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ;  
spotless, they follow the Lamb  
and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Introit Hymn option 1**

*Tune: PASSION CHORALE (O Sacred Head Surrounded)*

*Ant.* The innocents were slaughtered  
as infant babes for Christ,  
these spotless children followed  
the Lamb through death to life,  
and now they sing for ever  
the glory of the Lord,  
with all the saints and angels,  
praise him forevermore.

*Dox.* All praise to God the Father,  
Through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
With the Eternal Spirit,  
Our threefold God in One;  
May you be ever worshipped,  
And ceaselessly adored,  
By those in song united,  
One hope, one faith, one Lord.

Text: Innocentes pro Christo, Introit;  
Holy Innocents, adapt. Luke Massery © 2020  
Dox. Clayton Orr, © 2020  
Tune: PASSION CHORALE

### **Introit Hymn option 2**

*Tune: Coventry Carol*

*Ant.* The Innocents were infant babes  
Slaughtered for Christ the King;  
These spotless ones followed the Lamb,  
Now before God they sing.

*Dox.* Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost.  
With angels, saints, and Innocents,  
Our Triune God we boast.

Text: Innocentes pro Christo, Introit; Holy Innocents, adapt. Luke Massery  
© 2020 Tune: COVENTRY CAROL

# Introit Hymn option 3

*Tune: Coventry Carol*

Refrain: Oh Lord, how glorious is your name, Your name o'er all the Earth.

1. Out of the mouths of babes, Oh God,  
you have e'er fashioned praise  
Against your foes, to silence those  
of hostile, vengeful ways.

2. Slaughtered as infants for the Christ,  
The Innocents adored;  
The Lamb they cling as they do sing:  
"Glory to you, Oh Lord."

3. A hymn of praise to God we raise:  
Father, Son, Holy Ghost,  
As was, is now, we ever bow  
with all the Heav'nly Host.

*Refrain & Verse 1: Psalm 8:1, 2: Ex ore Infantium, Deus; Graduale Introit, The Holy Innocents.*

*Verse 2: Innocentes pro Christo, Roman Missal 2010 Introit, The Holy Innocents.*

*Verse 3: Doxology. All verses adapted, Greg Heislman, © 2020.*

*Tune: COVENTRY CAROL, 8 6 8 6 8 6; English Carol, 1591*

## December 29th, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Jn 3: 16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

## Introit Hymn

*Ant.* God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

*Dox.* To God almighty, heav'nly Light;  
To Christ, revealed in splendor bright;  
To God the Spirit now we raise  
a never ending hymn of praise.

Text: Jn 3:16, Trans. by August Crull

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

### Pick one tune for Introit Hymn 3: 8888

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM: Creator of the Stars,

DUKE STREET: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

WINCHESTER NEW: On Jordan's Bank

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR: *What Star is This*

ERHALT UNS, HERR The Glory of these 40 Days

TRURO: Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

DUGUET: O Saving Victim,

O WALY WALY: The Gift of Love

IESU DII CIS: *Jesus the very thought is sweet*

## December 30th, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Wis 18: 14-15

When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

## Introit Hymn

*Tune: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

When silence covered everything,  
and night was midst its course,  
Your Word all-powerful, O Lord,  
From heav'n's throne bounded forth.  
All Glory be to God Most High,  
The Father and the Son,  
And also to the Holy Ghost,  
The Blessed Three in One,

Text: Wis 18:14-15 Adapt by Luke Massery, © 2020

Tune: CAROL

## December 31st, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Is 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

## Introit Hymn Use with IN DULCI JUBILO (*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*)

*Ant.* Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
Now a child is born for us,  
and a son is given us;  
On his shoulders pow'r will be,  
the wonder-counselor is he.  
Christ is born to reign!  
Christ is born to reign!

Text: Introit, Dec 31, Is 9: 5 Puer natus est nobis

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Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

## From 2 January to the Saturday before the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

### Monday: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM (What Star is This)

1. A holy day dawned on the world,  
Come, nations, all adore the Lord,  
A great light has come down to earth,  
we celebrate his holy birth.

2. All glory be to God on high,  
And to his Christ who came to die;  
Who with the Spirit we adore,  
Praise we them One for evermore.

*Text: Entrance Antiphon, Monday following Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM (8888).*

### Tuesday: CAROL, CMD (It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)

Blest is the one who comes today in the name of the Lord:  
The Lord is God, who gives us light, sing praise to him outpoured.  
Now praise we all our sov' reign God, The Blessed Trinity;  
The Father, Son, and Spirit one, For all eternity.

*Text: Entrance Antiphon, Tuesday following Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: CAROL, CMD; Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900*

### Wednesday: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, 86 86 86 R

1. A people walking in the darkness, now a light have known,  
the people who, for many years, dwelt in a land of gloom,  
but now Christ has been born for us, a great light has been shown.  
O tidings of comfort and joy...

2. To God our heav'nly Father all praise and glory be,  
And to his Son Christ Jesus at his Epiphany,  
Whom with the Holy Spirit, praise we the Blessed Three.

*Text: Isaiah 9:1; Entrance Antiphon, Wednesday after Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted, Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 86 86 86 R; English Carol, 18th cent.*

### Thursday: CAROL, CMD (It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)

In the beginning and before all ages was the Word.  
Himself he humbled to be born the savior of the World.  
Now praise we all our sov' reign God, The Blessed Trinity;  
The Father, Son, and Spirit one, For all eternity.

*Text: Entrance Antiphon, Thursday following Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: CAROL, CMD; Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900*

**Friday: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, 86 86 86 R**

1. A Light has risen in the darkness for th'\_upright of heart;  
The Lord is just and gen-er-ous, his mercy ne'er departs;  
To those who trust his saving Word, forgiveness he imparts.  
O tidings of comfort and joy...

2. To God our heav'nly Father all praise and glory be,  
And to his Son Christ Jesus at his Epiphany,  
Whom with the Holy Spirit, praise we the Blessed Three:  
O tidings of comfort and joy...

*Text: Psalm 112:4; Entrance Antiphon, Friday after Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted, Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 86 86 86 R; English Carol, 18th cent.*

**Saturday: CAROL, CMD (It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)**

God sent his son, of woman born so that we might receive  
Adoption as his children, and we may in him believe.  
Now praise we all our sov'reign God, The Blessed Trinity;  
The Father, Son, and Spirit one, For all eternity.

*Text: Entrance Antiphon, Saturday following Epiphany; Roman Missal 2010; adapted Luke Massery, © 2020.  
Tune: CAROL, CMD; Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900*