

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON HYMNS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS

Antiphons from the Roman Gradual, as translated in the Gregorian Missal, adapted to familiar hymn tunes.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, OFFERTORY

See Entrance Antiphon for Advent 1

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, OFFERTORY

You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, and your people will rejoice in you.

Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

You Will Turn Toward Us, O God

1. & 3. You will turn toward us, O God, and to life restore us,
And your people will rejoice in you, Lord, most generous.
Show us gracious mercy, Lord, grant us your salvation,
You have blessed your favored land, brought back Jacob's nation.

2. You forgave your people's sin, covered o'er their failings,
You averted all your rage, with your wrath abating;
Bring us back O savior God, to redeem your people.
I will hear what God proclaims: peace for all his faithful.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Gregorian Missal, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Deus tu convertens, Psalm 85: 7-8,1-6.
Adapted Luke Massery © 2021, Tune: GAUDEMUS PARITUR, 7676D*

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, OFFERTORY

*O Lord, you have blessed your land, you have put an end to Jacob's captivity;
You have forgiven the guilt of your people.*

O Lord, You Blessed Your Favored Land

1. & 5. O Lord, you blessed your favored land
and ended Jacob's strife,
Forgave the guilt of Israel,
restored again our life.

2. O bring us back, O saving God,
I hear what you proclaim;
For all your people, peacefulness;
Forgive us in your name.

3. Now love and faithfulness shall meet,
While peace and justice kiss,
And truth will spring forth from the earth,
In gaze of heaven's bliss.

4. The Lord indeed gives what is good,
Our land will yield its crop,
And righteousness shall lead the way,
preparing for our God.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gregorian Missal; Benedixisti, Domine, Ps 85: 2, 8-9 10-11, 12-13
Adapted Luke Massery © 2021, Tune: MORNING SONG*

Or, see above, Advent 2 – contains same scripture verse!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, OFFERTORY

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou
amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*

Also check your hymnals for Ave Marias.

E.g., Ave Maria, Norbert, © OCP, Ave Maria, Dan Cantor © GIA, Ave Maria: Chant Hymn

Hail Mary, Full of Grace (Paired with “Praise We the Lord This Day”)

Ant. Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with_ you.

Blessed are you among women, (among all women blest are you)

Blest the fruit of your womb.

1 Praise we the Lord this day,
This day so long foretold,
Whose promise shone with cheering ray
On waiting saints of old.

2 The prophet gave the sign
For faithful folk to read:
A virgin, born of David's line,
Shall bear the promised seed.

3 Ask not how this should be,
But worship and adore
Like her whom God's own majesty
Came down to shadow o'er.

4 She meekly bowed her head
To hear the gracious word:
Hail, Mary, pure and lowly maid,
The favored of the Lord.

5 How blest shall be her name
In all the Church on earth!
Through her that wondrous myst'ry came,
The incarnate Savior's birth.

6 Praise Christ, the Virgin's Son,
Whom earth and heav'n adore,
With Father, Spirit, Three in One
Both now and evermore.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, 4th Sunday of Advent, Gregorian Missal; Ave Maria, gratia plena, Lk 1:28, Antiphon adapted Luke Massery © 2021,
Tune: Swabia. Praise We The Lord This Day, anonymous, Hymns for the Festivals and Saints' Days, 1846*

CHRISTMAS, VIGIL MASS, OFFERTORY

O princes, lift up your gates; be lifted high O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall make his entry.

Sing We Now Of Christmas

1.& 4. Princes lift your gates, grow higher ancient doors
Let the King of glory enter evermore. R

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2. Earth and all its fullness, all who dwell within
Are the lords forever, They belong to him. R

3. Who is this new king of glory drawing nigh?
He is God almighty, Christ the Lord Most High! R

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Vigil Mass, Gregorian Missal; Tollite portas, Ps 24:7,1,8 adapted Luke Massery © 2021,
Tune: NOEL NOUVELET. Refrain: Sing We Now of Christmas, Traditional French Carol*

CHRISTMAS, MIDNIGHT MASS, OFFERTORY

Let heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord for he cometh.

Sing We Now of Christmas

1.& 4. Let the heav'ns be glad and let the earth rejoice,
For the Lord has come, sing out a joyful noise.

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2. Sing a new song gladly, all the earth, to God,
Bless his name, tell loudly of his love abroad. R

3. His the strength and glory, majesty divine;
In this place most holy, here does beauty shine. R

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Midnight Mass, Gregorian Missal; Laetentur Caeli, Psalm 96, 11,1-2, 4 & 6 ,8-9;
adapted Luke Massery © 2021, Tune: NOEL NOUVELET. Refrain: Sing We Now of Christmas, Traditional French Carol*

OR

Let Heav'ns Be Glad

1. & 4. Let heav'ns be glad before the Lord
and let the earth rejoice,
Because he comes to rule the earth,
sing out a joyful noise.
O sing a new song gladly,
Sing all the earth to God,
And bless his name, to all proclaim
His saving love abroad.

2. For great's the Lord, and greatly he
is to be magnified;
Yea, worthy to be feared is he
above all gods beside.
Great honor, strength, and glory,
and majesty divine;
Are in his face, this holy place,
and there doth beauty shine.

3. Give glory to our saving Lord
that to his name is due;
Come ye into his courts, and bring
an offering with you.
In beauty of his goodness,
O do the Lord adore;
Let all devout the earth throughout
tremble his face before.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Midnight Mass, Gregorian Missal; Laetentur Caeli, Psalm 96, 11, 1-2, 4-9
adapted from the Scottish Psalter, Tune: ST LOUIS (O Little Town of Bethlehem) 86 86 76 86*

CHRISTMAS, MASS AT DAWN, OFFERTORY

*For it is God who has established the world, it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old;
you are from all eternity*

Sing We Now of Christmas

1.& 4. God the world established, never to be moved;
You, Lord, and your throne from endless ages stood.

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2. God the Lord is king, he clothes himself in light,
Girded round with strength and majesty and might. R

3. Mightier than the ocean and the thund'ring wave
Is the Lord, Most Glorious, who has come to save. R

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Mass at Dawn, Gregorian Missal; Deus enim firmavit Ps 93: 1c, 2, 1ab, 5
adapted Luke Massery © 2021, Tune: NOEL NOUVELET. Refrain: Sing We Now of Christmas, Traditional French Carol*

OR

The World, Established by God's Hands

1. The world, established by God's hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.
The world, established by God's hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.
Your throne eternal ages stood--
Yourself- the ever-living God.

2. The Lord is king; he dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might,
The Lord is king; he dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might,
More mighty than the thund'ring wave
The glorious Lord who comes to save.

3. Forever shall thy throne endure,
Thy promise stands forever sure;
Forever shall thy throne endure,
Thy promise stands forever sure;
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwellings of thy grace.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Mass at Dawn, Gregorian Missal; Deus enim firmavit Vss2-4 from Ps 93: 1c, 2, 1ab, 5, adapted Luke Massery
© 2021, V 1 from SUSSEX CAROL, Tune: ENGLISH CAROL, English Traditional Carol (Alt Tune: PUER NATUS, PUER NOBIS
NASCITUR)*

CHRISTMAS, MASS DURING THE DAY, OFFERTORY

*Yours are the heavens, yours are the earth, the world and the fullness thereof have been founded by you.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.*

Sing We Now of Christmas

1.& 4. Yours, Lord, are the heavens, all the earth you own.
Righteousness and justice shall make firm your throne.

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2. I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;
Through all generations laud and praise accord. R

3. With my voice I make your faithfulness be known,
And declare to all this great love you have shown.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Christmas Day, Gregorian Missal; Tui sunt Caeli Ps 89: 12 and 15a, 1, 2
adapted Luke Massery © 2021, Tune: NOEL NOUVELET. Refrain: Sing We Now of Christmas, Traditional French Carol*

OR

Add these verses to "God Rest Ye" or "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The heavens and the earth are yours, the world's fullness thereof
Have been established by your hand, created in your love
For justice peace and righteousness make firm your throne above
O tidings....

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

The heavens and the earth are yours,
The world and all above
Have been established by your hand,
Created in your love.
Your throne, O Lord, has founded been
In righteousness and peace,
And justice reigns o'er every land
Till all the world shall cease.

HOLY FAMILY, OFFERTORY

In you have I put my trust, O Lord; I said: "You are my God, my destiny is in your hands."

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

1. & 5. In you, O Lord, I place my trust,
Before you, God, I stand;
You are my God, my comforter,
My life is in your hands, My life is in your hands.

2. Be my protector, mighty God,
A refuge for me make;
You are my rock, my stronghold sure,
Guide me for your name's sake, Guide me for your name's sake.

3. In you, O Lord, I place my trust,
Ne'er let me lie in shame;
Deliver me in righteousness
For glory of your name, For glory of your name.

4. All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace:
Good will henceforth, from heav'n to all,
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease!

See Also 19th Sunday in OT

Text: Offertory Antiphon, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Family, Gregorian Missal, In Te Speravi, Psalm 31, 15,16, 3,4,2,5

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Tune: CHRISTMAS (While Shepherds Watched) by G.F. Handel

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1

*Blessed are you, O holy Virgin Mary, and worthy of all praise; for from you has come forth the sun of justice,
Christ our God.*

O Holy Mother Mary (Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming)

Antiphon O Holy Mother Mary,
We bless you all our days;
O Virgin chaste and holy,
And worthy of all praise;
Forth from your womb has come,
The Lord and sun of justice,
Who is the Christ, our God.

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

3. This flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

Text: Offertory Antiphon, Gregorian Missal, Mary, Mother of God, Felix namque es, Adapted by Luke Massery © 2021, and Lo, How A Rose, trans Theodore Baker, Tune: ES IST EIN ROS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, OFFERTORY

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him.

The Kings of Tarshish

1. The kings of Tarshish and the isles
to him shall presents bring;
And unto him shall offer gifts,
Sheba and Seba's king.

2. Yes, all the mighty kings on earth
before him prostrate fall;
And all the nations of the world
will serve him, Lord of all.

3. Lord, let your just decrees the king
in all his ways direct;
And let his son, throughout his reign,
your righteous laws respect.

4. So shall he still your people judge
with pure and upright mind,
Whilst all the helpless poor shall him
their just protector find.

Text: Offertory Antiphon, Gregorian Missal, Epiphany of the Lord, Reges Tharsis, Psalm 72:10,11,1,2

Adapted from the Scottish Psalter, & Tate and Brady Psalter by Luke Massery, © 2021 Tune: MORNING SONG, or WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT (CHRISTMAS) CM

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, OFFERTORY

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light, alleluia, alleluia.*

Blessed is He Who Comes

1. & 5. Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name.
From the Lord's house we bless you and proclaim:
God is our light, from age to age the same,
Alleluia, from age to age the same.

2. Unto the Lord your thankfulness outpour,
For he is good, his mercy ever sure,
Let Israel say "his love will e'er endure,"
Alleluia, his love will e'er endure.

3. The Lord's right hand has triumphed valiantly,
The mighty hand of God exalted me;
I shall not die, but live to tell his deeds,
Alleluia, I live to tell his deeds.

4. The stone that was rejected has become
The cornerstone, by God has this been done,
A marvel in our eyes, this vict'ry won,
Alleluia, O sing for vict'ry won.

*Text: Offertory Antiphon, Gregorian Missal, Baptism of the Lord, Benedictus qui venit, Psalm 118:26, 27, 1,2,16,17, 22,23
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