

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *Also Annunciation of the Lord, March 25th*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Is 45: 8*

Rorate, caeli desuper

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

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- **The antiphon (introit) has been arranged as a hymn!**
- **Pick a tune from the box, or use the one provided in the organ score!**
- **Copy and paste the text below into your worship aid, or use the melody PDF/PNG provided.**
- **consider pasting original antiphon as well. Not to sing, but so people understand what's going on!**

Introit Hymn OPTION 1

Ant. Drop down fresh dew, you heavens,
Let clouds rain down the Righteous One;
And let the earth be riven,
a Savior now be born.

(Vs.) Heavens declare
glory of God,
the firmament proclaims with flare
the glorious works his hands prepare.

(Dox.) O Come Divine Messiah,
whom with the Father we adore;
And with the Holy Spirit,
praise we forevermore.
Repeat Antiphon

*Text: Isaiah 45:8; Ps 19; Rorate caeli desuper;
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Music: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, French carol, 16th c.*

Use with VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE:

O Come Divine Messiah

← This part is from the appointed Psalm 19

← This part is the doxology.

← Repeat the antiphon and end at "A Savior now be born."

Introit Hymn OPTION 2 LM

Ant. Pour out, O heavens, from on high
That righteousness may flood the sky,
And from the depths of earth may spring,
The One who shall salvation bring.

Pick one tune for Introit Hymn: LM

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM: *Creator of the Stars,*

WINCHESTER NEW: *On Jordan's Bank*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR: *What Star is This*

O WALY WALY: *The Gift of Love*

JESU DULCIS: *Jesus the very thought is sweet*

Vs. The heav'ns declare your glory, Lord,
The firmament proclaims your work.
Day unto day conveys the word
Night unto night, the message heard.

← This verse is an adaption of Psalm 19:1, the appointed psalm for this antiphon.

Dox. All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

← Use this doxology as verse 3 and return to the antiphon as verse 4.

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Ps. 19 adapted, Luke Massery © 2020
Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM*

Introit Hymn OPTION 3, 8787

Ant. Drop your dew, ye clouds of heaven,
Rain the Just One now to save!
With that cry the night was riven
From the world, a yawning grave.

Use with STUTTGART:
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Vs. Heav'n declares the Savior's glory,
firmament proclaims your work.
Day to day conveys the message,
Night to night his knowledge heard.

← This verse from Psalm 19 is the appointed verse in the Roman Gradual.

Dox. Now with all the saints in heaven
thanks and praises do we sing;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One, our Triune King.

← You can use this doxology as vs 3 and return to antiphon as verse 4.

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Introit, Advent IV, by Michael Dennis, 1774
Ps 19 adapt. Luke Massery © 2020
Tune: STUTTGART 8787*

Here's some extra verses by Michael Dennis 1774

On the earth by God forsaken,
Tightly shut was heaven's gate,
Sin and death their toll had taken.
For salvation all must wait.

To redeem our sad condition
Was the Father's loving Will,
And the Son took the glad mission
His decision to fulfill.

Heb 10,9; Luke 1; Rom. 13, 11-14 by Michael Dennis, 1774