

O Antiphon * O KING OF NATIONS

O KING OF NATIONS whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and deliver the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38, Galatians 4:4-7 p.1588, 1813

Choral Anthem: "Holy Is Your Name" D. Haas
stanza 1&2—choir, stanzas 3-5—all

Carol: "Savior of the Nations, Come" LUYH 74:1,4,5
stanza 1—solo, stanza 4&5—all

O Antiphon * O EMMANUEL

O EMMANUEL, you are our king and judge, the one whom the peoples await and their Savior. O come and save us, Lord, our God.

The Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-24 p.1070, 1497

Carols: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" LUYH 88:1,4
"Emmanuel"
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LUYH 61:1,7

We Give our Offerings for Dordt College

Gifts to the Dordt College Fund bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of education—a gap of approximately \$3500 per student.

Offertory Song: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Stanza 1&2—choir, stanza 4—all

Closing Prayer

*Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:23-24 p.1841

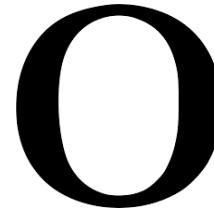
*Closing Song: "Peace, Peace" R.&S. Powell, arr. Bock

Worship Participants

Organ/Piano: Donna Brue, Jill Friend ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries, Luke Hawley
Brass: Kurt Frisch, Mike Janssen, Nathan Ryder, Josh Vanden Berg
Readers: Ruth Clark, Jim Schaap, Shirley Taylor ♦ Candle Lighters: Kurt & Lane Vos
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Service of Lessons and Carols

December 17, 2017



The 'O Antiphons' are a series of seven Advent prayers developed by Benedictine monks in the Middle Ages. Based on Isaiah's prophecies about Jesus, each one begins with the beseeching "O" and then addresses Christ using a particular title (Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King, Emmanuel). We often pray these prayers ourselves when we sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or in the more contemporary hymn "My Soul in Stillness Waits."

The order of the prayers is significant. Starting with the last title in reverse order (in Latin), the first letter of each (*Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapienta*) forms an acrostic: the Latin words *Ero cras*, which speak Jesus' response and promise to us: 'Tomorrow, I will come.'

The word advent itself means 'coming'. As we pause this evening to reflect and celebrate, our prayer is that we can celebrate the light breaking into the darkness, the light that has come and will come again.

† The graphic work projected this evening is by Yeohyun Ahn. She uses computer coding and mathematical algorithms to create abstract representations of letters and words. "O Antiphons + Code" was created for the 2016 Advent Vespers booklet and projections for the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University. You can also see her work at the Dordt College Art Gallery.

* - Indicates to stand, if able, LUYH=Lift Up Your Hearts

Prelude: "Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)" S. McCracken

Processional Hymn: "Christ, Be Our Light" LUYH 908:1
stanza 1&2—soloist and choir, chorus after stanza 2—congregation

*God Greets Us

*Bidding Prayer

*Song: "Christ, Be Our Light" LUYH 908:3-5

Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LUYH 61:1-4
stanza 1—all, stanza 2—women and children, stanza 3—men, stanza 4—all

O Antiphon * O WISDOM

O WISDOM, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You create the universe and hold all things together with strength and sweetness. O come to teach us the way of truth.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:12-14, Psalm 19:1-4a p.1120, 858

Carols: "Behold Our God"
"O, Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1

O Antiphon * O ADONAI

O ADONAI and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the law on Mount Sinai. O come and stretch out your mighty hand to redeem us.

The Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10 p.1227, 1867

*Carol: "Once in Royal David's City" LUYH 87: 1-4
stanza 1—all, stanza 2—women and children, stanza 3—men, stanza 4—all

O Antiphon * O ROOT OF JESSE

O ROOT OF JESSE, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings fall silent before you; nations bow down and worship you. O come to deliver us and do not delay.

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1,10, Isaiah 65:17-25, John 14:25-27
p.1077, 1164, 1676

Choral Anthem: "Creation Will Be at Peace" J.P. Williams, A.L. Page

O Antiphon * O KEY OF DAVID

O KEY OF DAVID and scepter of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captives from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7, Psalm 72:1-4 p.1072, 908

Choral Anthem: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" R. Hopp
stanza 1—all, stanzas 2&3—choir, stanza 4—all

O Antiphon * O DAYSPRING

O DAYSPRING, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

The Fifth Lesson: Psalm 130:5-7, Hebrews 1:3 p.969, 1862

*Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80