

The proper of the liturgy of the hours during the season of Advent

Sunday I

First Vespers

- Ant I Proclaim to the peoples, saying:* behold, our saving God is coming.
- Ant II Behold, the Lord,* the King of kings, shall come; blessed are they who are prepared to meet him.
- Ant III May we recognize, O Lord,* your way to the land, and your salvation among all the peoples.
- Ant IV To you, O Lord,* I lift up my soul; come and rescue me, Lord, as I run to you for refuge.

Reading

1Thes 5: 23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness, may he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

Responsory **Show us your mercy, * O Lord. Show...
And grant us your salvation, * Of Lord.
Glory... Show us...**

- A-C/M Come,* let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways.
- B-C/M Jesus said to his disciples:* “ Take care, watch; for you do not know when the time will come.”
- C-C/M Jesus said:* “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth nations will be in anguish.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

- Ant Look!* The most high king is coming with great power to save the nations, alleluia.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant Rejoice,* all of you and be glad, for here is the Lord. He is coming to save us.

V/. Oh Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Return, O Lord,* for the sake of your servants, the people of your heritage.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant Would that you rent the heavens * and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Behold,* the days are coming, says the Lord,when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and of Judah.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant In those days,* in that time, I will cause a righteous branch to spring forth from David.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.
(every day to Dec. 17)

Ant I On that day * the mountains shall drip new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad,* O daughter of Zion, and rejoice beyond measure, O daughter of Jerusalem, alleluia!

Ant III Behold the Lord shall come,* and all his saints with him; and on that day the light will be great, alleluia!

Ant IV Behold,* the great prophet will come, and he will recreate Jerusalem, alleluia!

Reading

Rm 13: 11-12

Take care to do all these things, for you know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on us.**
Christ...
You are the one who is to come, have mercy on us.
Glory... Christ...

A-C/Z It is now the hour * for you to wake from sleep. Put on the Lord Jesus and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

B-C/Z Watch,* lest the master of the house come suddenly, and find you asleep.

C-C/Z Then * they will see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Midday

Ant I The prophets foretold * that the savior would be born of the virgin Mary.

Ant II The angel Gabriel greeted Mary:* "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women."

Ant III Mary said:* What can this greeting mean? For I am deeply disturbed, and wonder whether I am to give birth to my king and yet remain a virgin forever?

Ant IV Proclaim * the good news among the nations: our God will come to save us!

Reading

1 Thes 3:12-13

And may the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

V/. Remember us, O Lord, because of the love you have for your people.

R/. Visit us with your salvation.

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Phil 4: 4- 5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near!

Responsory **Show us your mercy, * O Lord. Show...**
And grant us your salvation, * O Lord. Glory...
Show us...

A-C/M Watch,* for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

B-C/M Watch, therefore,* for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight; watch, I say to you, I say to all: watch.

C-C/M Watch at all times,* that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

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V/. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R/. And grant us your salvation.

2nd Noct

Ant Be strong and say:* “here is our God; he is coming to save us, alleluia!”

V/. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord.

R/. Make straight the path of our God.

Lauds

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Reading

Is 2:3

Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths. For from Sion shall go forth instruction. And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Responsory Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.

Above...

And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z The angel of the Lord * declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the holy spirit.

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Reading

Is10:24a,27

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: O my people, who dwell in Zion, do not fear. On that day, the burden shall be taken from your shoulder, and the yoke shattered from your neck.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

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Phil 3:20b-21

We eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Jesus heard him and marvelled,* many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness.

Tuesday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant There shall come forth * a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God,

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

2nd Noct

Ant The earth * shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the seas.

V/. May your mercy come upon us, Lord,

R/. And your salvation according to your word.

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The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs, while tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people's homage.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.**
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And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
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C/Z Before Joseph and Mary came together,* she was found to be with child of the holy spirit, alleluia.

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Jer 23: 6

In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "the Lord our justice."

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

I cor 1 :7b-9

We await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will strengthen us in the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and it was he who called us to fellowship with his son.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power, Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord God
of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Jesus said:* “no one knows the son except the father, or who the father is except the son and anyone to whom the son chooses to reveal him.”

Wednesday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord God * will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth.

**V/. Hear the word of the Lord, you nations.
R/. Proclaim it to the ends of the earth**

2nd Noct

Ant It will be said that day:* “lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.”

**V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.**

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Reading

Is 7: 14b-15

The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall be living on curds and honey by the time he learns to reject the bad and choose the good.

Responsory ***Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...***

C/Z The law comes from Mt. Sinai,* but the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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Reading

Is 12:2

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

I Cor 4:5

Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord’s return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

Responsory ***Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come..
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...***

C/M Jesus took the seven loaves and the fish,* and having given thanks he broke them, and gave them to the disciples who gave them to the crowds.

Thursday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant A nation of firm purpose * you keep in peace; in peace, for it's trust in you.

V/. The Lord proclaimed his word to Jacob.

R/. His righteousness and judgments to Israel.

2nd Noct

Ant Trust in the Lord forever,* for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Reading

Is 45:8

Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let justice also spring up!

Responsory Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.

Above...

And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z Blessed are you among women,* yet most blessed is the fruit of your womb.

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Reading

Hg 2:7,9

I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts, greater will be the future glory of this house than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of hosts.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5: 7-8 ,9b

Be patient, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently. While the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. You, too, must be patient steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. See! The judge stands at the gate.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Everyone then * who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

Friday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

V/. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord.

R/. Make straight the path of our God.

2nd Noct

Ant Rejoice, all of you, and be glad for here is the Lord;* he is coming to save us.

**V/. May your mercy come upon us, O Lord,
R/. And your salvation according to your word.**

Lauds

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Reading

Jer 30:21-22

Thus says the Lord: his leader shall be from Jacob and his ruler shall come from his kin, when I summon him, he shall approach me. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...**

C/Z Behold, the Lord comes * and a son from the house of David will sit on this throne, alleluia!

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Reading

Jer 30 :18

Thus says the Lord: see! I will restore the tents of Jacob, his dwellings I will pity.

**V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.
R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.**

Vespers

Reading

2 Pt 3: 8b-9

In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise — though some consider it “delay”. Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all to come to repentance.

Responsory ***Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory.***

C/M Out of Egypt * I have called my Son; He will come to save His people.

Saturday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord * will give you the bread you need, and the water for which you thirst.

V/. *Hear the word of the Lord, you nations.*
R/. *Proclaim it to the ends of the earth.*

2nd Noct

Ant Upon every high mountain and lofty hill,* there will be streams of running water.

V/. *The Lord announces his word to Jacob.*
R/. *His righteousness and judgments to Israel.*

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Reading

Is 11:1-2a

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding. A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

Responsory ***Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear. Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...***

C/Z People of Sion,* do not be afraid, for your God is coming, alleluia!

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Reading

Is 4:3

He who remains in Zion and he that is left in Jerusalem will be called holy: everyone marked down for life in Jerusalem.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. And the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Sunday II

First Vespers

Ant I The Lord,* our lawgiver and king, is himself coming, and he will save us.

Ant II While the law was given through Moses,* grace and truth are brought forth by Jesus Christ.

Ant III The Lord’s word * will come as long-awaited rain; and our God will descend upon us like dew from the heavens.

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- A-C/M There shall come forth * a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- B-C/M As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:* behold, I send my messenger before you who shall prepare your way.
- C-C/M In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,* and in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Let us cleanse our hearts * for the coming of our great king, that we may be ready to welcome him; he is coming and will not delay.

V/. *Lift up your heads and see;*
R/. *For your redemption is approaching.*

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord will come with mighty power;* all mortal eyes shall see him.

V/. *O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.*
R/. *Show your face, and we shall be saved.*

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant A voice cries in the wilderness:* prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

V/. *Lift up your heads and see;*
R/. *For your redemption is approaching.*

2nd Noct

Ant Every mountain and hill shall be made low;* the uneven ground shall become level, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

V/. *O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.*
R/. *Show your face, and we shall be saved.*

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant O Jerusalem,* take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;

R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant Arise, O Jerusalem,* stand on the heights and see your children gathered from west and east, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. How your face, and we shall be saved.

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- A-C/Z In those days * John the baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- B-C/Z John the baptizer * appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- C-C/Z John went about the entire region of the Jordan,* preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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A-C/M I baptize you with water for repentance,* but he who is coming after me is mightier than I; he will baptize you with the holy spirit and with fire.

B-C/M John preached:* “after me comes he who is mightier than I. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the holy spirit.”

C-C/M John preached,* prepare the way of the Lord, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Monday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The wilderness * and the dry land shall be glad, they shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

V/. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R/. And grant us your salvation.

2nd Noct

Ant Behold,* your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God he will come and save you.

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* Lord God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Full of awe,* they gave praise to God saying, we have seen incredible things today.

Tuesday II Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,* and proclaim to her that her service is at an end and her guilt is expiated.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

2nd Noct

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C/M It is not the will of my Father * who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Wednesday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord is the everlasting God,* the creator of the ends of the earth.

V/. Hear the word of the Lord, you nations.

R/. Proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

2nd Noct

Ant They who wait for the Lord * shall renew their strength. They shall run and not be weary.

V/. Turn back to us, * O Lord our God.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Reading

Is 7: 14b-15

The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall be living on curds and honey by the time he learns to reject the bad and choose the good.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.**
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z Behold * I send my messenger, who shall prepare my way.

Midday

Ant I Behold,* in the clouds of heaven the Lord will come with mighty power, alleluia!

Ant II Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord, its bulwark and walls; throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant III The Lord will come;* he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and hills will sing praise to God,* and all the trees of the forest will clap their hands, for the Lord, the ruler of an eternal kingdom, is coming, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading

Is 12:2

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

I Cor 4:5

Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord's return. he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Zion,* you will be renewed, and you will see the Just One who is coming to you.

Thursday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant For I, the Lord your God,* hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "fear not, I will help you."

**V/. The Lord proclaimed his word to Jacob.
R/. His righteousness and judgments to Israel.**

2nd Noct

Ant Your redeemer is the holy one of Israel.* And you shall rejoice in the Lord; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

**V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.**

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Reading

Is 45:8

Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let justice also spring up!

Responsory ***Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...***

C/Z Lord,* you are the one who is coming and we expect you to save your people.

Midday

Ant I Behold,* in the clouds of heaven the Lord will come with mighty power, alleluia!

Ant II Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord, its bulwark and walls; throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia!

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Reading

Hg 2:7,9

I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will come. In, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts, greater will be the future glory of this house than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of hosts.

V/. *The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.*

R/. *While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.*

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5: 7-8 ,9b

Be patient, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. You, too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. See! The judge stands at the gate.

Responsory ***Come to free us, * Lord God of power, come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...***

C/M If you are willing to accept it,* John is the Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Friday II Vigils

1st Noct

Ant New city of Zion,* let your heart sing for joy; see how humbly your King comes to save you.

V/. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord.

R/. Make straight the path of our God.

2nd Noct

Ant I am the Lord your God,* who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

V/. May your mercy come upon us, O Lord.

R/. And your salvation according to your word.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King

Reading

Jer 30 21-22

Thus says the Lord: his leader shall be from Jacob and his ruler shall come from his kin. When I summon him, he shall approach me. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.**
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z Tell the fainthearted:* take courage; behold the Lord our God will come.

Midday

Ant I Behold, in the clouds of heaven the Lord will come with mighty power, alleluia!

Ant II Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord, its bulwark and walls; throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant III The Lord will come;* he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and hills will sing praise to God,* and all the trees of the forest will clap their hands, for the Lord, the ruler of an eternal kingdom, is coming, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading

Jer 30:18

Thus says the Lord: see! I will restore the tents of Jacob, his dwellings I will pity.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory,

Vespers

Reading

2 Pt 3: 8b-9

In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise — though some consider it "delay". Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all to come to repentance.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power, come...
Show your face and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M To what shall I compare this generation?* The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "behold, a glutton and a drunkard."

Saturday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Like a fire* there appeared the prophet Elijah, whose words were as a flaming furnace.

V/. Hear the word of the Lord, you nations.

R/. Proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

2nd Noct

Ant Elijah,* you are destined in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the Lord.

V/. The Lord announces his word to Jacob.
R/. His righteousness and judgments to Israel.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King

Reading

Is 11:1-2a

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding. A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.**
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z The Lord * will lift up his sign before the nations, and will gather together the lost ones of Israel.

Midday

Ant I Behold,* in the clouds of heaven the Lord will come with mighty power, alleluia!

Ant II Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord, its bulwark and walls, throw open the gates, for God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant III The Lord will come;* he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and hills will sing praise to God,* and all the trees of the forest will clap their hands, for the Lord, the ruler of an eternal kingdom, is coming, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading

Is 4:3

He who remains in Sion and he that is left in Jerusalem will be called holy: everyone marked down for life in Jerusalem.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.
R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Sunday III

First Vespers

- Ant I Lord, send the lamb,* the ruler of the earth, from the rock in the desert, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.
- Ant II We shall live in righteousness and piety,* awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of the Lord.
- Ant III Behold,* the Lord will come, so that he may sit among the princes and occupy the throne of glory.
- Ant IV The Lord will come forth from his holy place:* he shall come to save his people.

Reading

1 Thes 5:23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

Responsory **Show us your mercy, * O Lord. Show...**
And grant us your salvation, * O Lord.
Glory... Show us...

- A-C/M Be patient, brethren,* establish your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- B-C/M John came for testimony,* to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.
- C-C/M John answered the multitude,* “he who has two coats, let him share with him who has none.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Here is your God.* With divine recompense he comes to save you.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching,

2nd Noct

Ant Rejoice, Jerusalem,* let your joy overflow; your savior will come to you, alleluia!

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. How your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,* because the Lord has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the afflicted.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;

R/. For your redemption is approaching,

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord has sent me * to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Sing aloud,* O daughter of Zion; the Lord has cast out your enemies.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;

R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant Rejoice and exult * with all your heart, O Jerusalem, the king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Ant I The Lord is coming and will not delay,* that he may reveal what is hidden in darkness and show himself to all mankind, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad, Jerusalem * with an overflowing joy, because your savior is coming to you, alleluia!

Ant III I will give salvation in Zion,* and in Jerusalem my glory, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and all the hills shall be leveled;* the crooked paths made straight and rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, and do not delay, alleluia!

Reading

Rm 13 12

Take care to do all these things, for you know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God, * have mercy on us.
Christ...
You are the one who is to come, * have mercy
on us. Glory... Christ, ...**

A- C/Z John in prison * heard about the deeds of Jesus, and sent disciples to ask him: are you “he who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

B-C/Z John confessed,* he did not deny, but confessed: I am not the Christ.

C-C/Z John answered them all,* he who is mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the holy spirit and fire.

Midday

Ant I The Lord is coming and will not delay,* that he may reveal what is hidden in darkness and show himself to all mankind, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad, Jerusalem * with an overflowing joy, because your savior is coming to you, alleluia!

Ant III I will give salvation in Zion,* and in Jerusalem my glory, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and all the hills shall be leveled;* the crooked paths made straight and rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, and do not delay, alleluia!

Reading

1 Thes 3 :12-13

And may the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

V/. Remember us, O Lord, in the love of your people.

R/. Visit us with your salvation.

Second Vespers

Ant I Lord, send the lamb,* the ruler of the earth, from the rock in the desert, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

Ant II We shall live in righteousness and piety,* awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of the Lord.

Ant III Behold,* the Lord will come, so that he may sit among the princes and occupy the throne of glory.

Ant IV The Lord will come forth from his holy place:* he shall come to save his people.

Reading

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near!

**Responsory Show us your mercy, * O Lord. Show...
And grant us your salvation, * O Lord.
Glory... Show us...**

A-C/M This is he of whom it is written:* behold, I send my messenger before your face; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

B-C/M John answered them:* "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know; the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

C-C/M So with many other exhortations,* John preached good news to the people.

Monday III Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The oracle of him * who hears the words of God. How fair are your tents,
O Jacob, his kingdom shall be exalted.

**V/. Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
R/. And grant us your salvation.**

2nd Noct

Ant The oracle of him * who knows the knowledge of the most high; a star
shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.

**V/. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way
of the Lord.
R/. Make straight the path of our God.**

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King.

Reading

Is 2:3

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths. For from Zion
shall go forth instruction. And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**Responsory Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... above you...**

C/Z Thus says the Lord,* do penance for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,
alleluia!

Midday

Ant I The Lord is coming and will not delay,* that he may reveal what is
hidden in darkness and show himself to all mankind, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad, Jerusalem * with an overflowing joy, because your savior is
coming to you, alleluia!

Ant III I will give salvation in Zion,* and in Jerusalem my glory, alleluia!

Ant IV The mountains and all the hills shall be leveled;* the crooked paths made
straight and rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, and do not delay, alleluia!

Reading

Is 10: 24a ,27

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: O my people, who dwell in Zion, do not fear. On that day, the burden shall be taken from your shoulder, and the yoke shattered from your neck.

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.

R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

Phil 3:20b-21

We eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. glory... Come...**

C/M The chief priests argued,* “if we say that the baptism of John was from men, we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet.”

Tuesday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The law was given to Moses,* but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

2nd Noct

Ant I will change the speech of the peoples;* that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.

V/. May your mercy come upon us, Lord,

R/. And your salvation according to your word.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, coming as King

Reading

Gn 49:10

The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs while tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people's homage.

Responsory **Above you, Jerusalem, * the Lord will appear.**
Above...
And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
will appear. Glory... Above you...

C/Z Arise, O arm of the Lord,* arise and become the inspiration to courage.

Midday

Ant I The Lord is coming and will not delay,* thatmhe may reveal what is hidden in darkness and show himself to all mankind, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad, Jerusalem * with an overflowing joy, because your savior is coming to you, alleluia!

Ant III I will give salvation in Zion,* and in Jerusalem my glory, alleluia!

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Reading

Jer 23:6

In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "the Lord our justice."

V/. The nations shall revere your name, O Lord.
R/. While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Reading

Cor 1: 7b-9

We await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will strengthen us in the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and it was he who called us to fellowship with his son.

Responsroy **Come to free us, * Lord God of power, come...**
Show your face and we shall be saved,
*** Lord God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M For John came to you * in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him.

Wednesday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Let the clouds * rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a savior.

V/. Hear the word of the Lord, you nations.

R/. Proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

2nd Noct

Ant Turn to me * and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

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And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
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Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved, * Lord
God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M Men had come to him and said:* “ John the baptist has sent us to you, saying, are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

Thursday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Fear not,* for your maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name.

V/. The Lord proclaimed his word to Jacob.

R/. His righteousness and judgments to Israel.

2nd Noct

Ant With everlasting love * I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your redeemer.

V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.

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And his glory will be seen in you, * the Lord
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C/Z Watch * with a good heart for the Lord is nearly here.

Midday

Ant I The Lord is coming * and will not delay, that he may reveal what is hidden in darkness and show himself to all mankind, alleluia!

Ant II Be glad, Jerusalem * with an overflowing joy, because your savior is coming to you, alleluia!

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R/. *While the rulers of the earth acknowledge your glory.*

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5 7-8,9b

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Responsory ***Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power. Glory... Come...***

C/M This is he of whom it is written,* behold I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you.

Friday III Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Come to the waters,* all you who thirst, seek the Lord while he can be found, alleluia!

V/. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord.
R/. Make straight the path of our God.

2nd Noct

Ant On that day,* sweet wind will flow from the mountain, milk and honey from the hills, alleluia!

V/. May your mercy come upon us, O Lord.
R/. And your salvation according to your word

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Midday

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Reading

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In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise — though some consider it "delay". Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all to come to repentance.

Responsory **Come to free us, * Lord God of power. Come...
Show your face and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power. Glory... Come...**

C/M The testimony * which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the father has granted me to accomplish, bear me witness that the father has sent me.

Sunday IV

(If this Sunday falls on December 24, the Antiphons, Versicles and Readings given for the Vigil of Christmas will supersede those presented here.)

First Vespers

Ant I Come, Lord, do not delay;* forgive the sinfulness of your people Israel.

Ant II At last, the fullness of time has come,* now God sends his son into the world.

Ant III Let the heavens drop down dew from above,* and the clouds rain the just one; let the earth open and bud forth the savior.

Ant IV Rather turn O Lord,* and hurry to meet your servants.

Reading

1 Thes 5:23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole. And entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

Responsory **Show us your mercy, O Lord. Show...
And grant us your salvation, O Lord.
Glory... Show us...**

A-C/M When his mother Mary * had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the holy spirit.

B-C/M The angel Gabriel * was sent from God to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

C-C/M Mary went with haste into the hill country,* and entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord himself will give you a sign.* Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.

**V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching.**

2nd Noct

Ant The fullness of time * has come upon us at last; God sends his son into the world.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord had said:* "I have sworn to David my servant; I will establish your descendants forever."

V/. Lift up your heads and see;

R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant I will make him the firstborn,* the highest of the Kings of the earth.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant O Bethlehem Ephrata,* from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;

R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant His origin * is from of old, from ancient days.

V/. O Lord, mighty God, turn back to us.

R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I Sound the trumpet in Zion,* for the day of the Lord is near; he comes to save us, alleluia, alleluia!

Ant II Behold,* the one most desired of all peoples is coming; and his house will be resplendent with glory, alleluia!

Ant III The crooked paths will be made straight,* and the rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, and do not tarry, alleluia!

Ant IV The Lord is coming,* run out to meet him, saying: great is his birth, eternal his kingdom: God, powerful ruler yet prince of peace, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading

Rm 13 :11-12

Take care to do all these things, for you know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God, * have mercy on us.**
Christ...
You are the one who is to come, * have mercy on us.
Glory... Christ, ...

A-C/Z Joseph, son of David,* do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the holy spirit.

B-C/Z Behold,* you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.

C-C/Z When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,* the babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the holy spirit.

Midday

Ant I Sound he trumpet in Zion,* for the day of the Lord is near; he comes to save us, alleluia, alleluia!

Ant II Behold,* the one most desired of all peoples is coming; and his house will be resplendent with glory, alleluia!

Ant III The crooked paths will be made straight,* and the rough ways smooth. Come, Lord, and do not tarry, alleluia!

Ant IV The Lord is coming,* run out to meet him, saying: great is his birth, eternal his kingdom: God, powerful ruler yet prince of peace, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading

I Thes 3:12-13

And may the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

V/. Remember us; O Lord, in the love of your people.
R/. Visit us with your salvation.

Second Vespers

- Ant I Come, Lord, do not delay;* forgive the sinfulness of your people Israel.
- Ant II At last, the fullness of time has come,* now God sends his son into the world.
- Ant III Let the heavens drop down dew from above,* and the clouds rain the just one; let the earth open and bud forth the savior.
- Ant IV Rather turn O Lord,* and hurry to meet your servants.

Reading

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are, the Lord is near!

**Responsory Show us your mercy, • O Lord. Show...
And grant us your salvation, Lord.
Glory... Show us...**

(The "O" antiphon assigned to this date is said.)

From the 17th to the 23rd of December

December 17

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The scepter * shall not depart from Judah, until he comes to whom it belongs, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

V/. The Lord proclaims his word to Jacob.
R/. His laws and judgments to Israel.

2nd Noct

Ant The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary, saying:* “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

V/. The voice of one shouting in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord.

R/. Make straight the paths of our God.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I Behold, the Lord,* the ruler over the kings of the earth, is coming; blessed are they who are ready to welcome him!

Ant II When the Son of Man comes,* do you think that he will find faith on earth?

Ant III At last,* now the fullness of time has come, when God sends his son into the world.

Ant IV The Lord will come forth from his holy place;* he is coming to save his people.

Reading

Is 11:1-2

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.

Responsory **Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....**
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory....
Your light will come....

C/Z And Jacob * was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

Midday

Ant I Behold, the Lord,* the ruler over the kings of the earth, is coming; blessed are they who are ready to welcome him!

Ant II When the Son of Man comes,* do you think that he will find faith on earth?

Ant III At last,* now the fullness of time has come, when God sends his son into the world.

Ant IV The Lord will come forth from his holy place;* he is coming to save his people.

Reading

Is 4:3

He who remains in Zion and he that is left in Jerusalem will be called holy; everyone marked down for life in Jerusalem.

V/. The nations will revere your name, O Lord.

R/. And the great ones of the earth will acknowledge your glory.

Vespers

Ant I Behold, the Lord,* the ruler over the kings of the earth, is coming; blessed are they who are ready to welcome him!

Ant II When the Son of Man comes,* do you think that he will find faith on earth?

Ant III At last,* now the fullness of time has come, when God sends his son into the world.

Ant IV The Lord will come forth from his holy place;* he is coming to save his people.

Reading

Thes 5:23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

Responsory

Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come....

Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved, * Lord God of power and might. Glory....

Come and set us....

C/M O wisdom,* you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, extending from beginning to end. You ordered all things powerfully yet tenderly. Come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant From Zion,* perfect in beauty; our God comes to show Himself.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching.

2nd Noct

Ant Mary said:* “what kind of greeting this is? For my soul is troubled: am I to bring forth the king.”

V/. May your mercy come upon me, O Lord.
R/. And your salvation according to your word.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I Let the heavens drop down dew from above,* and clouds rain the just one; let the earth open and bud forth the savior.

Ant II Lord, send the lamb,* the ruler of the earth, from the rock in the desert, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

Ant III May we recognize, O Lord,* your way to the land, and your salvation among all nations.

Ant IV Reward, O Lord,* those awaiting you, that our prophets may be found to be truthful.

Reading

Rm 13 11-12

It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Responsory **Your light will come, Jerusalem * the Lord
will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord
will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory....
Your light will come....**

C/Z Joseph, son of David,* do not fear to take Mary for your wife; she will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus.

Midday

Ant I Let the heavens drop down dew from above,* and clouds rain the just one; let the earth open and bud forth the savior.

Ant II Lord, send the lamb,* the ruler of the earth, from the rock in the desert, to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion.

Ant III May we recognize, O Lord,* your way to the land, and your salvation among all nations.

Ant IV Reward, O Lord,* those awaiting you, that our prophets may be found to be truthful.

Reading

1 Thes 3 12-13

May the Lord make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

V/. Come, Lord, do not tarry.

R/. Free your people from their sinfulness.

Vespers

Ant I Let the heavens drop down dew from above,* and clouds rain the just one; let the earth open and bud forth the savior.

Ant II Lord, send the lamb,* the ruler of the earth, from the rock in the desert, to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion.

Ant III May we recognize, O Lord,* your way to the land, and your salvation among all nations.

Ant IV Reward, O Lord,* those awaiting you, that our prophets may be found to be truthful.

Reading

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

Responsory **Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might.
Come....
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power and might. Glory.... Come...**

C/ M O Adonai,* and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai. Come with outstretched arms to redeem us.

December 19 Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Send forth, O Lord,* the lamb, the ruler of the earth, from Petra of the desert to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion.

**V/. Show us your mercy, O Lord,
R/. And grant us your salvation.**

2nd Noct

Ant For Zion's sake,* I will not be silent, until her just one comes forth as brightness.

**V/. Turn back to us, O Lord our God.
R/. Show your face, and we shall be saved.**

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I The prophets foretold * that the savior would be born of virgin Mary.

Ant II The spirit of the Lord rests upon me;* he has sent me to evangelize the poor.

Ant III Behold, the Lord will come,* so that he may sit among the princes and occupy the throne of glory.

Ant IV Proclaim to the peoples, saying:* behold, our saving God is coming!

Reading

Is 2:3

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountains, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths, for from Sion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Responsory ***Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your...
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory... Your...***

C/Z The angel said to him,* “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.”

Midday

Ant I The prophets foretold * that the savior would be born of virgin Mary.

Ant II The spirit of the Lord rests upon me;* he has sent me to evangelize the poor.

Ant III Behold, the Lord will come,* so that he may sit among the princes and occupy the throne of glory.

Ant IV Proclaim to the peoples, saying:* Behold, our saving God is coming!

Reading

Is 10:24, 27

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: O my people, who dwell in Zion, do not fear. On that day, the burden shall be taken from your shoulder, and the yoke shattered from your neck.

V/. Remember us, Lord, because of the love you have for your people.

R/. Come and bring us your salvation.

Vespers

Ant I The prophets foretold * that the savior would be born of virgin Mary.

Ant II The spirit of the Lord rests upon me;* he has sent me to evangelize the poor.

Ant III Behold, the Lord will come,* so that he may sit among the princes and occupy the throne of glory.

Ant IV Proclaim to the peoples, saying:* Behold, our saving God is coming!

Reading

Phil 3:20b-21

We eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

Responsory ***Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come....
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power and might. Glory... Come...***

C/M O root of Jesse,* who are raised the ensign of mankind, before whom kings keep silence and on whom all peoples rely; come to free us and do not delay.

December 20

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord will go forth from his holy place;* he will come to save his people.

V/. *The voice of one shouting in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord.*

R/. *Make straight the paths of our God.*

2nd Noct

Ant Reward those, O Lord,* who have hoped in you, and let your prophets be found faithful to your word,

V/. *Turn back to us, O Lord, mighty God.*

R/. *Show your face, and we shall be saved.*

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I The almighty Lord * is coming from Zion to save his people.

Ant II Rather turn, O Lord,* and hurry to meet your servants.

Ant III From Zion * will come he who is to reign as Lord, Emmanuel, in his mighty name.

Ant IV The Lord, our lawgiver and king,* is himself coming, and he will save us.

Reading

Gn 49: 10

The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs, while tribute is brought to him and he receives the people's homage.

Responsory ***Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory.... Your....***

C/Z And Mary said:* "Behold, I am the hand maid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."

Midday

Ant I The almighty Lord * is coming from Zion to save his people.

Ant II Rather turn, O Lord,* and hurry to meet your servants.

Ant III From Zion * will come he who is to reign as Lord, Emmanuel, is his mighty name.

Ant IV The Lord, our lawgiver and king,* is himself coming, and he will save us.

Reading

Jer 23: 6

In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: the Lord our justice.

V/. *Out of Sion, perfect in beauty,*
R/. *Our God comes to show himself.*

Vespers

Ant I The almighty Lord * is coming from Zion to save his people.

Ant II Rather turn, O Lord,* and hurry to meet your servants.

Ant III From Zion * will come he who is to reign as Lord, Emmanuel, is his mighty name.

Ant IV The Lord, our lawgiver and king,* is himself coming, and he will save us.

Reading

I Cor 1:7b-9

We await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will strengthen us to the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and it was he who called us to fellowship with him.

Responsory ***Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come,...
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power and might. Glory.... Come....***

C/M O key of David,* and scepter of the house of Israel: who opens and no one closes; who closes and no one opens. Come and cut free from the house of bondage the one sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 21

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Sing aloud,* O Daughter of Zion, shout, O Israel! The Lord has cast out your enemies.

V/. *Turn back to us, O Lord our God.*
R/. *Show your face, and we shall be saved.*

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord, your God,* is in your midst; he will renew you in his love.

V/. *May your mercy come upon me, Lord;*
R/. *And your salvation, according to your word.*

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I Be steadfast,* and you shall see the protecting Lord beside you.

Ant II To you, O Lord,* I lift up my soul; come and rescue me, Lord, as I run to you for refuge.

Ant III Come, Lord,* do not delay; forgive the sinfulness of your people Israel.

Ant IV But now I am watching for the Lord,* and I am awaiting God my savior.

Reading

Is 7: 14b-15

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall be living on curds and honey by the time he learns to reject the bad and choose the good.

Responsory ***Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory.... Your....***

C/Z There is no need to be afraid; * in five days our Lord will come to us.

Midday

Ant I Be steadfast,* and you shall see the protecting Lord beside you.

Ant II To you, O Lord,* I lift up my soul; come and rescue me, Lord, as I run to you for refuge.

Ant III Come, Lord,* do not delay; forgive the sinfulness of your people Israel.

Ant IV But now I am watching for the Lord,* and I am awaiting God my savior.

Reading

Is 12:2

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.

V/. ***Send forth, O Lord, the lamb, the ruler of the earth.***

R/. ***From the rock in the desert to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion.***

Vespers

Ant I Be steadfast,* and you shall see the protecting Lord beside you.

Ant II To you, O Lord,* I lift up my soul; come and rescue me, Lord, as I run to you for refuge.

Ant III Come, Lord,* do not delay; forgive the sinfulness of your people Israel.

Ant IV But now I am watching for the Lord,* and I am awaiting God my savior.

Reading

I Cor 4:5

Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord's return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

Responsory **Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come....**
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
*** Lord God of power and might. Glory.... Come....**

C/M O Dawn in the eastern skies,* the radiance of eternal light and the sun of justice; come and enlighten those overcome by darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant When the Son of Man comes,* do you think he will find faith on the earth.

V/. Hear the word of the Lord, all you nations.
R/. Proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

2nd Noct

Ant Behold, the Lord is coming,* prince of the kings of the earth! Happy are those who are ready to meet him.

V/. May your mercy come upon me, O Lord.
R/. And your salvation, according to your word.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I You shall see how glorious is he,* who enters to save his people.

Ant II His dominion * will increase but his peace will never end.

Ant III As the Lord * I have brought my justice close, so it is not far off, nor is my salvation delayed.

Ant IV Israel,* be prepared for the arrival of the Lord, for he is coming.

Reading

Is 45:8

Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let justice also spring up.

Responsory ***Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory.... Your....***

C/Z And Mary said:* “He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Midday

Ant I You shall see how glorious is he,* who enters to save his people.

Ant II His dominion * will increase but his peace will never end.

Ant III As the Lord * I have brought my justice close, so it is not far off, nor is my salvation delayed.

Ant IV Israel,* be prepared for the arrival of the Lord, for he is coming.

Reading

Hg 2: 6 ,9

One moment yet, a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. Greater will be the future glory of this house than the former; and in this house I will give peace, says the Lord of hosts!

V/. *The Lord will come forth from his holy place*
R/. *He will come to save his people.*

Vespers

Ant I You shall see how glorious is he,* who enters to save his people.

Ant II His dominion * will increase but his peace will never end.

Ant III As the Lord * I have brought my justice close, so it is not far off, nor is my salvation delayed.

Ant IV Israel,* be prepared for the arrival of the Lord, for he is coming.

Reading

Jas 5 7-8,9b

Be patient, my brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. You, too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. See! The judge stands at the gate.

Responsory **Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come....**
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
*** Lord God of power and might Glory.... Come....**

C/M O King of the nations,* their cherished desire, and the keystone who binds two into one; come and save man whom you formed out of the clay of the earth.

December 23

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The wedding feast of the lamb has begun,* and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

V/. The Lord proclaimed his word to Jacob,
R/. His righteousness and judgments to Israel.

2nd Noct

Ant Behold,* now has come the fullness of time, in which God has sent his son into the world.

V/. Lift up your heads and see;
R/. For your redemption is approaching,

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord, who is already near.

Ant I Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord its wall and its defense; throw open the gates, for our God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant II Lord,* make known your will throughout the earth; proclaim your salvation to every nation.

Ant III Wait for the Lord * and he will come to you with his saving power.

Ant IV Eagerly I watch for the Lord;* I wait in joyful hope for the coming of God my savior.

Reading

Jer 30: 21-22

Thus says the Lord: his leader shall be from Jacob, and his rulers shall come from his kin. Hen I summon him, he shall approach me. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Responsory ***Your light will come, Jerusalem; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Your....
You will see his glory within you; * the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. Glory.... Your....***

C/Z Behold,* now all things are fulfilled which the angel said to the virgin Mary.

Midday

Ant I Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord its wall and its defense; throw open the gates, for our God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant II Lord,* make known your will throughout the earth; proclaim your salvation to every nation.

Ant III Wait for the Lord * and he will come to you with his saving power.

Ant IV Eagerly I watch for the Lord;* I wait in joyful hope for the coming of God my savior.

Reading

Jer 30 :18

Thus says the Lord: see! I will restore the tents of Jacob, his dwellings I will pity.

V/. *At last, the great prophet is coming,*
R/. *And he will recreate Jerusalem, alleluia.*

Vespers

Ant I Zion is our mighty citadel,* our saving Lord its wall and its defense; throw open the gates, for our God is here among us, alleluia!

Ant II Lord,* make known your will throughout the earth; proclaim your salvation to every nation.

Ant III Wait for the Lord * and he will come to you with his saving power.

Ant IV Eagerly I watch for the Lord;* I wait in joyful hope for the coming of God my savior.

Reading

2 Pt 3:8b-9

In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise — though some consider it delay. Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all to come to repentance.

Responsory ***Come and set us free, * Lord God of power and might. Come....
Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
* Lord God of power and might. Glory.... Come....***

C/M O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver,* the one desired as well as the savior of the nations; come to save us, O Lord our God!

December 24th the Vigil of Christmas

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord also reveals to you * that he will establish a house for you.

V/. *Lift up your heads and see*
R/. *For your redemption is approaching.*

2nd Noct

Ant Your house and your kingdom * shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.

V/. *The voice of one shouting in the desert: "prepare the way of the Lord!"*
R/. *Make straight the paths of our God.*

Lauds

Invitatory Today you will know that the Lord is coming; tomorrow, you will see his glory.

Ant I Do not be afraid,* Judah and Jerusalem, tomorrow you will go out and the Lord will be with you, alleluia!

Ant II You, Bethlehem,* land of Judah, are by no means the least; since from you shall come the leader, who is to shepherd my people Israel.

Ant III The Lord is coming,* go out to meet him, saying: great his birth and eternal his reign, God, mighty ruler yet prince of peace alleluia!

Ant IV Tomorrow * salvation will be yours, says the Lord God of hosts.

Reading

Is 11:1-3a

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

Responsory ***The sinfulness of the earth shall be cleansed,
* tomorrow, The sinfulness,...
And the savior of the world will rein over us,
* tomorrow, Glory be... The sinfulness....***

C/Z As the sun rises,* so shall the savior of the world arise; and he shall descend into the womb of the virgin as rain upon the grass, alleluia!

Midday

Ant I Do not be afraid,* Judah and Jerusalem, tomorrow you will go out and the Lord will be with you, alleluia!

Ant II You, Bethlehem,* land of Judah, are by no means the least; since from you shall come the leader, who is to shepherd my people Israel.

Ant III The Lord is coming,* go out to meet him, saying: great his birth and eternal his reign, God, mighty ruler yet prince of peace alleluia!

Ant IV Tomorrow salvation will be yours, says the Lord God of hosts.

Reading

Is 4:3

He who remains in Zion and he that is left in Jerusalem will be called holy; everyone marked down for life in Jerusalem.

V/. *Stand firm in faith;*
R/. *And you shall see the protecting God beside you.*

