

Advent Vespers



Sunday, the Second Week of Advent
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2019

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to my as - sist - ance. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING HYMN

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; "To
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 2. gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
 3. me be as it pleas - es God!" she said. "My
 4. Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn; And

1. hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
 2. Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."
 3. soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name."
 4. Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: "Most

1-4. high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

Text: 10 10 12 10; *Birjina gaztettobat zegoen*; trad. Basque carol; tr. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.

Music: Trad. Basque carol melody.

PSALMODY



Antiphon 1: The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven†
with great power and *might*,* *al-le-luia*.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

Cantor The Lord's revelation to my Master:†
"Sit *on* my right:*
your foes I will put *be-neath* your feet."

All The Lord will wield from Zion †
your *scep-ter* of power:*
rule in the midst of *all* your foes.

Cantor A prince from the day of your birth †
on the *ho-ly* mountains;*
from the womb before the dawn *I* begot you.

All The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.†
"You are a *priest* for ever,*
a priest like *Melchize-dek* of old."

Cantor The Master standing *at* your right hand *
will shatter kings in the day of *his* great wrath.

All He shall drink from the stream *by* the wayside *
and therefore he shall lift *up* his head.

Cantor Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,*
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit,

All as it was in the *begin-ning*, is now,*
and will be for *ev-er*. Amen.

Antiphon 1: The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven†
with great power and *might*,* *al-le-luia*.



Antiphon 2: The Lord will come; he is true to his word.†
If he seems to delay, keep *watch* for him,*
for he will surly come, al-*le-luia*.

Psalm 115

Cantor Not to us, Lord, *not* to us,*
but to your name give the *glo-ry*.

All for the sake of your love and *the* truth,*
lest the heathen say: “Where is *their* God?”

Cantor But our God is *in* the heavens;*
he does whatever *he* wills.

All Their idols are sil-*ver* and gold,*
the work of hu-*man* hands.

Cantor They have mouths but they *can-not* speak;*
they have eyes but they *can-not* see;

All they have ears but they *can-not* hear;*
they have nostrils but they *can-not* smell.

Cantor With their hands they *can-not* feel;*
with their feet they *can-not* walk.

All No sound comes from their throats.†
Their makers will come to *be* like them*
and so will all who trust *in* them.

Cantor Sons of Israel, trust *in* the Lord;*
he is their help and *their* shield.

All Sons of Aaron, trust *in* the Lord;*
he is their help and *their* shield.



Cantor You who fear him, trust *in* the Lord;*
he is their help and *their* shield.

All He remembers us, and he will bless us;†
he will bless the *sons* of Israel.*
He will bless the sons of *Aa*-ron.

Cantor The Lord will bless *those* who fear him,*
the little no less than *the* great:

All to you may the *Lord* grant increase,*
to you and all your *chil*-dren.

Cantor May you be blessed *by* the Lord,*
the maker of heaven *and* earth.

All The heavens belong *to* the Lord*
but the earth he has given *to* men.

Cantor The dead shall not *praise* the Lord,*
nor those who go down into the *si*-lence.

All But we who live *bless* the Lord*
Now and for ever. *A*-men.

Cantor Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,*
and to the Holy *Spi*-rit,

All as it was in the begin-*ning*, is now,*
and will be for ever. *A*-men.

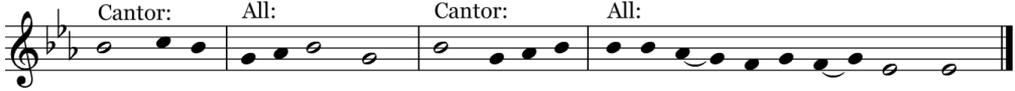
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for he will surly come, *al-le-luia*.

ANTIPHON



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CANTICLE



*Al-le-lu - ia.

**Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon 3: The Lord our king and lawgiver will come *to* save us *
Alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle – Revelations 19:1-7

- (Cantor) Salvation, glory, and power to *our* God:
(All) *Alleluia.
- (Cantor) His judgments are hon-*est* and true.
(All) **Alleluia, alleluia.
- (Cantor) Sing praise to our God, all you *his* servants,
(All) *Alleluia.
- (Cantor) All who worship him reverently, *great* and small.
(All) **Alleluia, alleluia.
- (Cantor) The Lord our all-powerful God *is* King;
(All) *Alleluia.
- (Cantor) Let us rejoice, sing praise, and *give* him glory.
(All) **Alleluia, alleluia.
- (Cantor) The wedding feast of the Lamb has *be-*gun,
(All) *Alleluia.
- (Cantor) And his bride is *pre-*pared to welcome him.
(All) **Alleluia, alleluia.

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(Cantor) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, †
and to the Ho-ly Spirit
(All) *Alleluia

(Cantor) as it was in the beginning, is now, †
and will be for ev-er. Amen.

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READING

PHILIPPIANS 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



Lord, show *us* your mercy,* your mercy *and* love.

R/. Lord, show *us* your mercy,* your mercy *and* love.

And grant us *your* salvation,*

R/. your mercy *and* love.

Glory to the Father and *to* the Son* and to the Ho-ly Spirit,

R/. Lord, show *us* your mercy,* your mercy *and* love.

CANTICLE OF MARY



Antiphon Blessèd are you, O *Vir*-gin Mary * for your *great* faith;
all that the Lord *pro*-mised you *
will come to pass through you al-*le*-luia.

Luke 1:46-55

Cantor My soul proclaims the greatness *of* the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God *my* savior

All for he has *looked* with favor *
on his low-*ly* servant.

Cantor From this day all *gen*-erations *
will call *me* blesséd.

All the Almighty has done great *things* for me,*
and holy is *his* Name.

Cantor He has mercy on *those* who fear him*
in every *gen*-er-ation.

All He has shown the strength *of* his arm,*
he has scattered the proud in their *con*-ceit.

Cantor He has cast down the mighty *from* their thrones,*
and has lifted up *the* lowly.

All He has filled the hungry *with* good things,*
and the rich he has sent a-*way* empty.

Cantor He has come to the help of his *ser*-vant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise *of* mercy,

All the promise he made *to* our fathers,*
to Abraham and his children *for*-ever.

Cantor Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, *
and to the Ho-*ly* Spirit:



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and will be for ever. A-men.

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INTERCESSIONS

To Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray
with joyful hearts:

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your
glory to the world, give us new life by your coming.

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

You have taken our weakness upon yourself, grant us your mercy.

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,
free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

You live and rule over all, in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

You sit at the right hand of the Father, gladden the souls of the dead with your light.

R/. Come, Lord Jesus!

OUR FATHER...

PRAYER

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,

grant, we pray,

that, as you preserved her from every stain

by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw,

so, through her intercession,

we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Presider: Blesséd be the name of the Lord.

All: *Now and forever.*

Presider: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Presider: Go in peace.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN

HOLY IS HIS NAME

Evening Gospel Canticle

John Michael Talbot

Verses

1. My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord,
2. He has mer-cy in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion. He

1. and my spir-it ex-ul-its in God my Sav-ior. For he has
2. has re-vealed his pow-er and his glo-ry. He has cast

1. looked with mer-cy on my low-li-ness, and my name will be for-
2. down the might-y in their ar-ro-gance, and has lift-ed up the

1. ev-er ex-alt-ed. For the might-y God has done great
2. meek and the low-ly. He has come to help his ser-vant

1. things for me, and his mer-cy will reach from age to
2. Is-ra-el; he re-mem-bers his prom-ise to our

Refrain

1. age. And ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is his name.
2. fa-thers.

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