

Cornell and Ithaca College Catholic Communities
WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
EVENING PRAYER
December 23

8:30 p.m. EST

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Meeting ID: 975 7128 2040

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Please pray the bold passages out loud with your microphone muted.

All make the sign of the cross as the priest begins:

Priest God, come to my assistance.

All Lord, make haste to help me.

Priest Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

Conditor alme siderum



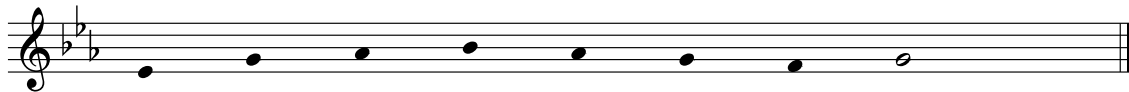
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,



Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be



We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Leader The Lord, the mighty God, will come forth from Zion
to set his people free.

Psalm 139:1–18, 23–24
God sees all that is

I

Leader O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

All **Before ever a word is on my tongue**
you know it, O Lord, through and through.
Behind and before you besiege me,
your hand ever laid upon me.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
too high, beyond my reach.

Leader O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your face?
If I climb the heavens, you are there.
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

All **If I take the wings of the dawn**
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your hand would lead me,
your right hand would hold me fast.

Leader If I say: "Let the darkness hide me
and the light around me be night,"
even darkness is not dark for you
and the night is as clear as the day.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord, the mighty God, will come forth from Zion
to set his people free.

Antiphon 2

Leader I shall not cease to plead with God for Zion
until he sends his Holy One in all his radiant beauty.

II

Leader For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

All **Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and molded in the depths of the earth.**

Leader Your eyes saw all my actions,
they were all of them written in your book;
every one of my days was decreed
before one of them came into being.

All **To me, how mysterious your thoughts,
the sum of them not to be numbered!
If I count them, they are more than the sand;
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.**

Leader O search me, God, and know my heart.
O test me and know my thoughts.
See that I follow not the wrong path
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm-prayer

Priest You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal, and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honor and join you in heaven. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.
I shall not cease to plead with God for Zion
until he sends his Holy One in all his radiant beauty.

Antiphon 3

Leader The Spirit of the Lord rests upon me;
he has sent me to preach his joyful message to the poor.

Canticle: Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12
Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead

Leader Let us give thanks to the Father
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints in light.

All He rescued us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,
things visible and invisible.

All All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
In him everything continues in being.

Leader It is he who is head of the body, the church!
he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead,
so that primacy may be his in everything.

All It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,
both on earth and in the heavens,
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Spirit of the Lord rests upon me;
he has sent me to preach his joyful message to the poor.

READING

2 Peter 3:8b–9

Leader 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.

After a period of silence, the responsory follows.

RESPONSORY

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

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

Leader Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,

All **Lord God of power and might.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

HOMILY

CANTICLE OF MARY (*Magnificat*)

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

All

Antiphon: O God-With-Us

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el, That
mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-
joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

All make the sign of the cross

My soul + proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked low - ly servant. From this day call me blessed:
with favor on his all generations will
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every gen - er - ation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their con-ceil.

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

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

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his child - ren for ever.

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

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

Antiphon

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive Is - ra -

el, That mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap -

pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

INTERCESSIONS

Leader To our Redeemer who came to bring good news to the poor,
let us earnestly pray:

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Leader Show yourself to those who have never known you,
let them see your saving work.

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Leader Let your name be preached to the ends of the earth,
that all may find the way to you.

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Leader You came first to save the world,
now come again and save those who believe in you.

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Leader You brought freedom to us by saving us,
continue to save us and make us free.

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Leader You came once as a man; you will return in judgment,
bring eternal reward to those who have died.

All **Let all people see your glory!**

Priest (At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:)

All **Our Father . . .**

PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
as we see how the Nativity of your Son
according to the flesh draws near,
we pray that to us, your unworthy servants,
mercy may flow from your Word,
who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary
and establish among us his dwelling,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**