# St Mary's Catholic Church
## Greenville, South Carolina




## solemn vespers
of
## the first sunday of advent

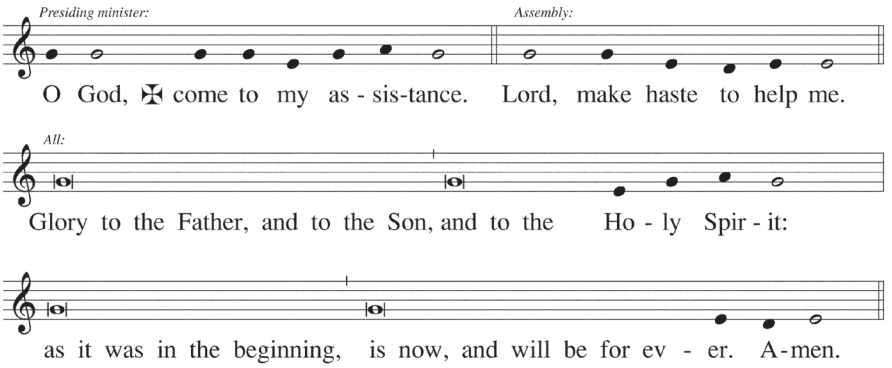
*Throughout this celebration of Vespers, we will observe several prolonged periods of sacred silence, during which we are not simply waiting for the next thing to happen; we are, rather, waiting upon the* LORD. *Sacred silence is active and attentive — an invitation to deeper prayer and interior stillness.*

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## OPENING VERSE AND RESPONSE

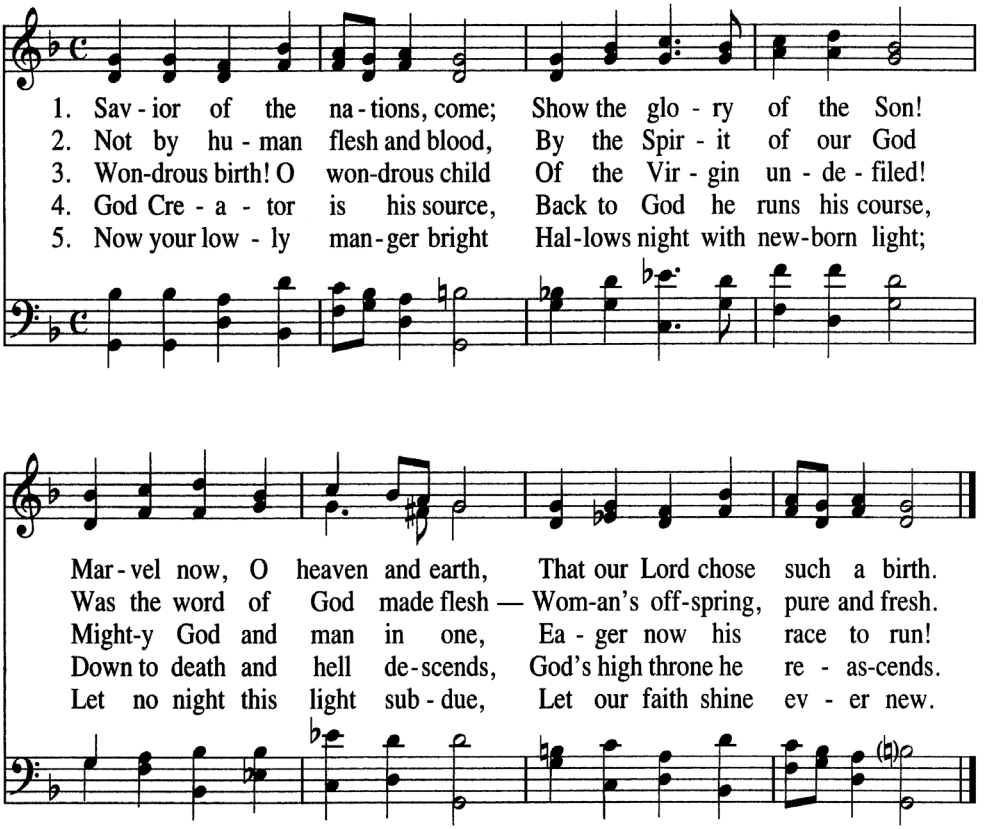
*At the ringing of the bells, all stand as the procession enters the church. Upon reaching the chair the celebrant intones the opening verse, and all join in singing the response and doxology:*

*All make the sign of the cross.*

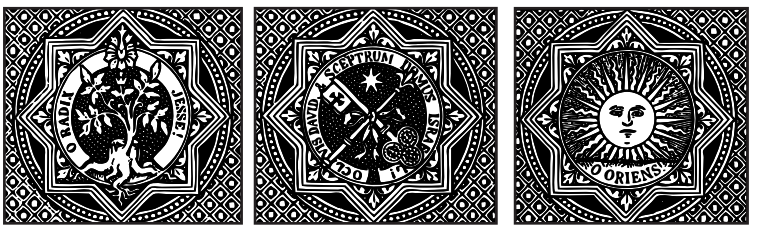





# Savior of the Nations, Come

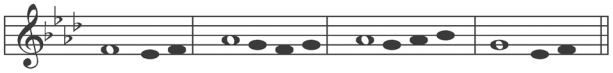



**Text:** *Veni, Redemptor gentium;* Ascr. to St. Ambrose, 340-397; Tr. sts. 1-3a, William Reynolds, 1812-1876; Sts. 3b-5, Martin L. Seltz, 1909-1967, alt.
**Tune:** NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, 77 77; *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn,* Wittenberg, 1524; Harm. by Melchior Vulpius, c.1560-1615




*All sit. Before each psalm the organist will introduce the psalm tone, and the schola will intone the antiphon. The people and the schola will sing the psalms in alternation, and each line of the psalms should be sung without pause for punctuation. Immediately following the doxology, the people and the schola sing the antiphon together.*

## Psalmody



Antiphon: *Schola* — Rejoice, daughter of Zion; / shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem, / alleluia.

Psalm 110.1-5, 7

*Schola* — The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

*People* — The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

*Schola* — A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

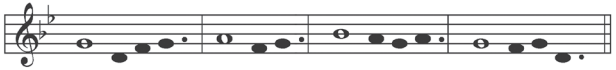
*People* — The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

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

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

*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 forever. Amen.

Antiphon: *All* — Rejoice, daughter of Zion; / shout for joy daughter of Jerusalem, / alleluia.



Antiphon: *Schola* Christ our King will come to us, / the Lamb of God foretold by John.

Psalm 114

*Schola* When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

*People* The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

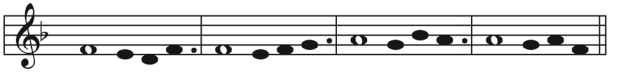
*Schola* Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

*People* Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.

*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 forever. Amen.

Antiphon: *All* Christ our King will come to us, / the Lamb of God foretold by John.





Antiphon: I am coming soon, says the Lord; / I will give to everyone
*Schola* the reward his deeds deserve.

Revelation Canticle

*Schola* Alleluia. Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
Alleluia.
His judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia. Sing praise to our God, all you his servants;
Alleluia.
all who worship him reverently, great and small.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Schola* Alleluia. The Lord our all-powerful God is King,
Alleluia.
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia. The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
Alleluia.
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*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 forever. Amen.

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*All* the reward his deeds deserve.

## Reading

Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petition full of gratitude. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## Anthem

*Conditor alme siderum* — *Johann Stadlmayr*

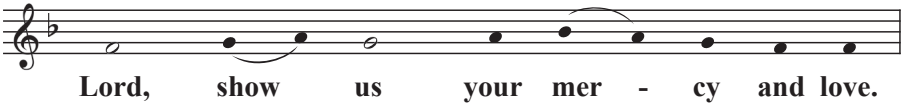
*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light. O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty. When this old world drew on t'ward night, you came; but not in splendor bright. Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow. All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord. Come in your holy might, we pray redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below, from all assaults of our dread foe. To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.*



## Responsory

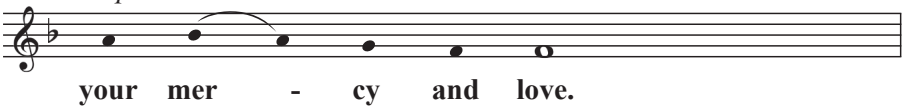
*Schola: Lord, show us your mercy and love.*

*People:*



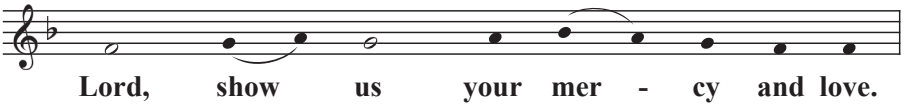

*Schola: And grant us your salvation,*

*People:*




*Schola: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

*People:*






## Canticle of Mary

*Magnificat* *from the Falsobordone Service; Arlen Clarke*

Antiphon: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God; you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.

*When Mary visited Elizabeth before their sons were born, Elizabeth proclaimed her faith in the Word made flesh, who then lived inside of His mother. Elizabeth cried out "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In response, Mary sang of her confidence in God's love and providential plan for each of us, and this hymn of praise is known as the "Magnificat" from its first word in the Latin text. As the schola sings this canticle, all make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of the text, which in the Revised Standard Version is rendered:*

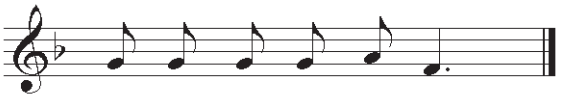
✠ My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm,
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,
he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

Antiphon: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God; you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.



## Intercessions

*The celebrant introduces the intercessions, and after each petition all respond:*




*Celebrant* To Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life,
let us make our humble prayer:

*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Celebrant* Son of the Most High,
your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
come and rule over your people for ever.

*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Celebrant* Holy One of God,
in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Celebrant* Jesus the Savior,
the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
come and save your people from their sins.

*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Celebrant* Light of the world,
for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
come and comfort us.

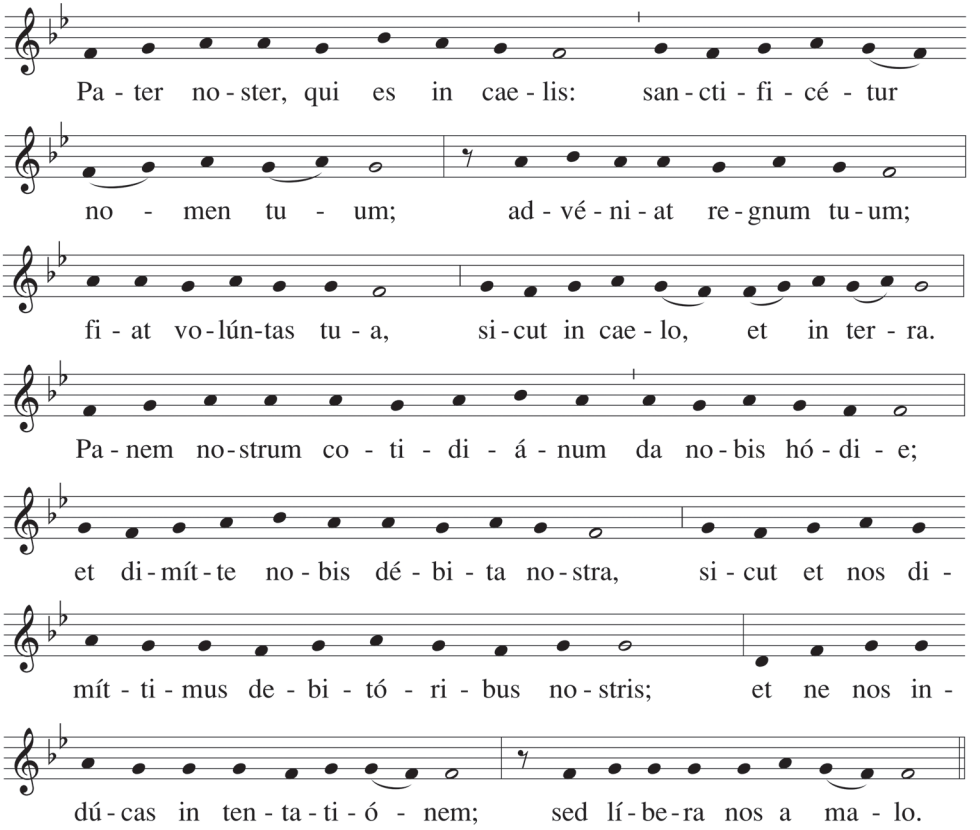
*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Celebrant* O Rising Sun that never sets,
Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

*All* *Come and stay with us, Lord.*

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:*

## Our Father




Concluding Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

*Page eight:* Giotto. *Adoration of the Magi.* Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy. (1304).