

*st mary's catholic church  
greenville, south carolina*



*solemn vespers  
of  
the third sunday of advent*



## COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, O long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, You, the hope of all the earth,  
3. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!  
4. By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Free us from cap - tiv - i - ty.  
Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Come, and save us by your birth.  
Born to reign in us for ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.  
By your all suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Hag. 2:7; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: STUTTGART, 8 7 8 7; Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716; Harm. by Kenneth D. Smith, b.1928, © National Christian Education Council



*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: Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne / in the  
*Schola* assembly of the princes.

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: Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne / in the  
*All* assembly of the princes.



Antiphon: Let the mountains break out with joy / and the hills with answering gladness,  
*Schola* / for the world's true light, the Lord, / comes with power and might.

Psalm 111

*Schola* I will thank the Lord with all my heart  
in the meeting of the just and their assembly  
Great are the works of the Lord;  
to be pondered by all who love them.

*People* Majestic and glorious his word,  
his justice stands firm forever.  
He makes us remember his wonders.  
The Lord is compassion and love.

*Schola* He gives food to those who fear him;  
keeps his covenant ever in mind.  
He has shown his might to his people  
by giving them the lands of the nations.

*People* His works are justice and truth;  
his precepts are all of them sure,  
standing firm forever and ever;  
they are made in uprightness and truth.

*Schola* He has sent deliverance to his people  
and established his covenant forever.  
Holy is his name, to be feared.

*People* To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who do so prove themselves wise.  
His praise shall last forever!

*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: Let the mountains break out with joy / and the hills with answering gladness,  
*All* / for the world's true light, the Lord, / comes with power and might.



Antiphon: Let us live in holiness and love / as we patiently await our  
*Schola* blessed hope, / the coming of our Savior.

### 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* blessed hope, / the coming of our Savior.



✠ 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 ✠

*Jesu, Redemptor omnium*

*Stadlmayr*

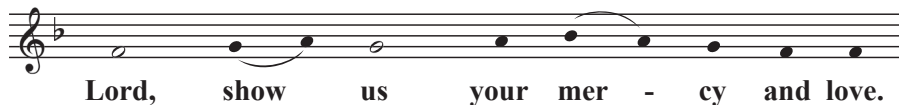
*Jesu, the Ransomer of man, who, ere created light began, didst from the sovereign Father spring, His heavenly glory equaling. The Father's Light and Splendor Thou, their endless hope to Thee that bow; accept the prayers and praise today that through the world Thy servants pay. Salvation's Author, call to mind how, taking form of humankind, born of a Virgin undefiled, Thou in man's flesh became a Child. Thus testifies the present day, through every year in long array, that Thou, salvation's source alone, proceeded from the Father's throne. O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee eternal praise and glory be, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forevermore.*



RESPONSORY

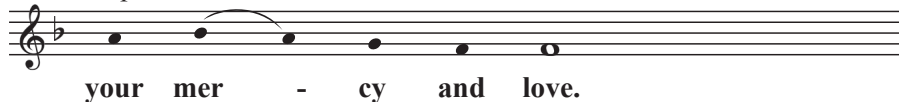
*Schola: Lord, show us your mercy and love.*

*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*

*Mode II, Falso Bordone; Adam Pajan*

Antiphon: Are you the One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for another?  
Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, 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.  
(Luke 1:46-55)

Antiphon: Are you the One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for another?  
Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, alleluia.



✻ INTERCESSIONS ✻

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



Come and stay with us, Lord.

- 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

Pa - ter no - ster, qui es in cae - lis: san - cti - fi - cé - tur  
no - men tu - um; ad - vé - ni - at re - gnum tu - um;  
fi - at vo - lún - tas tu - a, si - cut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.  
Pa - nem no - strum co - ti - di - á - num da no - bis hó - di - e;  
et di - mít - te no - bis dé - bi - ta no - stra, si - cut et nos di -  
mít - ti - mus de - bi - tó - ri - bus no - stris; et ne nos in -  
dú - cas in ten - ta - ti - ó - nem; sed lí - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Concluding Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal



*Page one:* Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC.

*Page three:* Zanobi Strozzi. *The Nativity*. (c. 1433).

*Page seven:* Bartolomé Esteban Murillo. *Adoration of the Shepherds*. (c. 1650).