FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AT I VESPERS

December 17, 2005
 SIGNALS

 Chanting the tones

 Example: Come, Lord, do not delay; *

 bold type = one final accent
 italic type = one or two preparatory syllables before the accent

 / slight pause, according to the sense of the words;
  no breath; no change of pitch

 * full stop; pause; breath

 C Cantor

 A All

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AT I VESPERS

Opening Verse

Celebrant:                                                All:

O God, come to my assistance. Ἡ Πάντα ὁ Κύριος, ἀναδεικνύεται ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

to help me. 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

A-men. Ἀληθεύειν.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Hymn

Cantor alternates with congregation:

1. The Father speaks a Word to save All
2. The Spirit’s shade, from heaven’s height, Has
3. This is the Gate, that long was barred, The
4. To prophets promised from afar And
5. All peoples, leap for joy and raise, With
6. To God the Father, glory sing, And

Therefore we, before him bending,

This great Sacrament revere;

Types and shadows have their ending,

For the newer Rite is here;

Faith, our outward sense, befriending,

Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory, let us give, and blessing,

To the Father and the Son;

Honor, might, and praise addressing,

While eternal ages run;

Everlasting is thy reign.

O Salutaris hostia

O Saving Victim opening wide

The gate of heaven to man below:

Our foes press on from every side;

Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend

For evermore, blest One in Three;

O grant us life that shall not end

In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

Amen.

Holy God, we praise thy Name

Hark! The loud celestial hymn

Lord of all, we bow before thee:

Angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and seraphim,

In unceasing chorus praising,

Infinite thy vast domain;

Fill the heavens with sweet accord:

Everlastings is thy reign.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

IN LINGUA LATINA

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris hōstia,
Que caeli pandis ōstium,
Bella Prēmunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinōque Dōmino
Sit sempīterna glōriā:
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pātria. Amen.

Genitóri, Genitōque
Laus et iubilātio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedīctio:

Procedēnti ab utrōque
Compar sit laudātio.

Amen.

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This great Sacrament revere;

Types and shadows have their ending,

For the newer Rite is here;

Faith, our outward sense, befriending,

Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory, let us give, and blessing,

To the Father and the Son;

Honor, might, and praise addressing,

While eternal ages run;

Everlasting is thy reign.

Who from Both, with Both, is One.

Amen.

Panem de caelo præstísti eis, allelúia.

Omne delectam éntum in se hab éntem, allelúia.

You have given them Bread from heaven, alleluia.

Containing all sweetness within it, alleluia.

Amen.
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sacred Silence**

We remain in our places. A few moments of silence are kept. The Celebrant and ministers return to the sacristy. All depart in silence.

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**Dismissal (B)**

When Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows, the Office concludes thus:

The Lord be with you. R: And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

At I Vespers

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

W ITH longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us

off er our prayer to the Father: All: Our Father.

Prayer

LORD, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us
by an angel the coming of your Son as man, * so lead us through
his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and
ever. R: Amen.

Dismissal (A)

Blessing

Ve The Lord be with you. R: And also with you.

AY almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,

Antiphon.

A O Wisdom, holy Word of God, / you govern all creation * with your strong yet tender care.

Come and show your people * the way to salvation.

Intercessions

Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness / of all who look forward to his coming. *
Let us call upon him and say:

R: Come, Lord, and do not delay!

In joy, we wait for your coming, — come, Lord Jesus. (R)

Before time began, / you shared life with the Father, * — come now and save us. (R)

You created the world and all who live in it, * — come to redeem the work of your hands. (R)

You did not hesitate to become man, / subject to death, * — come to free us from the power of death. (R)

You came to give us life to the full, * — come and give us your unending life. (R)

You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom, — come and bring together / those who long to see you face to face (R)

Canticle: Philippians 2:6-11

C Though he was in the form of God, / Jesus did not deem equality with God * something to be grasped at.

A Rather he emptied himself / and took the form of a slave, * being born in the likeness of men.

A obediently accepting even death, * death on a cross!

C Because of this, God highly exalted him * and bestowed on him the name above every other name, 

A so that at Jesus’ name every knee must bend * in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,

C and every tongue proclaim / to the glory of God the Father : * JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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

C as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

A The fullness of time has come upon us at last : * God sends his Son into the world.
Reading  
1 Thessalonians 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.

STAND

Responsory

Cantor:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

All:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Cantor:

And grant us your salvation.

All:

Your mercy and love.

Cantor:

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

All:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

At Magnificat, Antiphon. December 17:

C O Wisdom, holy Word of God, / you govern all creation * with your strong yet tender care.
A Come and show your people * the way to salvation.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lk 1:46-55

C My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
A for he has looked with favor * on his lowly servant.
C From this day all generations * will call me blessed:
A the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
C He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
A He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
C He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
A He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
C He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
A the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children forever.
C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
A as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen

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Opening Verse

O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be 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. Alleluia.
Hymn

Verbum salutis omnium

Cantor alternates with congregation:

1. The Father speaks a Word to save
   All men and women from the grave.
   O Virgin blest, dispel our gloom;
   Receive him in your maiden womb.

2. The Spirit's shade, from heaven's height,
   Has filled you with his living light
   That Christ the Lord you now may bear
   The Father's equal and his heir.

3. This is the Gate, that long was barred,
   The sacred Temple safe to guard;
   It opens now to greet the sight
   Of heaven's Lord with blessed light.

4. To prophets promised from afar
   And born before the morning star,
   Now Gabriel proclaims his birth;
   The Lord of heav'n comes down to earth.

5. All peoples, leap for joy and raise,
   With angels, shouts of gladsome praise;
   The Highest comes this humble way
   To save us, who had gone astray.

6. To God the Father, glory sing,
   And praise to Christ, most loving King;
   The Spirit Paraclete we praise
   For ever and for endless days. Amen.
1 Antiphon

C He comes, / the desire of all human hearts ; *
A his dwelling place shall be resplendent with glory, / alleluia.

Psalm 121

C I rejoiced when I heard them say : * “ Let us go to God’s house. ”
A And now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
C Jerusalem is built as a city * strongly compact.
A It is there that the tribes go up, * the tribes of the Lord.
C For Israel’s law it is, * there to praise the Lord’s name.
A There were set the thrones of judgment * of the house of David.

C For the peace of Jerusalem pray ; * “ Peace be to your homes ! ”
A May peace reign in your walls, * in your palaces, peace ! ”
C For love of my brethren and friends * I say : “ Peace upon you ! ”
A For love of the house of the Lord * I will ask for your good.
C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit :
A as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

A He comes, / the desire of all human hearts ; *
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Psalmody. 2 ANTIPHON

LOW KEY

Ant. 2
2 D

MEDIUM KEY

Ant. 2
2 D

HIGH KEY

Ant. 2
2 D

2 Antiphon

C Come, Lord, / do not delay ; *
A free your people from their sinfulness.

Psalm 129

C Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, *
A Lord, hear my voice !

C O let your ears be attentive *
A to the voice of my pleading.

C If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *
A Lord, who would survive ?

C But with you is found forgiveness : *
A for this we revere you.

C My soul is waiting for the Lord, *
A I count on his word.

C My soul is longing for the Lord *
A more than watchman for daybreak.

C Let the watchman count on daybreak *
A and Israel on the Lord.

C Because with the Lord there is mercy *
A and fullness of redemption,

C Israel indeed he will redeem *
A from all its iniquity.

C As it was in the beginning, is now, *
A and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

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**NT CANTICLE. ANTIPHON**

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#### Antiphon

3

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A so that at Jesus’ name every knee must bend * in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,

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#### Antiphon

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### HIGH KEY

#### Antiphon

3

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RESPONSORY

Cantor:

4. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

All:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Cantor:

And grant us your salvation. Your mercy and love.

All:

Your mercy and love.

Cantor:

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

All:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation.

Your mercy and love.

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for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
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to Abraham and his children forever.
C  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
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and will be for ever. Amen

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AT MAGNIFICAT. Repetition of Antiphon

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you govern all creation * 
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ACCOMPANYING THE PSALMS

1. Most of the Psalm verses are in two parts, divided by an asterisk (*). Occasionally, the first half of a verse is again divided, and this is indicated by a cross (†). At the †, the flow of the text does not stop, but continues. No breath is taken. At the *, a full stop is made and a deep breath is taken. The length of the pause is determined by the Choirmaster. It is traditional to pause for two beats, though some may find this too long. In any event, all should agree on the length of the pause at the *, and it should remain the same through the entire service. Regularity and symmetry in the recitation produces a prayerful, serene atmosphere.

2. The organist is attentive to provide harmonies that a) support the natural accent patterns of the verses, and b) create an atmosphere of movement (at the beginning of a phrase) and rest (at the end of a phrase).

3. Example of a harmonization for a three-line verse:

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

4. REGISTRATION. The sound of the organ should be loud enough to support the singers, yet not so loud as to dominate or distract. 8 and (if needed) 4 foot flute stops with a light 8 and 16 foot in the pedal work best. Avoid loud diapasons, mixtures and reeds. These are often effective for modern metrical hymn tunes, but are out of place for the chant. Strive to create the effect of a soft ‘carpet’ of sound.