

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Ant. Bring forth dew, O heavens, from above, and may the clouds rain forth the just One: may the earth be opened, and bring forth the Savior.*

*V. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth his handiwork.*

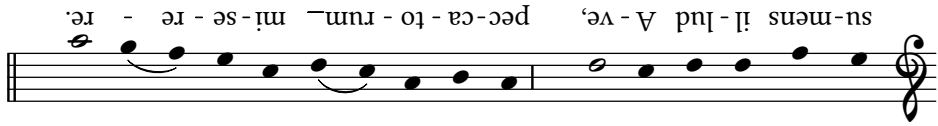
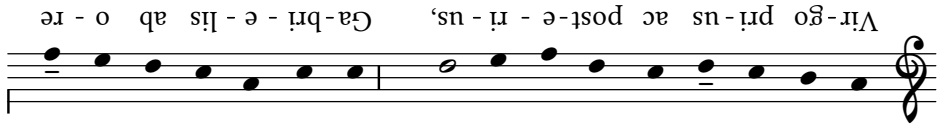
*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### INTROIT

*Ant. Rorate cæli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiat terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

*V. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei, et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum.*

*V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.*

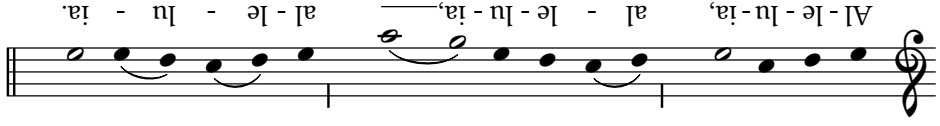


### RECESSIONAL

*The Sts. Gregory and Romanos Guild is a Gregorian chant choir serving the parishes of the Champaign Vicariate. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to sing with us; practices are held at Holy Cross in Champaign every Monday at 7 PM. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.schola-champaign.net/> or contact Nicholas Haggin at (217) 722-2840 or [director@schola-champaign.net](mailto:director@schola-champaign.net).*

### ALLELUIA

See Music Issue, #859.



*V. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa facinora plebis tuae.*

*V. Come, O LORD, and tarry not: free thy people from their sins.*

### OFFERTORY

*Veni, redemptor gentium,  
Ostende partum Virginis:  
Miretur omne sæculum,  
Talis decet partus Deum.*

*Come, thou redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.*

*Non ex virili semine,  
Sed mystico spiramine  
Verbum Dei factum est caro,*

*Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,*

Fructusque ventris floruit.

Alvus tumescit Virginis,  
Claustum pudoris permanet:  
Vexilla virtutum micant,  
Versatur in templo Deus.

Procedat e thalamo suo,  
Pudoris aula regia,  
Geminæ gigas substantiæ,  
Alacris ut currat viam.

Egressus eius a Patre,  
Regressus eius ad Patrem,  
Excursus usque ad inferos,  
Recurus ad sedem Dei.

Æqualis æterno Patri,  
Carnis tropæo cingere;  
Infirma nostri corporis  
Virtute firmans perpeti.

Præsepe iam fulget tuum,  
Lumenque nox spirat novum,  
Quod nulla nox interpolet,  
Fideque iugi luceat.

Sit, Christe, rex piissime,  
Tibi Patrique gloria,  
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,  
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

## SANCTUS

See *Music Issue*, #861.

*The promised Fruit to Man displayed.*

*The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honor all unstained;  
The banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.*

*Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.*

*From God the Father he proceeds,  
To God the Father back he speeds;  
His course he runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.*

*O equal to the Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.*

*All laud to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Cantor All  
Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á-mus, Dó - mi - ne,  
et tu - am re-surrec-ti - ónem con-fi - té - mur, do - nec - vé - ni - as.

## AGNUS DEI

See *Music Issue*, #865.

## COMMUNION

**Ant.** Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Vv. Ps. 18(19)

**Ant.** Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

**Ant.** O Clavis David, et sceptrum Domus Israel, qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.

**Ant.** O Key of David, and scepter of the House of Israel, who openeth, and none shall close; closeth, and none shall open: come, and lead the conquered forth from the house of captivity, they that dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Vv. Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55)