

Verse/Response:

Drop down dew, you heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Sav-ior.
(Isaiah 45:8, Prov 3:20b or Job 36:28)

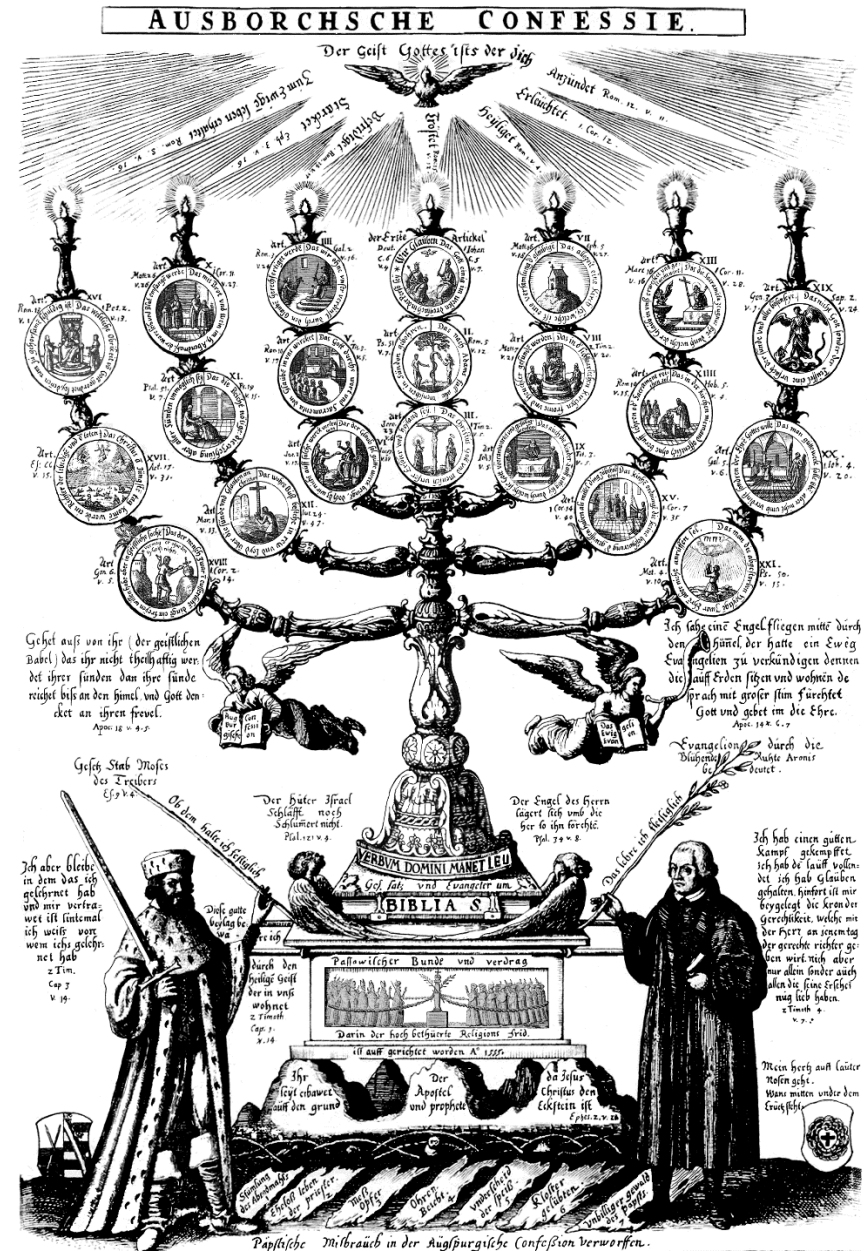
Antiphon, Magnificat:

Behold, the name of the Lord is com-ing from a far:
and His Glory fills the whole world.

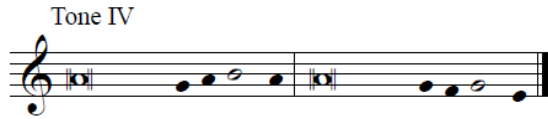
Magnificat p.228-230

Antiphon is repeated.

Psalms for Advent 1 Vespers



Psalm 24



Advent Antiphon:

Behold, the name of the Lord comes from a-far:
and let the whole earth be filled with His glo-ry.

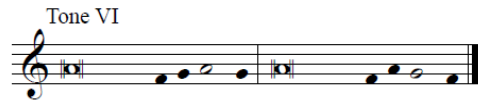
- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and all its full-ness,
The world and those who dwell there-in.
- 2 For He has founded it up-on the seas,
And established it up-on the wa-ters.
- 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an
idol, Nor sworn de-ceitful-ly.
- 5 He shall receive bles-sing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his sal-va-tion.
- 6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glo-ry shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glo-ry?
The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord might-y in bat-tle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glo-ry
shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glo-ry?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glo-ry.



All you who thirst come to the wa-ters;
seek the Lord while He may be found, al-le-lu-ia
17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
18 The Lord is near to all who call up-on Him,
To all who call up-on Him in truth.
19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.
20 The Lord preserves all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will de-stroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
And all flesh shall bless His holy name forev-er and
ev-er.

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

All you who thirst come to the wa-ters;
seek the Lord while He may be found, al-le-lu-ia
(DO Lauds 4, Isaiah 55:1, 6)



- In that day the mountains shall drop down sweet-ness,
and the hills shall flow with milk and honey,
al-le-lu-ia.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of com-pas-sion,
Slow to anger and great in mer-cy.
- 9 The Lord is good to all,
And His tender mercies are o-ver all His works.
- 10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord,
And Your saints shall bless You.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your king-dom,
And talk of Your pow-er,
- 12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His king-dom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an ever-last-ing king-dom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all gen-er-a-tions.
- 14 The Lord up-holds all who fall,
And raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look ex-pect-ant-ly to You,
And You give them their food in due sea-son.
- 16 You o-pen Your hand
And satisfy the desire of eve-ry living thing.
- In that day the mountains shall drop down sweet-ness,
and the hills shall flow with milk and honey,
al-le-lu-ia.
(DO Lauds Lev 20:24)

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Behold, the name of the Lord comes from a-far:

and let the whole earth be filled with His glo-ry.

(BPB 1: Isaiah 30:27a, Ps 72:19b)

Psalm 50



Advent Antiphon:

Out of Zion, the perfection of beau-ty, God has shined.

Our God shall come, al-le-lu-ia.

1 The Mighty One, God the Lord, Has spo-ken and called
the earth

From the rising of the sun to its going down.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep si-lent;

A fire shall de-vor be-fore Him,

And it shall be very tempestuous all a-round Him.

4 He shall call to the heav-ens from a-bove,

And to the earth, that He may judge His peo-ple:

5 “Gather My saints to-geth-er to Me,

Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacri-
fice.”

6 Let the heavens de-clare His righteous-ness,

For God Him-self is Judge.

7 “Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testi-fy a-gainst you;

I am God, your God!

8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offer-ings,

Which are continual-ly be-fore Me.

9 I will not take a bull from your house,

Nor goats out of your folds.

10 For every beast of the for-est is Mine,

And the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know all the birds of the moun-tains,

And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

12 “If I were hungry, I would not tell you;

For the world is Mine, and all its full-ness.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,

Or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God thanks-giv-ing,

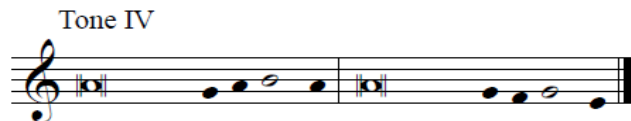
And pay your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon Me in the day of trou-ble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glo-ri-fy Me.”

Out of Zion, the perfection of beau-ty, God has shined.

Our God shall come, al-le-lu-ia. (BPB 5, Ps 50:2)



Advent Antiphon:

Prepare the way of the Lord, al-le-lu-ia.

Make His paths straight, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 145



Advent Antiphon:

Rejoice greatly, O Je-rusa-lem:

behold, thy King com-eth.

1 I will extol You, my God, O King;

And I will bless Your name forev-er and ev-er.

2 Every day I will bless You,

And I will praise Your name forev-er and ev-er.

3 Great is the Lord, and great-ly to be praised;

And His greatness is un-searcha-ble.

4 One generation shall praise Your works to an-oth-er,

And shall de-clare Your mighty acts.

5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majes-ty,

And on Your wondrous works.

6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,

And I will de-clare Your great-ness.

7 They shall utter the memory of Your great good-ness,

And shall sing of Your righteous-ness.

Rejoice greatly, O Je-rusa-lem:

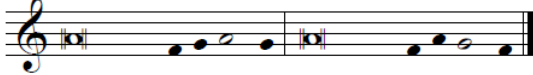
behold, thy King com-eth. (BPB 3, Zech 9:9)

5 I remember the days of old; I medi-tate on all Your works;
I muse on the work of Your hands.
6 I spread out my hands to You;
My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.
7 Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I
be like those who go down in-to the pit.
8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morn-ing,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.
9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my ene-mies;
In You I take shel-ter.
10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of upright-
ness.
11 Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of
trou-ble.
12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who af-flict my soul;
For I am Your ser-vant.
Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
Come, O Lord, and make no tarry-ing;
loosen the bonds of Thy peo-ple Isra-el.
(BPB 2, Isaiah 52:2)

16 But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to de-
clare My stat-utes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,
17 Seeing you hate in-struc-tion
And cast My words be-hind you?
18 When you saw a thief, you con-sen-ted with him,
And have been a partaker with a-dulter-ers.
19 You give your mouth to e-vil,
And your tongue frames de-ceit.
20 You sit and speak a-gainst your broth-er;
You slander your own mother's son.
21 These things you have done, and I kept si-lent;
You thought that I was alto-geth-er like you;
But I will re-buke you,
And set them in or-der be-fore your eyes.
22 “Now consider this, you who for-get God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to de-liv-
er:
23 Whoever offers praise glo-ri-fies Me;
And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show
the sal-va-tion of God.”
Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
Prepare the way of the Lord, al-le-lu-ia.
Make His paths straight, al-le-lu-ia.
(BPB 6: Is 40:3, Jn 1:23 or Heb 12:13.)

Psalm 85

Tone VI



Advent Antiphon:

Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies
pour down righteous-ness;

Let the earth open, let them bring forth sal-va-tion.

1 Lord, You have been favora-ble to Your land;

You have brought back the captivi-ty of Ja-cob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your peo-ple;

You have cov-ered all their sin.

3 You have taken a-way all Your wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of Your an-ger.

4 Restore us, O God of our sal-va-tion,

And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

5 Will You be angry with us for-ev-er?

Will You prolong Your anger to all gen-er-a-tions?

6 Will You not re-vive us a-gain,

That Your people may re-joice in You?

7 Show us Your mercy, Lord,

And grant us Your sal-va-tion.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak, For He will
speak peace To His people and to His saints;

But let them not turn back to fol-ly.

9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met to-geth-er;

Righteous-ness and peace have kissed.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,

And righteousness shall look down from heav-en.

12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good;"

And our land will yield its in-crease.

13 Righteousness will go be-fore Him,

And shall make His foot-steps our path-way.

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies
pour down righteous-ness;

Let the earth open, let them bring forth sal-va-tion.

Tone II



Psalm 143

Advent Antiphon:

Come, O Lord, and make no tarry-ing:

loosen the bonds of Thy peo-ple Isra-el.

(BPB 2, Isaiah 52:2)

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my sup-pli-ca-tions!

In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your
righteous-ness.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your ser-vant,

For in Your sight no one liv-ing is right-eous.

3 For the enemy has perse-cut-ed my soul;

He has crushed my life to the ground;

He has made me dwell in dark-ness,

Like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is over-whelmed with-in me;

My heart with-in me is dis-tressed.