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## The Introit *Isaiah 45; Psalm 19*

TONE III



### Antiphon:

Show-er, O heavens, from a-bove, \*  
and let the skies rain down righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, \*  
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also;

### Psalm:

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- [2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens ↓  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous al-to-gether

11 By them also is your servant en-light-ened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.]

### Gloria Patri:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. Amen

### Repeat Antiphon

#### The Kyrie, No Gloria

#### The Collect

Pour forth your power O Lord and with great might come to us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

#### The Old Testament: **Isaiah 51:4-8**

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the

worm will eat them like wool; but my deliverance will be for ever, and my salvation to all generations.

## The Gradual

Psalm 80

TONE 1b



19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## The Epistle: I Corinthians 4:1-5

Brethren: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

## The Alleluia:

Psalm 80



Come O Lord and do not delay! \*

Forgive the sins of your people, Israel. Alleluia

## The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

## The Offertory

Luke 1

Tone

VII



28a And the angel came to her and said,\*  
'Greetings, favored one!

28b The Lord is with you, \*  
blessed are you among women.'

## The Prayer over the Gifts:

O Lord, we pray that you look with favor upon the offerings here before you, that they may be beneficial for our devotion and for our salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

## **Preface of Advent (Ambrosian)**

It is truly right and just, our joy, and helpful to our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty and everlasting God, as we speak Your praises with joyful hearts.

Our redemption is drawing nigh,  
the ancient hope of the nations is on His way;  
the promised resurrection of the dead is at hand,  
as the glory of the Blessed One already shines forth.

And so, with all the angels we give You glory  
in this, their joyful hymn of praise:

or

## **The Preface of the Holy Trinity**

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord; not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation concerning your glory, that same we believe of your Son, that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, we shall adore the Persons as distinct, their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise;  
day by day they cry out unceasingly saying as with voice:...

## **The Fourth Sunday in Advent before the Pax Domini**

*Priest:* May Almighty God look upon you with a tender countenance, and pour upon you the gift of His benediction.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He, Who has sanctified this season through the Incarnation of His only-begotten Son, set you free from all adversity in this present life, and in the life of the World to come.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May you who rejoice, with heartfelt devotion, in the Advent of our Incarnate Redeemer, may be enriched with the rewards of eternal life, when, at His second Advent, He shall return in majesty.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

*Priest:* The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.



**The Communion: Isaiah 7:14**

Tone VII



**14** There-fore the Lord himself will give you a sign. \*

Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

**The Postcommunion:**

O Lord, we who have received your Gifts pray that the effect of your saving grace may increase in us proportionately as we continue to draw near to this mystery; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*