



**Reading 1:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

**Reading 2:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 652

VENI EMMANUEL LM with Refrain



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy
4. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



1. cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
2. all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
3. tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
4. Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny That trust thy might - y
5. wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
6. by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
7. hearts of all man - kind; Bid thou our sad di -



1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. give the law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
4. pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
5. leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
6. clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7. vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our King of peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.  
Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and others

Chant, Mode I

For Latin version, see "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," #811.

For Spanish version, see "Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emanuel," #697.

# 684 O Sanctissima

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D G D G/B A7/C# D

1. O san - ctis - si - ma, O pi - is - si - ma,  
 2. Tu so - lá - ti - um Et re - fú - gi - um,  
 3. Ec - ce dé - bi - les, Per - quam flé - bi - les,  
 4. Vir - go ré - spi - ce, Ma - ter, ad - spi - ce,

1. Vir - gin full of grace, Pur - est of our race,  
 2. Ma - ry, plead for us, In - ter - cede for us,  
 3. Queen of saints a - bove, Won - drous in your love,  
 4. Star of o - cean bright, Splen - dor in the night,

D A/C# E A A/E E7 A Em7 A7

1. Dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a! Ma - ter a - má - ta,  
 2. Vir - go Ma - ter Ma - rí - a! Quid - quid o - ptá - mus,  
 3. Sal - va nos, Ma - rí - a! Tol - le lan - guo - res,  
 4. Au - di nos, Ma - rí - a! Tu me - di - cí - nam,

1. Hear your chil - dren, O Ma - ry! Maid - en of glad - ness,  
 2. Hope of sin - ners, O Ma - ry! You are the por - tal  
 3. Rise to shield us, O Ma - ry! Show us, O Moth - er,  
 4. Guide us home - ward, O Ma - ry! Help, we im - plore you,

D D/F# A7/E D Em7 G Em D/A A7 D

1. In - te - me - rá - ta, O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis!  
 2. Per te spe - rá - mus; O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis!  
 3. Sa - na do - ló - res, O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis!  
 4. Por - tas di - ví - nam; O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis!

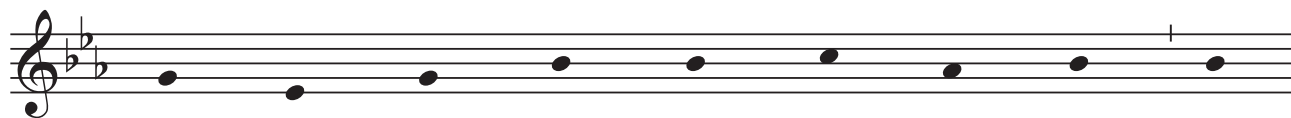
1. Ban - ish our sad - ness: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Ma - ry!  
 2. To life im - mor - tal: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Ma - ry!  
 3. Je - sus, our Broth - er: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Ma - ry!  
 4. Your sons be - fore you: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Ma - ry!

Latin hymn, 18th cent.  
 Eng. ver. by Melvin L. Farrell, 1930-1986  
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Traditional Sicilian melody, 18th cent.  
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# 497 Creator of the Stars of Night

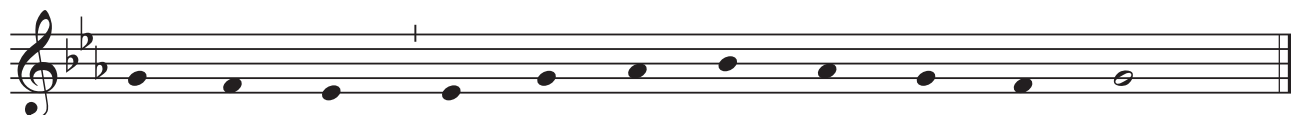
CREATOR ALME SIDERUM LM



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re -
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And



1. peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
2. doom to death a un - i - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
3. came; but not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
4. knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
5. deem us for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
6. God the Spir - it, Three in One, Praise, hon - or, might, and



1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*Conditor alme siderum*, Latin, 9th cent.

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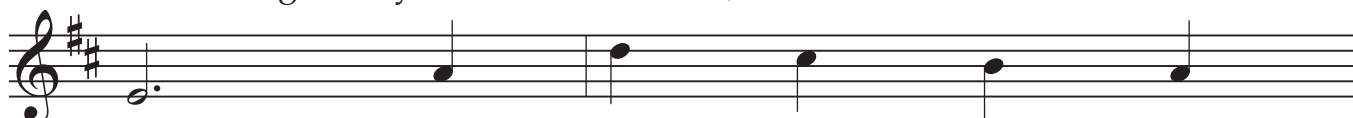
Chant, Mode IV

# 775 The Advent of Our King

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1. The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em -
2. The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to
3. O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To meet thy low - ly
4. As Judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a -
5. Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be
6. All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us



1. ploy, And we must hymns of
2. be; Him - self a serv - ant's
3. King, Nor let thy faith - less
4. gain And his true mem - bers
5. gone, The old man all be
6. free, With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



1. wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
2. form puts on To set his serv - ants free.
3. heart de - spise The peace he comes to bring.
4. all u - nite With him in heav'n to reign.
5. put a - way, The new man all put on.
6. ev - er One, Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Charles Coffin, 1676-1749  
Tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

Johann B. Konig, 1691-1758  
Adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 618

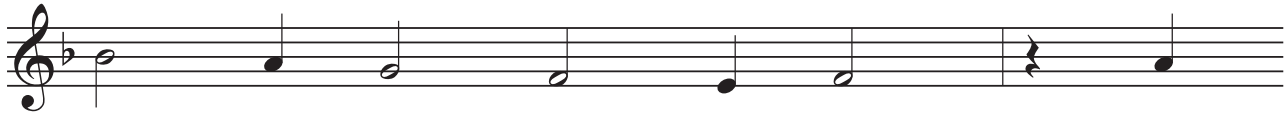
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 76 76 676



1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
1. Es ist ein Ros' ent - sprun - gen Aus ei - ner Wur - zel



1. sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing  
2. mind; With Ma - ry we be - hold it,  
1. zart, Wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen,



1. As men of old have sung. It  
2. The Vir - gin Moth - er kind. To  
1. Von Jes - se kam die Art. Und



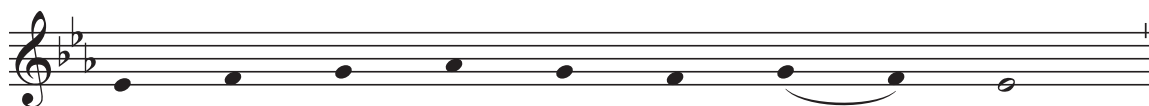
1. came, a flow'r - et bright, A - mid the cold of  
2. show God's love a - right, She bore to men a  
1. hat ein Blüm - lein bracht Mit - ten im kal - ten



1. win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
2. Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
1. Win - ter Wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.

# Of the Father's Love Begotten 691

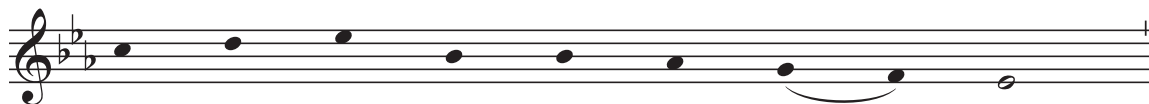
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1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten,  
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,  
3. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore him;  
4. Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther,



1. Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
2. When the Vir - gin, full of grace,  
3. An - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;  
4. And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



1. He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
2. By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
3. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
4. Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



1. He the source, the end - ing he,  
2. Bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
3. And ex - tol our God and King;  
4. And un - wea - ried prais - es be:



1. Of the things that are, that have been,  
2. And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
3. Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
4. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



1. And that fu - ture years shall see,  
2. First re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
3. Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,  
4. And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



1. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
2. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
3. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
4. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

# 712 People, Look East

BESANÇON CAROL 87 98 87



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him, who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the fros - ty
5. brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. fro - zen He for fledg - ling - time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
4. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
5. hum - ming With the word, "The Lord is com - ing." Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
5. East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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# Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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## READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

### Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

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## REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

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## RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

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# What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at [stcatharine.com/calendar](http://stcatharine.com/calendar)

## Bambinelli Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent marks John Paul II's beloved tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday.'

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.

John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer: "As I bless your little statues, beloved children, I think with serene hope of you, of the immense good that you can do, precisely because you are little, within your family, the school, the Associations, and society itself. Not for nothing did Jesus himself choose you as models for those who wish to have a part in his Kingdom (cf. Mt 18:4; Mk 10: 15). Take home, with great care, the little statue of the Infant Jesus, also as a sign of the Pope's love for you and your families. Put it in your Crib with intense faith, with that faith wherewith the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, laid the new-born Jesus in the manger (cf. Lk 2:7). Invite your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters, the whole of your family, to gather round the Crib in these days of the Christmas Novena, to recite together the prayers learned on your mother's lap, to sing the sweet carols, so charged with human and Christian sentiment. May the Infant Jesus, present in the Crib of your home, be the concrete sign of a limpid and sincere faith, which will enlighten, guide and direct your life and that of your dear ones.

## Calendar and Events

**SUN** 12/13

6:15pm Youth Adoration Night (grades 6-12)

**TUES** 12/15

6:30pm Confession

**WEDS** 12/16

7:00pm Choir Practice

**THURS** 12/17

All Day Community Day at Jersey Mike's  
7:00pm ADORE Lessons and Carols

**SAT** 12/19

2:30pm Tylka/Carson Wedding

## Christmas Tree Lot Hours

Thursday 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Friday 5:00pm-9:30pm  
Saturday 10:00am-9:30pm  
Sunday 10:00am-7:00pm

## Offering (December 6)

Total Offering	\$20,038.46
Less 6%	\$1,202.31
Net	\$18,836.15

## Adoration Chapel

Open Sunday-Friday from 6:00am-9:00pm for quiet prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to make a visit any time.

## Confession

Tuesday	6:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)

## The Nativity of the Lord

### Christmas Eve

4:00pm · 6:30pm · 12:00am Midnight

### Christmas Day

11:00am

## Ministers

- Please visit the MSP website or email [sue@stcatharine.com](mailto:sue@stcatharine.com) to sign up for Christmas ministries. Help us to make Christmas Mass a prayerful and pleasant experience for our many guests who will be visiting. As Hebrews 13:1 says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels."

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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHARINE

### ADVENT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
7:00PM • ADORE LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century.*

*In it we listen to Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects on the lesson's message.*

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE  
4:00PM  
6:30PM

MIDNIGHT MASS  
12:00am (Carols begin at 11:30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY  
11:00AM

*In order to accommodate as many of the faithful as possible, each Mass will be simulcast in the Parish Center and the Lower Level. Please note that every other pew in the Church is currently roped off in order to facilitate physical distancing, and we are at less than 50% capacity. Each Mass will also be live-streamed on our YouTube and Facebook pages.*

