

CHRISTMAS NOVENA
December 16—24



St. Joseph's Chapel

THE VILLAGE AT INCARNATE WORD

The candle(s) will have been lit before the prayer begins. At the appropriate time, the cantor approaches the ambo, gesturing for everyone to stand, and begins the prayer by singing the ...

Opening Hymn – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (STUGGART)



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in



1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in
4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -



1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Leader: Let us begin,

✠ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray (pause): Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless your holy name.

Cleanse our hearts from all vain, sinful or distracting thoughts. Enlighten our understanding. Inflamm our affections, so that we may perform this service with due attention and be heard by your divine majesty. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Dialogue

Leader: In a spirit of humility, and with contrite hearts,
let us approach the Lord of mercy (*pause, giving time for reflecting ...*):

Lord Jesus, you come to break the chains of sin and heal the wounds of our affliction, Lord have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you come to affirm us and to teach us that we are loved,
Christ have mercy. **All:** Christ have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you come to be a cornerstone, ever binding opposites into unity
within yourself, Lord have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy.

Leader: To you we lift up our hearts; in you O God, we put our trust.
All: Stir up your power, Lord, and come to redeem us.

Leader: Come O Lord, and do not tarry.
All: Take away the iniquity of your people.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His pathway.
All: Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain shall be brought low.

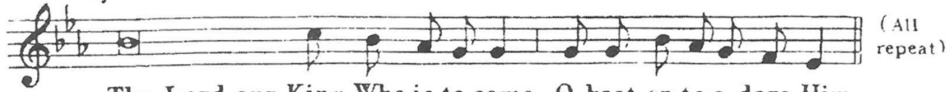
Leader: The crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain.
All: And all people shall see the salvation of our God.

Leader: Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare the ways for your only-
begotten Son, that through his coming, we may serve you with pure hearts and minds.
We ask this, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All: Amen!

The Singing of The Prophecies

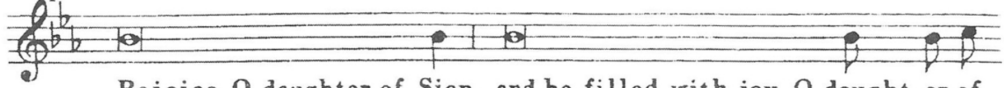
The leader goes to her place, and the cantor goes to the ambo for the singing of the prophecies. The cantor sings the refrain, and all repeat. The refrain is sung after each prophecy.

Invitatory Chanters

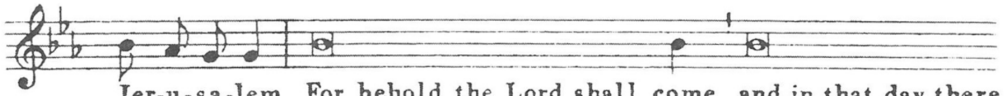


The Lord our King Who is to come, O hast-en to a-dore Him.
(The Invitatory is repeated after each Prophecy.)

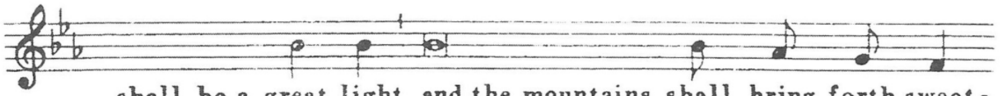
Prophecies No.1



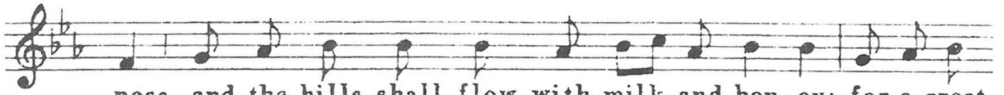
Rejoice, O daughter of Sion, and be filled with joy, O daught-er of



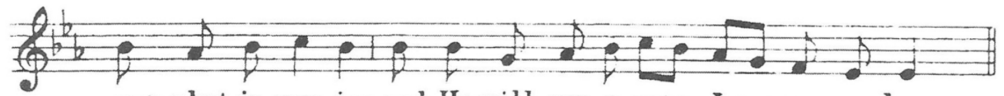
Jer-u-sa-lem, For behold the Lord shall come and in that day there



shall be a great light and the mountains shall bring forth sweet-

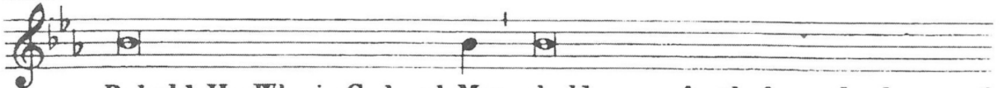


ness, and the hills shall flow with milk and hon-ey; for a great



pro-phet is com-ing and He will ren-o-vate Jer - u - sa - lem.

No.2



Behold, He Who is God and Man shall come forth from the house of



David to sit up-on His throne, and when you see Him then your



heart shall be joy-ful.

No. 3

Behold, the Lord shall come, our protector, the Holy One of Isra-
 -el, wear-ing on His head a king-ly crown; and He will rule from
 sea to sea and from the river to the ut-most bounds of the earth.

No. 4

Behold the Lord shall ap-pear and He shall not de-ceive! If He does
 de-lay, be waiting for Him, for He shall come and He will not tar-ry.

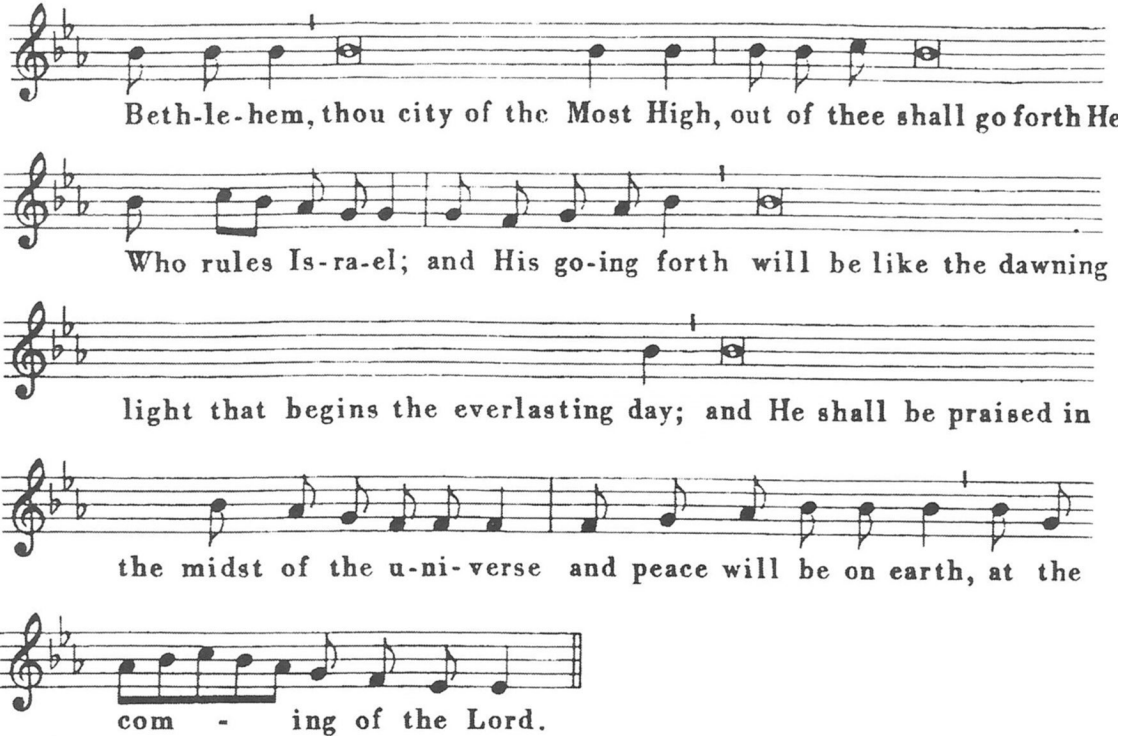
No. 5

The Lord will descend as rain up-on the field; His justice shall rise
 in those days and there shall be peace in a-bun-dance; and all the
 kings of the earth shall a-dore Him; all na - tions shall serve Him.

No. 6

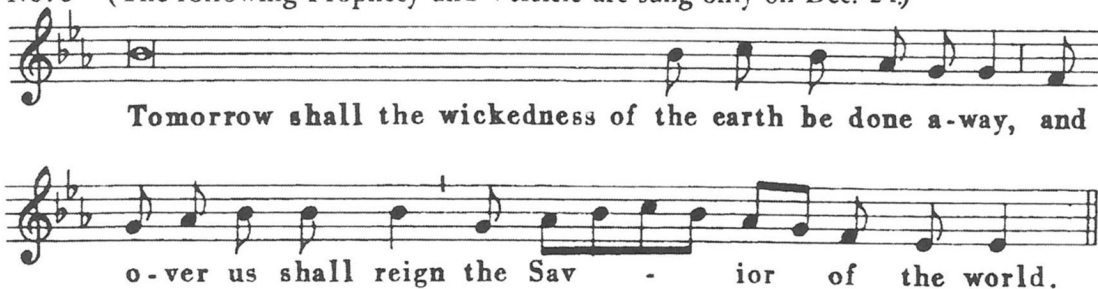
An Infant shall be born to us and He shall be called the God of
 strength. He will sit on the throne of His father Da-vid and He shall
 rule us, up-on whose should-ers has been placed all pow-er.

No. 7



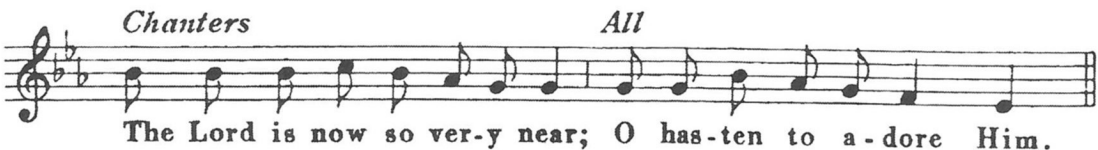
Beth-le-hem, thou city of the Most High, out of thee shall go forth He
Who rules Is-ra-el; and His go-ing forth will be like the dawning
light that begins the everlasting day; and He shall be praised in
the midst of the u-ni-verse and peace will be on earth, at the
com - ing of the Lord.

No. 8 (The following Prophecy and Versicle are sung only on Dec. 24)



Tomorrow shall the wickedness of the earth be done a-way, and
o-ver us shall reign the Sav - ior of the world.

Chanters *All*



The Lord is now so ver-y near; O has-ten to a-dore Him.

The Canticle

*The cantor returns to her place, and the leader goes to the ambo and gestures
for everyone to stand for the praying of the canticle.*

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and may the earth exult /
praise the Lord, you mountains.

All: Let the mountains break forth into gladness /
and the hills with justice.

Leader: For our Lord shall come /
and to the poor He shall show mercy.

All: Of us, O lord, be mindful /
and visit us in your salvation.

Leader: Drop down dew, you heavens from above
and let the clouds rain the just one /
let the earth be opened and bud forth a savior.

All: Show us, O Lord, your mercy /
and grant us your salvation.

Leader: Come, O Lord, and in peace visit us /
that with a perfect heart we may rejoice before you.

All: That on earth, O Lord, we may know your ways /
and among all nations your salvation.

Leader: Put forth, O Lord, your strength and come /
that you may save us.

All: Come, O Lord and do not tarry /
do away with the offenses of your people.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son /
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning /
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Reading from Scripture

The assembly is seated for the reading

December 16: Isaiah 56: 6-7

December 17: Isaiah 2:3-4

December 18: Zephaniah 3:14-17

December 19: 1 Chronicles 17:9-14

December 20: Isaiah 11:1-5

December 21: Ezekiel 36:26-30

December 22: Micah 5:2-4

December 23: Isaiah 60:1-5

December 24: Luke 2: 8-20

After a short silence, the leader stand at her place and begins the Responsory

Responsory

Leader: Behold the Lord will come; let us prepare to meet him.

All: Behold the Lord will come; let us prepare to meet him.

Leader: He comes to save his people ...

All: let us prepare to meet him.

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

All: Behold the Lord will come; let us prepare to meet him.

The Singing of the “O Antiphon”

The cantor goes to the ambo and sings the Antiphon; all repeat

Magnificat

The Magnificat is sung, after which the Antiphon of the day is repeated.

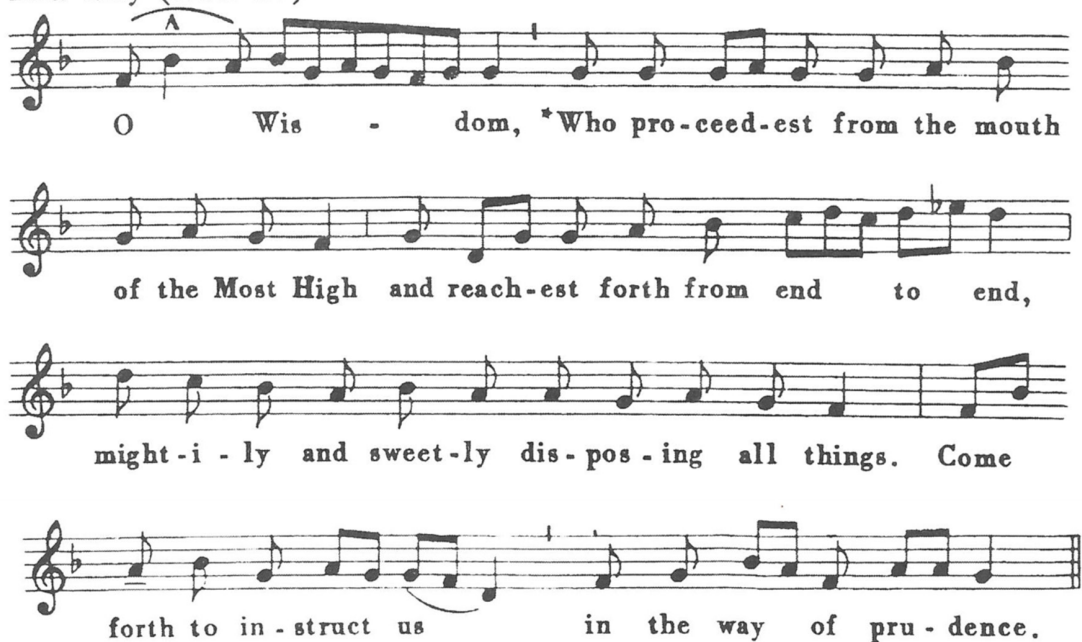
The Antiphons

1st Day (Dec. 16)



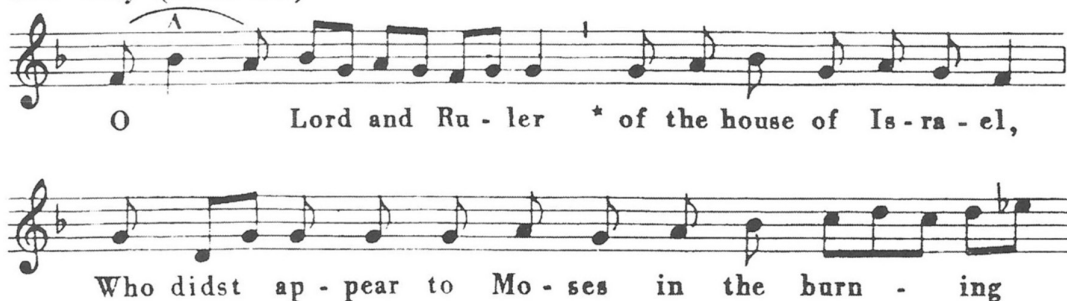
Lo, our King is com - ing, * Lord of cre - a - tion, and Him -
-self will lift the yoke that binds and makes us cap - tive.

2nd Day (Dec. 17)



O Wis - dom, * Who pro - ceed - est from the mouth
of the Most High and reach - est forth from end to end,
might - i - ly and sweet - ly dis - pos - ing all things. Come
forth to in - struct us in the way of pru - dence.

3rd Day (Dec. 18)



O Lord and Ru - ler * of the house of Is - ra - el,
Who didst ap - pear to Mo - ses in the burn - ing



4th Day (Dec. 19)



5th Day (Dec. 20)



O Key of Da-vid * and Scep-tre that rul-eth Is - ra - el,



Who doth o - pen and no one clos - es shut, Who doth close



and no one o - pens up, Come forth and re - lease the



bonds of him who lan-guish-es in pri - son; who sits



down in dark - ness and in the sha - dow of death.

6th Day (Dec. 21)



O Light from the East,* splen-dor of light e - ter - nal



and sun of jus - tice, Come and en - light - en those



who sit in dark - ness and in the sha - dow of death.

7th Day (Dec. 22)



O King of the Gen - tles * and the One for Whom the

na-tions have been long-ing, the Cor-ner-stone which is their foun-
 da - tion, Who brings all men to-geth-er, Come forth
 and save man whom from dust Thou hast cre - a - ted.

8th Day (Dec. 23)

O Em - man - u - el,* our King and Law -
 -giv - er, the a - wait - ed One of all na - tions,
 the sal - va - tion of all man - kind, Come forth, re -
 -deem us now, Thou Who art our Lord and Sav - ior.

9th Day (Dec. 24)

When the sun shall rise up in the heav-ens, then you shall
 be-hold the King of kings pro-ceed-ing forth from the
 Fa-ther like un - to the bride-groom from the bri-dal cham-ber

Intercessory Prayer

Response: Come, Lord Jesus!

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Blessing


Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Going Forth: On Jordan's Bank


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1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

The Christmas Novena

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