

Introduction to our Advent Theme: The O Antiphons

The paraphrases of Holy Scripture known as The Great “O” Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshippers as most expressive of the Church’s desire for the Savior. They are each awe-filled expressions of that Advent spirit that is focused on Christ’s coming—His historical coming on Christmas, His continued coming in the Means of Grace, and His second coming on Judgment Day. Each antiphon consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament, asking Him to come and fulfill some Scriptural promise or prophecy. They also are the basis of one of our greatest Advent hymns, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

✠ Opening Prayer – “O King of Nations” ✠

- P** O King of the Nations, the Ruler they long for, the Cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #56

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** As we wait for the second coming of Christ, the Wisdom of God and Key who opens heaven’s gates, let us prepare our hearts for His arrival by confessing our sins.
- C Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have sought knowledge apart from You, that we have heard Your commandments but disobeyed them, that our faith has been easily shaken, that we have closed our hearts to Your mercy, that we have walked in shadows of doubt and despair, that we follow the lead of the devil, and that we have forgotten about Your presence in our lives. Come to us, O LORD, forgive us for Jesus’ sake and restore us according to Your mercy.**
- P** Hear the good news of Advent hope: Jesus, the Wisdom of God, teaches us the way of truth. Jesus, our Lord, delivers us

G ♪ *O come, O King of nations, come
O Cornerstone that binds in one;
Refresh the hearts that long for You;
Restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #73 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*
The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Thank you to Pastor Naumann for sharing the Word with us this evening. Next Wednesday, Pastor Zack Sippert will be preaching on the O Antiphon, "O Lord and Ruler."

A Finger Food Potluck will be held after church this evening.

The Ladies' Aid annual Christmas Potluck will be held this Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Cookie Exchange – Next Sunday, December 7th, during the men's voters meeting, the women are invited to join in a Christmas cookie exchange. If you wish to participate, bring several dozen cookies to exchange, plus a container to take home your goodies! Enjoy some warm tea and fellowship while you swap treats.

from sin and death. Jesus, the Root of Jesse, deepens our trust. Jesus, the Key of David, opens to us the kingdom of grace. Jesus, the Dayspring, brings light to our darkness. Jesus, the King of the Nations, unites us in His peace. Jesus, Immanuel – God with us – forgives, renews, and restores.

Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I proclaim to you: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Response: "A Litany for Advent"

Tune of WS #789

G ♪ *Lord Jesus, come to us, we pray,
Bring us Your truth, Show us Your way,
As once the prophets did foretell,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*The universe is in our care,
Help us protect, help us to share,
Send us Your peace, Your glad Noel,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*Our world is torn in war and sin.
Our people hurt without, within.
Your healing love will make us well,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth
That we may celebrate Your birth.
Oh, enter in our lives to dwell.
Oh, come to us Immanuel.*

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P O King of the Nations, bring unity and peace to all peoples. Rule our hearts with justice and love and let your kingdom come in our lives and throughout the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**





Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



Ephesians 2:14-22

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and

the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Response to the Word

TLH #70:1

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C ♪ *Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.*

Confession of Faith

Explanation of the 2nd Article

C I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #55

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come"



Haggai 2:6-7

"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts."

O Come, King of Nations