

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ant. Bring forth dew, O heavens, from above, and may the clouds rain forth the just One: may the earth be opened, and bring forth the Savior.

V. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth his handiwork.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

INTROIT

Ant. Rorate cæli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiat terra, et germinet Salvatorem.

V. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei, et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

The Sts. Gregory and Romanos Guild is a Gregorian chant choir serving the parishes of the Champaign Vicariate. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to sing with us; practices are held at Holy Cross in Champaign every Monday at 7 PM. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.schola-champaign.net/> or contact Nicholas Haggin at (217) 722-2840 or director@schola-champaign.net.

OFFERTORY

V. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa facinora plebis tuæ.

Veni, redemptor gentium,
Ostende partum Virginis:
Miretur omne sæculum,
Talis decet partus Deum.

Non ex virili semine,
Sed mystico spiramine
Verbum Dei factum est caro,

Come, thou redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,

V. Come, O LORD, and tarry not: free thy people from their sins.

ALLELUIA

See Music Issue, #859.

Fructúsque ventris flóruit.

Alvus tuméscit Vírginis,
Cláustrum pudóris pérmanet:
Vexilla virtútum mícant,
Versátur in templo Deus.

Procédát e thálamo suo,
Pudóris aula régia,
Géminæ gigas substántiæ,
Alácris ut currat viam.

Egréssus eius a Patre,
Regréssus eius ad Patrem,
Excúrsus usque ad ínferos,
Recúrsus ad sedem Dei.

Æquális ætérno Patri,
Cárnis tropæo cingere;
Infírma nóstri córporis
Virtúte firmans pérpeti.

Præsepe iam fulget tuum,
Luménque nox spirat novum,
Quod nulla nox intérholet,
Fidéque iugi lúceat.

Sit, Christe, rex piússime,
Tibi Patríque glória,
Cum Spírítu Paráclito,
In sempitérna sácula. Amen.

SANCTUS

See *Music Issue*, #861.

The promised Fruit to Man displayed.

*The virgin womb that burden gained
With virgin honor all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.*

*Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.*

*From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.*

*O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.*

*All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Cantor All

Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á-mus, Dó - mi - ne,
et tu - am re-surrec-ti - ónem con-fi - té - mur, do - nec - vé - ni - as.

AGNUS DEI

See *Music Issue*, #865.

COMMUNION

Ant. Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Vv. Ps. 18(19)

Ant. Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Ant. O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare

Ant. O Root of Jesse, who dost stand as a sign among the peoples, before whom the kings shall close their mouths, whom the nations plead with in prayer: come and deliver us, yea, and tarry not.

Vv. Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55)