

# 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: aperiat̄ur terra, et gérminet Salvatorem.

V. Cæli enarrant gloriã Dei, et opéra 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.

Al - ma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervi-a caeli porta manes,

et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surge-re qui curat, po-pu-lo:

tu quae genu-i-sti, na-tu-ra mirante, tuum sanctum ge-ni-to - rem,

Vir-go pri-us ac post-e-ri-us, Ga-bri-e-lis ab o-re

su-mens il-lud A-ve, pec-ca-to-rum mi-se-re-re.

### 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](mailto:director@schola-champaign.net).

### ALLELUIA

See Music Issue, #857.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

### OFFERTORY

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

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

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

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

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;  
Infirma nóstri córporis  
Virtúte firmans pérpeti.

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

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

## SANCTUS

See *Music Issue*, #859.

*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*, #863.

## COMMUNION

**Ant.** Ecce virgo concípíet, et páriet fílium: et vocábitur nomen eius Emmá-nuel.

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 Adónai, et dux domus Ísrael, qui Móysi in igne flammæ rubi apparuísti, et in Sina legem dedísti, veni ad rediméndum nos in bráchio exténto.

**Ant.** O LORD, and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of a burning bush, and upon Sinai didst give him the law, come and redeem us with arm outstretched.

Vv. Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55)