

Welcome to a contemplative evening liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, adapted to accommodate remote participation. There will be an opportunity to add individual prayers via the chat box, and we ask you to help create a traditional sense of prayerful listening there as well. The individual/leader role can be divided into four functional roles: reader, cantor, speaker, and Zoom manager.

Everything you need is included here; note that group responses are in bold type.

Nobody speaks

One or two people speak

Everyone speaks

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Brief silence

Merciful God,

we confess we are worried and distracted by many things.

Our attention is divided

and we do not give ourselves fully to you.

We have failed to serve you.

We have failed to love and care for each other and for creation.

**Forgive us. Renew us, that we may live in the power of your son,
Jesus Christ,
in whom we are made new to begin again. Amen.**

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace
and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 31 In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 **In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 **Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.**

Psalm 134 Ecce nunc

- 1 **Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.**
- 2 **Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

(Reader may substitute another short text of their own choice; many people will have already heard the gospel appointed for the day, so there is no need to make that a default.)

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Thanks be to God.

Before Advent

We'll sing *In Beauty Happily I Walk*, a song from the Navajo people.
Can be done as a call and response.

♪ **In beauty happily I walk**
With beauty before me I walk
With beauty behind me I walk
With beauty above me I walk
With beauty all around me I walk
It is finished in beauty

During Advent: Cantor may lead the appropriate O Antiphon (attached at end of this leaflet)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(Prayer traditionally attributed to Augustine of Hippo)

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.
Amen.

We will offer our prayers now in the chat box while we sing a chant from the Taize community. We will repeat the song so that everyone has time to participate in prayers.

♪ **Nada te turbe, nada te espante
Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta
Nada te turbe, nada te espante
Solo Dios basta**

(May nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. Whoever has God will lack nothing. God alone is sufficient.)

We will end tonight by singing the Song of Simeon together.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

♪ **Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised,
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Let us bless the Lord.

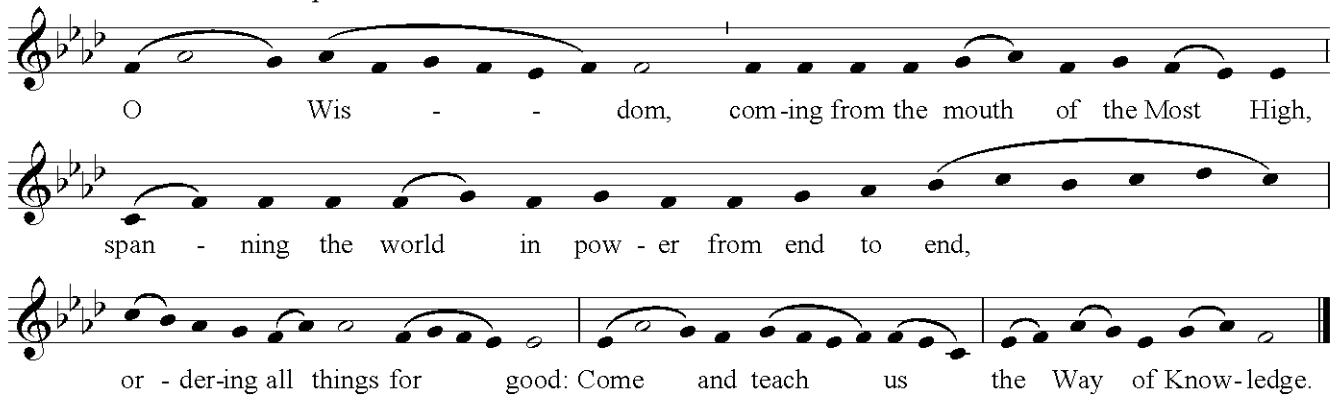
Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us
and keep us.

Amen.

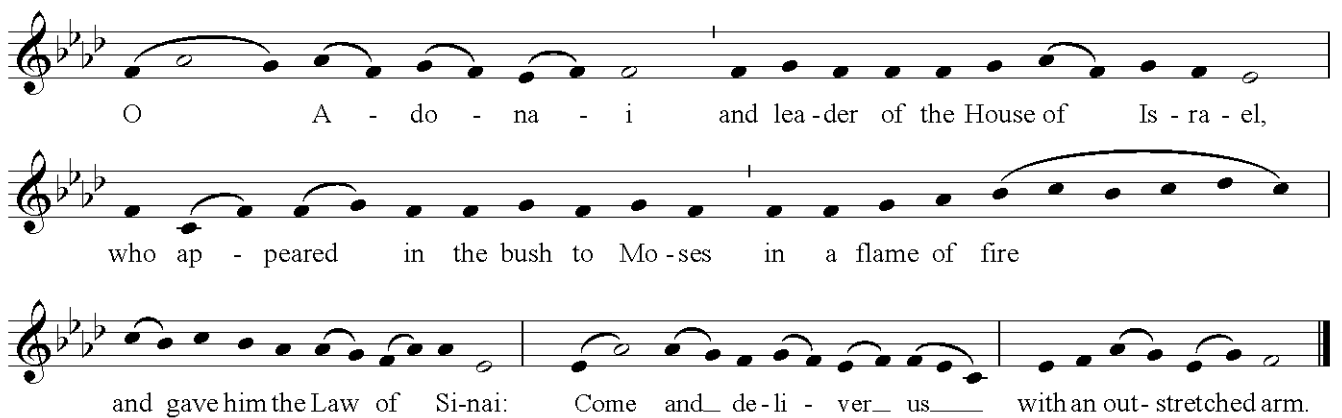
O Antiphons

3 before Advent *O Sapientia*



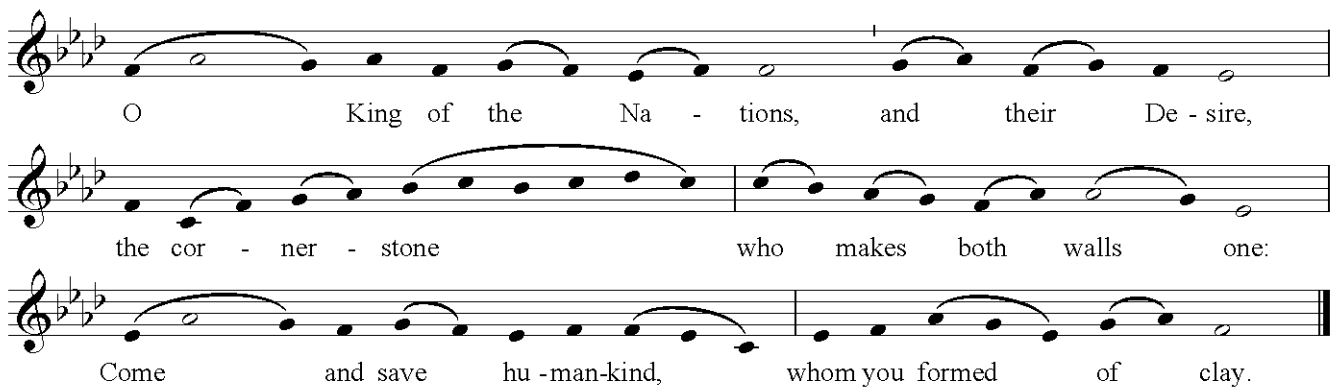
O Wis - - dom, com-ing from the mouth of the Most High,
span - ning the world in pow - er from end to end,
or - der-ing all things for good: Come and teach us the Way of Know-ledge.

2 before Advent *O Adonai*



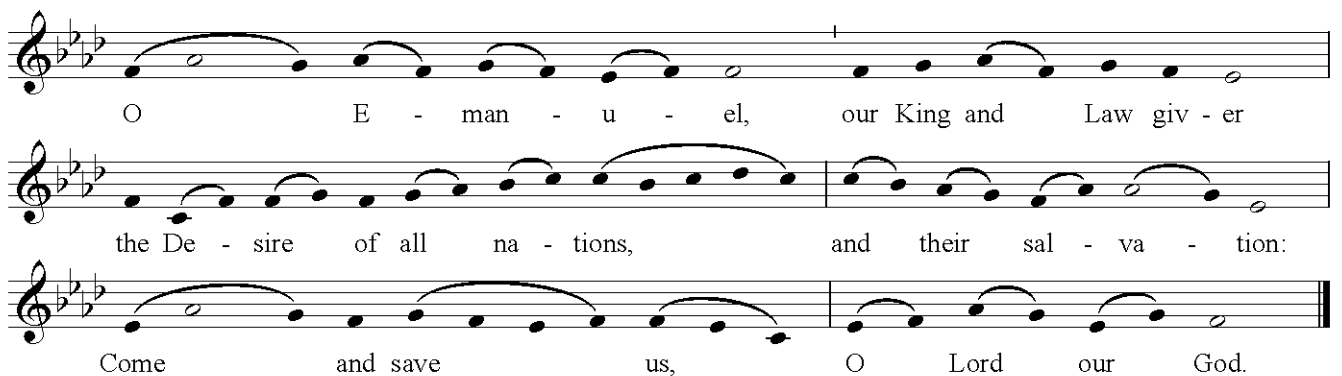
O A - do - na - i and lea - der of the House of Is - ra - el,
who ap - peared in the bush to Mo - ses in a flame of fire
and gave him the Law of Si - nai: Come and de - li - ver us with an out - stretched arm.

1 before Advent *O Rex Gentium*



O King of the Na - tions, and their De - sire,
the cor - ner - stone who makes both walls one:
Come and save hu - man-kind, whom you formed of clay.

Advent I *O Emmanuel*



O E - man - u - el, our King and Law giv - er
the De - sire of all na - tions, and their sal - va - tion:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Advent II *O Radix Jesse*

O Root of Jes - se standing for an en-sign of the peo - ple,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths to whom the Na - tions shall seek:
1
Come_ and_ de - li - ver_ us, and tar - ry not.

Advent III *O Clavis David*

O Key of Da - vid and Scep-tre of the House of Is - ra - el;
2
that o - pens and no one clo - ses, and clo - ses and_ no - one o - pens,
3
Come_ and bring the pri - son - er out_ of the pri - son-house,
and those who sit in dark - ness, and the sha - dow of Death.

Advent IV *O Oriens*

O Day - - spring, Bright-ness of Light ev - er - last - ing,
and Sun of Right-eous - ness: Come and en - light - en
4
those_ who sit_ in_ dark - ness, and the sha - dow of Death