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PROPERS OF THE DAY

SUNDAYS AND MAJOR FESTIVALS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

See, your King comes to you,* righteous and having salvation.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame,*
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,*
but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Ἄμην

See, your King comes to you,*
righteous and having salvation.

(Antiphon, Zech. 9:9b; Ps. 25:1-3)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (1)

NOTE: All Scripture references indicate the version according to The Holy Bible, New International Version. Bracketed entries indicate slight deviation from The Holy Bible, New International Version. More extensive changes were made in Luke 24:32 and Romans 10:10.

When the chant tone for an Introit is separated from its text, the tone appears also on a facing page, thus avoiding an awkward page turn.
READINGS

One-Year Series
Psalm 25:1-7
Isaiah 62:10-12
Romans 13:10-14a
Luke 19:29-38

A. Psalm 50:1-15
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44
or Matthew 21:1-11

Three-Year Series
B. Psalm 98
Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37
or Mark 11:1-10

C. Psalm 25:1-9
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
or Luke 19:28-40

GRADUAL

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*
Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your King comes to you,*
righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we bless you. (Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26)

VERSE

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia. (Ps. 24:9)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

I d: Dorian

Restore us, O God;*
make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock;*
you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;*
and it took root and filled the land.
Restore us, O God Almighty,*
make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.

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

Restore us, O God;*
make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.

(Canticle, Ps. 80:3; Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son that at his second coming we may worship him in purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (2)
THE PREPARATION

1. A hymn of invocation may be sung.

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

2. The CONFESSION OF SINS

P Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel/Stand

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

OR

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace
pray you of your boundless mercy
and for the sake of the holy, inno-
cent, bitter sufferings and death of
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to
be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor sinful being.

The minister stands and pronounces
the absolution.

P Upon this your confession, I, as
a called and ordained servant of the
Word, announce the grace of God
to all of you, and in the stead and
by the command of my Lord Jesus
Christ I forgive you all your sins in
the name of the Father and of the
\* Son and of the Holy Spirit.

for the sake of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

P & C O most merciful God,
since you have given your only-
begotten Son to die for us, have
mercy on us and for his sake grant
us forgiveness of all our sins; and
by your Holy Spirit increase in us
true knowledge of you and of your
will and true obedience to your
Word, to the end that by your
grace we may come to everlasting
life; through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen

The minister stands and pronounces
the declaration of grace.

P Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, has had mercy on us and
has given his only Son to die for us
and for his sake forgives us all our
sins. To those who believe on his
name he gives power to become the
children of God and has promised
them his Holy Spirit. He that
believes and is baptized shall be
saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

\* Amen

Stand

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

3. The INTROIT OF THE DAY, the appointed PSALM, or an ENTRANCE HYMN
is sung.

4. The KYRIE is sung. Hymn 209, “Kyrie, God Father,” may be used as an alternate.

\[ M:\text{ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.} \]

5. The GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung. During Advent and Lent the Gloria in
Excelsis is omitted. In its place “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (see Canticles and
Chants, No. 1) may be sung during Advent, and “The Royal Banners Forward Go”
(see Canticles and Chants, No. 2) during Lent.
1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked* or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,* and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.* Whatever he does prospers.

4 Not so the wicked!* They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,* nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,* but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

2 1 Why do the nations rage* and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together* against the Lord and against his Anointed One.
3 "Let us break their chains," they say,* "and throw off their fetters."
4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;* the Lord scoffs at them.
5 Then he rebukes them in his anger* and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
The Advent of Our God

1. The advent of our God Shall be our theme for prayer;
2. The ever-lasting Son Incarnate stoops to be,
3. Come, Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly king,
4. As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again

Come, let us meet him on the road And place for him prepare.  
Himself the servant's form puts on To set his people free.  
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.  
And all his scattered saints unite With him on high to reign.

5. Before the dawning day  
   Let sin be put to flight;  
   No longer let the law hold sway,  
   But walk in freedom's light.

6. All glory to the Son,  
   Who comes to set us free,  
   With Father, Spirit, ever one  
   Through all eternity.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76
Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem dawns All music but its own. Arm those crimson trophies won, Which now his brow adorn; Fruit wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity. Root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem. Downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright. Died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
   He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
   I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
   Clean in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

2. I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him;
   He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
   I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
   He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
   His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline.
   I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
   Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life’s tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding wild;
Bois-t’rous waves obey thy will When thou roar; Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while

2 As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean rock and treach’rous shoal. Chart and compass come from say’st to them, “Be still!” Wondrous sov’reign of the lean ing on thy breast, May I hear thee say to

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* Indented lines indicate first lines by which some hymns in this book may also be known.