

HOPE



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Reader: As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, we light our first candle, the candle of hope. Like the ancient Hebrew people we cry out to God from a broken and hurting world. With the lighting of this candle, we celebrate the hope of Israel, and the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. We continue to hope in God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with hope, peace, joy and love.

All: O God, help us to be open to your shaping of our lives that we may be channels of hope to your hurting world. Amen.

*Advent Wreath Song: Come now Child of Hope, Come now Child of Hope
Come, come now child of Hope, Come, come now child of Hope,
Come now, come now child of Hope,
Alleluia! Amen.*

The Holy Eucharist

First Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin
Director of Music: Gary Forbes
Soloist: Linda Falvy
Technical Assistant: Graeme G.
Welcome Team: Lilian, Joanne, Heather, Lorna



Scripture Summaries for First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 The prophet recalls the Lord's promise to be faithful to the people of Israel and Judah. He foresees a "righteous branch" that will spring up among the descendants of David. The Lord will intervene in the lives of the people through this "anointed one" – this "Messiah" – who will bring justice and righteousness to the world.

Psalms 25: 1-9 The psalmist prays for guidance and teaching from the Lord. He says that those who persist in following the right path will live in faithfulness and love, and will find friendship with the Lord. It also contains a prayer of help and forgiveness, reaffirming the faithfulness of God that was expressed in the reading from Jeremiah 33.

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Paul is clearly proud of the Christians in Thessalonica. He rejoices in their progress and encourages them in their faith. Paul wished to return to Thessalonica, but he doubted it would ever happen. And so he looks forward to the time when everything will be drawn together "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."

Luke 21: 25-36 Jesus paints a picture of chaos as he describes the end of the world. Yet he tells the disciples not to worry. This will be a time of great joy, "because your redemption is drawing near". Jesus tells them to be prepared and alert for the coming of the Son of Man – a command that we take seriously in Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

8 a.m. Service of Ante-Communion

taken from The Book of Common Prayer

(An online pdf version of the 1962 Book of Common Prayer is available by [clicking here](#))

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Reader: Jackie C.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-9 BCP page 358

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

*Thank you for your
prayers and presence.*

10 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist from The Book of Alternative Services

Limited in-person worship and online via YouTube Live

For those worshipping in-person specific protocols are in place

Pre-register — Face Masks must be worn—Social Distancing is required and there is no in-person singing.

In case of an Emergency requiring evacuation of the church, please remember the Bayview Avenue doors are closed. A Welcome Team member will direct you to the appropriate exit.

Prelude

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 - J.S. Bach

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Special Note for our Opening Hymn and Advent Litany— Both “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and our Advent Litany are based on the “O Antiphons”. Please see page 15 of the bulletin for more information about the rich history of the “O Antiphons”

Opening Hymn: CP 89

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: Latin (9th cent.?). tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale (15th cent.) arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968), alt.

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**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel**

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| 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. Refrain | 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. Refrain |
| 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain | 4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain |
| 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. Refrain | 6 O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain |
| 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. Refrain | |

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Fr. Randal

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Fr. Randal

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Fr. Randal

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: CP 94

Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Janet+

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – Weekly Petitions

Fr. Randal

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Fr. Randal

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”

Leader: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader: God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. In our Eucharist Service, we offer the bread and wine. In every Service we also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. To make a special request for a ‘distanced’ visit, please email Rev. Janet ([please just click here](#)). Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert’s is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please visit the ‘Donate’ tab of the website ([click here](#)) or scan the QR code here.



Offertory Hymn: CP 96

Creator of the Stars v 1,3,4,5

Text: Latin (6th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Melody Sarum plainsong. Mode 4; harm. John Henry Arnold (1887-1956).

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| <p>1 <i>Creator of the stars of night,
thy people’s everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.</i></p> <p>4 <i>At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King forever more.</i></p> | <p>3 <i>When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love’s redeeming power,
like bride-groom from his chamber,
come forth from a maiden mother’s womb.</i></p> <p>5 <i>To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally.</i></p> |
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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving— (Eucharistic Prayer #3 with proper preface for Advent)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to gather before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons, daughters and children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Instructions on receiving Holy Communion for those in-person: Please follow the direction of our Worship Team members and keep your mask on as directed. Using the centre aisle, please come forward, sanitizing your hands on the way, to the central social distancing marker and receive the wafer of bread. Please move to the marker to the left or right side, remove your mask just enough to consume the wafer, replace your mask, sanitize your hands and return to your pew.

MOTET

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming - Distler/Liebergen

1 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.*

2 *Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.*

Spiritual Communion Prayer

All: **Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; help me to know that I am never separated from you. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP 95

O Come, Divine Messiah

Text: Simon-Joseph Pellegrin (1663-1745); tr. Sister Mary of St. Phillip, Sunday School Hymn Book, 1887, alt.

Music: Melody French (16th cent.); harm. Godfrey Ridout (1918-1984). © Estate of Godfrey Ridout.

1 *O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.*

2 *O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long lost fold.*

Refrain

***Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.***

3 *You come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.*

Refrain

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Announcements

Postlude

Fughetta on People Look East - Shephard

Thank you for your prayers and presence.

If worshipping in-person, please maintain social distancing as you leave.

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

In Our Prayers:

The World: All those suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disasters. We pray especially for the people of southern British Columbia and Waukesha Wisconsin.

The Church: We pray for the Church of Brazil and St James Cathedral

Our Bishops: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, Primate of Canada; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop, Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario; Andrew, Bishop of Toronto; Kevin, Suffragan Bishop.

Outreach:

- All Saints, Collingwood, *its virtual drop-in programs, monthly Friendship Dinner, support of the local food bank and The Salvation Army.*
- All Saints, King City, *its provision of meals for residents of Cross-links Housing, support of King Township Food bank, participation in local community outreach, refugee sponsorship, and support of the Pikangikum Water Project;*
- All Saints, Kingsway, *its community garden, refugee sponsorship, Out of the Cold program, outreach to the local neighbourhood, and its involvement in programs at All Saints, Sherbourne Street and Stonegate Ecumenical Ministry.*

Parish Cycle: All members of our Parish Family.

We offer thanks for the continuing recovery of Marilyn Wissell (Michael's mom);

We pray for those in special need: Cheryl B.; Janet M.; Jo; Carol; Rachael; Dale & Geoffrey; Catherine & Victor.

And continue to uphold: Ann C.; Andrew & Tina; Brian & Cheryl C.; Christine & Jack; Constance; Emily; Fr. Paul; James; Jean; Linda; Lisa; Marilyn; Mary; Nicholas; Shirley; Tyler. For all those suffering from Covid-19 and all front line Health Care Workers

Flower Donation

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Gittins, by John, Freda, Catherine, Susan and Jennifer.

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The “O Antiphons”

The Advent Litany in the Anglican Book of Alternative Services is based on the Advent or Great "O Antiphons." While the earliest manuscript of the Antiphons is from the eleventh century, references to them are found in writings from as early as the seventh century.

Each of the seven antiphons put together references which look forward to the coming of the Messiah. Each antiphon also follows the same pattern, resembling a traditional liturgical prayer. Each “O Antiphon” begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah followed by praise under one particular title. Each ends with a petition for God's people, relevant to the title by which the Messiah is addressed, and the cry for him to "Come".

The seven titles attributed to Jesus in the antiphons are:

Wisdom (Sapientia in Latin),	Lord (Adonai),	Branch (Radix) of Jesse,
Key (Clavis) of David,	Morning Star (Oriens)	King (Rex) of the nations and Emmanuel.

In Latin the initials of the titles make an acrostic which, when read backwards, means: "Tomorrow I will be there" ("Ero cras"). To the medieval mind this was clearly a reference to the Messiah.

The Antiphons are full of biblical references and rich in biblical imagery. Some of those scriptural references are noted in the right hand column of the Litany.

A number of chanted versions of the “O Antiphons” are available online.

(Special thanks and credit to The Reverend Beth Pessah who kindly compiled the Biblical references.)

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Biblical References

O Wisdom , from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Isaiah 11:2 Jeremiah 23:5
O Lord , and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burningbush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Exodus 3:2 Exodus 31:18
O Branch of Jesse , standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Isaiah 11:1 Habakkuk 2:20
O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Isaiah 22:22, Revelation 3:7 Rev. 3:8 Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18
O Morning Star , splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Revelation 22:16 Malachi 4:2 Isaiah 9:2
O King of the nations , you alone can fulfill their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Jeremiah 10:7, Is. 28:16, Eph. 2:20, I Pet. 2:6 Genesis 2:7, Job 33:6
O Emmanuel , hope of the nations and the Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God. Lord Jesus, come soon!	Matthew 1:23 Isaiah 43:3



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