Invitatories, Antiphons, Responsories and Versicles

Advent

INVITATORY

BEHOLD, the King cometh: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS

Behold, the Name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of Thy people Israel. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold. Thy King cometh. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all His saints with Him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah.

RESPONSONY

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called. The Lord our Righteousness. V. In His days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

VERSICLES

V. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. R. Our God shall come. Hallelujah.

V. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah. R. Make His paths straight. Hallelujah.

V. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. R. Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

Christmas

INVITATORY

UNTO us the Christ is born: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS

The Lord hath said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.
The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever. Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne. Christ the Lord, our Saviour, Everlasting God and Mary's Son: we praise Thee evermore.

RESPONSORY

THE Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father. Full of grace and truth.

V. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Full of grace and truth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Full of grace and truth.

VERSICLES

V. At even ye shall know that the Lord will come.
R. And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.

V. As the bridegroom from his chamber.
R. Cometh forth the Lord to run His race.

V. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah.
R. And dwelt among us. Hallelujah.

V. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
R. God is the Lord, Which hath showed us light.

V. Unto us a Child is born. Hallelujah.
R. Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah.

V. Unto you is born this day a Saviour. Hallelujah.
R. Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah.

Epiphany

INVITATORY

CHRIST hath appeared unto us: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.
We have seen His star in the east: and are come to worship Him.
RESPONSORY

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
V. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

VERSICLES

V. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah.
R. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah.

V. All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah.
R. They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah.

V. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah.
R. Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah.

Lent

ANTIPHONS

Man shall not live by bread alone: but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.
The kings of the earth set themselves: and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord and against His Anointed.
He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

RESPONSORY

HE was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth;
He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.
V. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion.
He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

VERSICLES

V. Save me from the lion's mouth, Lord.
R. And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

V. Christ became obedient unto death.
R. Even the death of the cross.
Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
He was bruised for our iniquities.

Easter

INVITATORY

The Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah.

ANTIPHONS

I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Abide with us, for it is toward evening; and the day is far spent. Hallelujah.

RESPONSORY

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.
In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
V. Christ was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.
In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah.

VERSICLES

V. The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah.
R. Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah.

V. Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah.
R. When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah.

V. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah.
R. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

V. The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah.
R. And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah.

Ascension Day

INVITATORY

HALLELUJAH. The King ascendeth into Heaven: O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah.

ANTIPHONS

If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.
Hallelujah.
I ascend unto My Father and your Father: and to My God and your God. Hallelujah.

RESPONSORY

GO ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Hallelujah.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

VERSICLES

V. I will not leave you comfortless, Hallelujah.
R. I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah.

V. God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah.
R. The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah.

Whitsuntide

INVITATORY

HALLELUJAH. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us worship Him.
Hallelujah.

ANTIPHONS

Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, Who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah: I will come to you, and your heart shall rejoice.
Hallelujah.

RESPONSORY

AND there appeared unto the Apostles cloven tongues, like as of fire. Hallelujah.
And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

V. And they began to speak with other tongues the wonderful works of God.
And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.
VERSICLES

V. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah.
R. He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah.

V. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah.
R. And they began to speak. Hallelujah.

V. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Hallelujah.
R. And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah.

The Festival of the Holy Trinity

INVITATORY

THE true God, One in Three and Three in One: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS

Unto Thee do we call, Thee do we praise, Thee do we worship: O Blessed Trinity. Glory be to Thee, Co-equal Trinity: One God before all worlds began, and now, and forevermore. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Which was, and is, and is to come.

RESPONSORY

WE bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.
V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever. Praise Him and magnify Him forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

VERSICLE

V. We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
R. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Apostles and Evangelists’ Days

RESPONSORY

TAKE My yoke upon you, saith the Lord, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; V. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light; And ye shall find rest unto your souls. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And ye shall find rest unto your souls.
The Presentation of Our Lord

*The proper Responsory for this Day is: The Word was made flesh, etc., p. 192.*

The Annunciation

**RESPONSORY**

THEN said Mary unto the angel: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it unto me according to thy word,

*V.* The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee. And when the angel thus made answer, Mary said: Be it unto me according to thy word.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

The Visitatin

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The Festival of the Reformation

**ANTIPHON**

I WILL speak of Thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

**VERSICLES**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah.*

*And a light unto my path. Hallelujah.*

*The Lord our God be with us. Hallelujah.*

*As He was with our fathers. Hallelujah.*

*Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah.*

*Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah.*

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah.*

*Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah.*

Day of Humiliation and Prayer

**ANTIPHON**

BE merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily: Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.
VERSICLES

V. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness.
R. According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

V. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord.
R. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

V. Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
R. Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Create in us a clean heart, O God.
R. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

V. We have sinned with our fathers.
R. We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

The Festival of Church Dedication

ANTIPHON

THE Lord is in His holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.

VERSICLE

V. Thy testimonies are very sure. Hallelujah.

For Other Times

ANTIPHONS

OUT of the depths: have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.
Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him.
Preserve my life: from the fear of the enemy.
It is good to sing praises: unto our God.
Forsake not the works: of Thine own hands.
The Lord: is the strength of my life.
The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand.
Blessed be the Lord God: the God of Israel.
Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Blessed: be His glorious Name forever.
I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.
I will praise Thy Name: forever and ever.
Thou wilt show me: the path of life.
We praise the Lord: now, henceforth and forever.
Blessed is the man: that feareth the Lord.

RESPONSORIES

I

FOREVER, Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth. 
Verse. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

II

WE know no other God before the Lord, in Whom we trust.
He despiseth us not, neither putteth He away His salvation from us.
V. His mercy let us seek with tears, and humble ourselves before Him.
He despiseth us not, neither putteth He away His salvation from us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
He despiseth us not, neither putteth He away His salvation from us.

III

FEAR God, and keep His commandments;
For this is the whole duty of man.
V. There is no want to them that fear God, nor to them that love Him in truth.
For this is the whole duty of man.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
For this is the whole duty of man.

IV

THINE, O Lord, is the power, Thine is the kingdom, and Thou art exalted above all.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
V. Creator of all things. Thou art fearful and strong. Thou art righteous and merciful.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Give peace in our time, Lord.

V

LOOK down, O Lord, from Thy holy place, and take Thou thought of us. my God, incline Thine ear and hear.
Open Thine eyes and behold our desolation.

V. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.
Open Thine eyes and behold our desolation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Open Thine eyes and behold our desolation.

VI

Bless the Lord at all times, and desire of Him that He would order thy ways.
And in all seasons let thy counsels be with Him.
V. Now therefore, my son, remember my commandments, and fear not that we are poor; for thou hast much wealth if thou fear God.
And in all seasons let thy counsels be with Him.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
And in all seasons let thy counsels be with Him.

VII

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments: Hallelujah. For therein do I delight.
Hallelujah.
V. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

VERSICLES

V. The eyes of all wait upon Thee:
R. And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

V. The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah.
R. Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah.

V. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest
R. That He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

V. Ask, and ye shall receive:
R. That your joy may be full.

V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. Hallelujah.
R. For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah.

V. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
R. And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

V. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt preserve their hearts, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear.

The Lord will give strength unto His people. Hallelujah.
The Lord will bless His people with peace. Hallelujah.

They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Hallelujah.
And they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Hallelujah.

By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice:
By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

He shall give His angels charge over thee:
To keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory. Hallelujah.
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Hallelujah.

Sanctify us through Thy truth. Hallelujah.
Thy Word is truth. Hallelujah.

Lord, teach me to do Thy will. Hallelujah.
Let Thy good Spirit lead me in the right way. Hallelujah.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord. Hallelujah.
Teach me Thy paths. Hallelujah.

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name:
Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name’s sake.

I have trusted in Thy mercy.
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah

Call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts:
Strengthen Thou me according to Thy Word.