

# Choral Series

## Advent Gospel Acclamation

Assembly, Descant, SATB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Based on VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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### REFRAIN Descant

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

G D Em Bm Am7/C Am7 Bm D7

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

Em D G G/B C G/B F#°/A Em/B Bm Em

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**VERSES (Sundays and Immaculate Conception)**

Em

1st Advent ABC Show us Lord, your love and  
 2nd Advent ABC Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall  
 3rd Advent ABC The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed  
 4th Advent A The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall  
 4th Advent BC Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be  
 Immaculate Conception Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B D7 G *D.C. al fine*

grant us your salva - tion.  
 see the sal - va - tion of God.  
 me to bring glad tid - ings to the poor.  
 name him Em - man u - el.  
 done to me ac - cord ing to your word.  
 you a - mong wom en.

**VERSES: Feasts and Memorials (November 30–December 7)**

Em

Nov. 30: St. Andrew Come after me, says the Lord, and  
 Dec. 3: St. Francis Xavier Go into the whole world and proclaim the  
 Dec. 4: John of Damascus All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will  
 Dec. 6: St. Nicholas The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to pro -  
 Dec. 7: St. Ambrose I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, I

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B D7 G *D.C. al fine*

I will make you fish - ers of men.  
 gos - pel to ev - 'ry crea - ture.  
 love them, and we will come to them.  
 claim lib - er - ty to cap - tives.  
 know my sheep and mine know me.

VERSES: Feasts and Memorials (December 9–14, 21 and 23)

Em

**Dec. 9: Blessed Juan Diego** Blessed are the poor in spir - it;  
**Dec. 11: St. Damasus I** I call you friends, says the Lord,  
**Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe** Blessed are you, holy Vir - gin Mary, deserving of all praise;  
**Dec. 13: St. Lucy** This is the wise virgin, from the Lord found wait - ing;  
**Dec. 14: St. John of the Cross** Blessed are the poor in spir - it;  
**Dec. 21: St. Peter Canisius** Let your light shine before others,  
**Dec. 23: St. John of Kanty** I give you a new com - mandment:

D Bm G G/B Am7 C Am7 G/B D7 G

D.C. al fine

for theirs is the king - dom of heav - en.  
 for I have made known to you all that the Fa - ther has told me.  
 from you rose the sun of jus - tice, Christ our Lord.  
 at his coming, she went in with him to the wed - ding feast.  
 the king - dom of heav - en is theirs.  
 that they may see your good deeds and glo - ri - fy Fa - ther.  
 love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.

VERSES: First Week of Advent, weekdays (when no Feast or Memorial is celebrated)

Em

**Monday** Come and save us, Lord our let your face shine up -  
**Tuesday/Friday** Behold, our Lord shall come with p - er; he will enlighten the  
**Wednesday** Behold, the Lord comes to save his p - ple; blessed are  
**Thursday** Seek the Lord while he may be ( )  
**Saturday** The Lord is our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King, it

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B D7 G

D.C. al fine

on us that we may be saved.  
 eyes of his ser - vants.  
 those pre - pared to meet him.  
 call him while he is near.  
 is who will save us.

**VERSES: Second Week of Advent, weekdays (when no Feast or Memorial is celebrated)**

Em

**Monday** Behold, the king will come, the Lord of the earth, and he himself will  
**Tuesday** The day of the Lord is near; Be -  
**Wednesday** Behold, the Lord come to save his people; Blessed are  
**Thursday** Let the clouds rain down the Just; Come, and the  
**Friday** The Lord will come; go out to  
**Saturday** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; and all flesh shall

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B G *D.C. al fine*

lift the yoke of our captiv - i - ty.  
 hold he comes to save us.  
 those pre - pared to meet him.  
 earth bring forth a Sav - ior.  
 meet him! He is the prince of peace.  
 see the sal - va - tion of God.

**VERSES: Third Week of Advent, weekdays (when no Feast or Memorial is celebrated)**

Em

**Monday** Show us, Lord, your love, and  
**Tuesday** Come, O Lord, do not de - lay; forgive the  
**Wednesday** Raise your voice and tell the Good News; Be -  
**Thursday** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; and all flesh shall  
**Friday** Come, Lord, bring us your peace that we may rejoice be -

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B D7 G *D.C. al fine*

grant us your sal - va - tion.  
 sins of your peo - ple.  
 hold, the Lord God comes with pow'r.  
 see the sal - va - tion of God.  
 fore you with a per - fect heart.

**Note: The Saturday of the Third Week of Advent falls within the octave of days prior to Christmas.**

\*OPTIONAL VERSES: Weekdays of Advent up to December 16

Em

1. Come and save us, LORD our
2. Show us, LORD, your
3. The LORD is our Judge, our Lawgiver, our
4. Raise your voice and tell the Good
5. Let the clouds rain down the Just
6. Seek the LORD while he may be
7. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his

God; let your face shine up -  
 love, and  
 King; it  
 News; e -  
 On; and the  
 four; )  
 not; and all flesh shall

D Bm G G/B Am7/C D7 G *D.C. al fine*

1. on us that we may be saved.
2. grant us your sal - va - tion.
3. is who will save us.
4. hold, the Lord GOD comes with pow'r.
5. earth bring forth a Sav - ior.
6. call him while he is near.
7. see the sal - va - tion of God.

\*These texts may be used in place of the texts proposed for each day.

**A  
S**

**\*OPTIONAL VERSES: Weekdays of Advent up to December 16**

Em

8. The Lord will  
 9. Show us, Lord, your  
 10. Behold, the Lord comes to save his  
 11. Behold the king will come, the Lord of the  
 12. The day of the Lord is  
 13. Come, O Lord, do not  
 14. Come, Lord, bring us your

come; go out to  
 love, and  
 eo - p - pressed are  
 ea - and he himself will  
 ne - e -  
 e - la - rgive the  
 at we may rejoice be -

D Bm G G/B Am7/C D7 G *D.C. al fine*

8. meet him! He is the prince of peace.  
 9. grant us your sal - va - tion.  
 10. those pre - pared to meet him.  
 11. lift the yoke of our cap - tiv - i - ty.  
 12. hold he comes to save us.  
 13. sins of your peo - ple.  
 14. fore you with a per - fect heart.

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**A  
S**

VERSES: Weekdays of Advent, December 17–24 (the O Antiphons)

Em Am

Dec. 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
 Dec. 18 O Leader of the House of Israel,  
 Dec. 19 O Root of Jesse's stem,  
 Dec. 20 O Key of David,  
 Dec. 21 O Emmanuel, our King  
 Dec. 22 O King of all Nations  
 Dec. 23 O King of all Nations  
 Dec. 24 O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light,

Em

guiding creation with power and love  
 giver of the Law to Moses on Si - na  
 sign of God's love for all his peo - ple  
 opening the gates of God's eternal King - dom:  
 and Giver of Law  
 and keystone of the Church:  
 and keystone of the Church:  
 sun of justice:

come  
 come to  
 come and free the  
 come and  
 come and  
 come and shine on those who dwell in darkness

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G D7 G *D.C. al fine*

teach us the path of knowl - edge.  
 res - cue us with your might - y pow'r.  
 save us with - out de - lay.  
 pris - on - ers of dark - ness!  
 save us, Lord, our God.  
 save man, whom you formed from the dust!  
 save man, whom you formed from the dust!  
 and in the shad - ow of death.

# Assembly Edition

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The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* teaches that the acclamation before the proclamation of the Gospel is a "rite or act in itself" (62). Likewise, the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass* states that the verse before the Gospel "serves as the greeting of welcome of the assembled faithful to the Lord who is about to speak to them and as an expression of their faith through song" (23).

This edition of the "Gospel Acclamation for Advent," based on the beloved ninth-century Latin chant (Mode I) *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*, provides a musical setting of all the applicable texts found in the Lectionary for Sundays, solemnities, feast days, memorials, weekdays of Advent, and the great "O" Antiphons that mark the last days before the Christmas season.

Religious communities, seminaries, houses of formation, and faith communities that celebrate both Sunday and daily Eucharist or a Liturgy of the Word will find this common tune can bring unity to the liturgies of the season, thus advancing the full, conscious, and active participation of the gathered Church.

—Michael R. Prendergast and Joseph B. Sullivan