

## *Advent Preface*

Vere dignum et justum est,  
aequum et salutare, nos tibi  
semper et ubique gratias  
agere: Domine sancte, Pater  
omnipotens, aeternae Deus:  
per Christum Dominum  
nostrum. Quem perditio  
hominum generi Salvatorem  
misericors et fidelis promisisti:  
cujus veritas instrueret inscios,  
sanctitas justificaret impios,  
virtus adjuvaret infirmos. Dum  
ergo prope est ut veniat quem  
missurus es, et dies affulget  
liberationis nostrae, in hac  
promissionum tuarum fide,  
piis gaudiis exultamus. Et  
ideo cum Angelis et  
Archangelis, cum Thronis et  
Dominionibus, cumque omni  
militia caelestis exercitus,  
hymnum gloriae tuae canimus,  
sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and just, right and  
for our salvation, that we should at  
all times and in all places give  
thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father  
almighty, eternal God, through  
Christ our Lord. Whom Thou,  
clement and faithful, promised as a  
Savior to the lost race of men;  
Whose truth instructed the  
ignorant, Whose sanctity justified  
the impious, Whose virtue  
strengthened the weak. Therefore  
while the advent approaches of  
Him Whom Thou shalt send, and  
the day of our deliverance shines  
forth, we exult in pious joys in this  
confidence of Thy promises. And  
therefore with Angels and  
Archangels, with Thrones and  
Dominations, and with all the hosts  
of the heavenly army we sing a  
hymn to Thy glory, evermore  
saying:

### *Advent-Christmas Marian Antiphon:*

**Alma Redemptoris Mater,**  
quae pervia caeli porta manes et  
stella maris,  
succurre cadenti, surgere qui  
curat, populo:  
tu quae genuisti, natura  
mirante, tuum sanctum  
genitorem,  
Virgo prius, ac posterius,  
Gabrielis ab ore sumens  
illud ave, peccatorum  
miserere.

**Holy mother of our Redeemer,**  
thou gate leading to heaven and  
star of the sea;  
help the falling people who  
seek to rise,  
thou who, all nature  
wondering, didst give birth  
to thy holy Creator.  
Virgin always, hearing the  
greeting from Gabriel's  
lips, take pity on sinners.

### *Lo, He Comes (recessional)*

1  
Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2  
Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

4  
Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.