



Advent Gospel Acclamation

Based on VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Soprano G D Em Bm G Am7/C Am7 Bm D7
Alto Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
Tenor
Bass

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

Em D G G/B C G/B Am/C F#°/A Em/B Bm Em *Fine*
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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 sal - va - 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 Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise;
Dec. 13: St. Lucy This is the wise virgin, whom 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 your heav'n - ly 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 God; let your face shine up -
Tuesday/Friday Behold, our Lord shall come with pow - er; he will enlighten the
Wednesday Behold, the Lord comes to save his peo - ple; blessed are
Thursday Seek the Lord while he may be found; ()
Saturday The Lord is our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King, he 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 peo - ple; blessed are
 Thursday Let the clouds rain down the Just One, 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 D7 G *D.C. al fine*

lift the yoke of our cap - tiv - 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.

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

Em

1. Come and save us, LORD our	God;	let your face shine up -
2. Show us, LORD, your	love,	and
3. The LORD is our Judge, our Lawgiver, our	King;	he it
4. Raise your voice and tell the Good	News;	Be -
5. Let the clouds rain down the Just	One,	and the
6. Seek the LORD while he may be	found;	(_____)
7. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his	paths;	and all flesh shall

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B 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.

*OPTIONAL VERSES: Weekdays of Advent up to December 16

Em

8. The Lord will come; go out to
 9. Show us, Lord, your love, and
 10. Behold, the Lord comes to save his peo - ple; blessed are
 11. Behold the king will come, the Lord of the earth, and he himself will
 12. The day of the Lord is near; Be -
 13. Come, O Lord, do not de - lay; forgive the
 14. 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*

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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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: come
 giver of the Law to Moses on Si - nai; come to
 sign of God's love for all his peo - ple: come to
 opening the gates of God's eternal King - dom: come and free the
 and Giver of Law: come and
 and keystone of the Church: come and
 and keystone of the Church: come and
 sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness

D Bm G G/B Am7/C Am7 G/B 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.

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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, feasts, 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.

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