



The light and peace of Jesus Christ
be with you

and also with you

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
**who reveals the light of his
presence among us**

O SAPIENTIA

Wisdom from the Mouth of God
from Ecclesiasticus 24

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

O ADONAI

God of Power and Might
from Exodus 3

God called to him out of the bush,
'Moses, Moses!'

And he said, 'Here I am.'

Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

O RADIX JESSE

The Root of Jesse
from Isaiah 11

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his

roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

O CLAVIS DAVID

David's Key
from Isaiah 22

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his ancestral house.

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

THE JESSE TREE

An Advent tradition

O ORIENS

The Bright Morning Star
from Malachi 4

For you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence in the light of Jesus, our Bright Morning Star

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,

May the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,
May the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,

May the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,

May the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,

May the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world,
May the sun of righteousness share rise with healing in his wings.

Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge, to the mercy and protection of God.

May the sun of righteousness share rise with healing in his wings.



O REX GENTIUM

The King of the Nations

from Acts 4

'This man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty:
**for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.**
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
and you are exalted as head over all.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is always right to give you thanks, God
our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and
strong. You made us and the whole
universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus
our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on

the cross; he died to save us from our
sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to
the world, and clothe us with power
from on high. And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

**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 in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus
shared a meal with his friends. He took
the bread, and thanked you. He broke it,
and gave it to them, saying: *Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this to
remember me.*

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of
wine. He thanked you, and gave it to
them, saying: *Drink this, all of you. This is
my blood, the new promise of God's
unfailing love. Do this to remember me.*

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and
resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that
we who share these gifts may be fed by
Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love
one another, work for the healing of the
earth, and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory. For
honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!



O EMMANUEL

from Matthew 1

‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

Love is on the way
Thanks be to God.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Communion is shared

BLESSING & FAREWELL

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to 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 the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We sing together

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

People of God: awake!
God above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.
Love is on the way!

Come Lord Jesus

People of God: be glad!
God the mighty God
bends down in love to earth.
Love is on the way!

Come Lord Jesus

People of God: return!
We are God’s children,
we seek the coming of Christ.
Love is on the way!

Come Lord Jesus

People of God: prepare!
God with us comes soon
to the world he has made.
Love is on the way!

Come Lord Jesus

People of God: shout and sing!

Love is on the way!

Come Lord Jesus.

