

**The Benefice of North Creake, South Creake with  
Waterden, Syderstone with Barmer, and Sculthorpe**



## **Benefice Sung Mass Common Worship (Order One)**

**The Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, 14th December 2025**

**Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Clive Wylie, OC (Rector)**

## THE GATHERING

*Stand when the Sacristy bell is rung.*

*The Entrance Hymn is sung as the ministers come to the altar.*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
trans. John Chandler (1806-1876)*

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Eucharist.*

*Kneel or sit for the Prayers of Penitence*

Most merciful God,  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*The Kyrie eleison is sung kneeling or sitting*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

*The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The priest then says Let us pray.*

*Remain kneeling or sitting for **The Collect***

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit and listen to the readings.*

## First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

## Responsorial Psalm

**R Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. **R**

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! **R**

*Psalm 146:4-9*

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*James 5:7-10*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

### **Remain standing for the Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jesus said, 'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The third candle is lit and this response is used*

Jesus is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

*We sing:*

John the Baptist, by his preaching  
and by water poured,  
brought to those who heard his teaching  
news of hope restored:  
'Keep your vision strong and steady,  
and be ready  
for the Lord.'

*Sit for the Homily*

*A period of reflection follows the homily.*

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

May his beauty rest upon me,  
as I seek the lost to win.  
And may they forget the channel,  
seeing only him.

*Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)*

*Stand for the Affirmation of Faith*

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation *(Bow at the mention of the Incarnation)*  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The priest then says Let us pray.*

*Kneel or sit for **The Prayer of the Faithful***

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.*

*After each clause one of the following responses may be used.*

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*or*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the petitions, the reader may introduce a period of silence in which personal petitions may be offered. After the silence, the priest concludes the prayers, by saying*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### *Stand for The Peace*

#### *The priest says*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,  
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.'  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

#### *All exchange a sign of peace.*

#### *During the Offertory Hymn the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven.

So when next he comes in glory,  
and earth's final hour draws near,  
may he then, as our defender,  
on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*'Vox clara ecce intonat', (6th century)  
trans. Edward Caswell (1814-1878)*

#### *The Prayer over the Gifts is said by the priest.*

Let what we do at this table, Lord,  
be a continual sacrifice of praise,  
and as we proclaim the Lord's death,  
accomplish your saving work among us  
until his return in glory.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God  
and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore  
with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made  
him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so  
that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts  
filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking  
bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance  
of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you,  
gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Saint Mary, our holy father Benedict, Saint Columba, Saint John of the Cross, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ✠ all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The priest invites the people to join in reciting **The Lord's Prayer***

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest continues*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is said as the bread is broken*

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

*The priest then holds up the broken host and says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The priest receives communion and then says the **Communion Antiphon.***

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God. He will come and save you."

*Isaiah 35:4*

*All baptised Christians, who are in love and charity with their neighbours, are invited to receive Holy Communion, in one or both kinds.*

*If you are uncomfortable receiving the chalice, we ask that for reasons of hygiene you **do not intinct** (dip the host) in the chalice, but receive only the host. Holy Communion is received fully in either the host or the chalice.*

*Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those watching the live streamed service you may wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and asking him to be with you now.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

*A period of reflection is observed while all continue to make their thanksgiving.*

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and a symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*Marty Haugen (b. 1952)*  
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*The priest then says* Let us pray.

*Stand for the* **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*The priest says*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest then blesses the people.*

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The priest dismisses the congregation with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn is sung.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the Law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

*From the Great O Antiphons (12th-13th century)  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*During the Recessional Hymn the ministers go to the image of Our Lady and Child  
where the Angelus is said.*

## Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it unto me according to thy Word.**

Hail, Mary... **Holy Mary...**

And the Word was made flesh. *(Bow or genuflect)*  
**And dwelt among us.**

Hail, Mary... **Holy Mary...**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Postlude is played as the ministers return to the sacristy.*



### Daily Readings

**Mon, 15th Dec**

Matthew 21:23-27

**Thu, 18th Dec** *(O Adonai)*

Matthew 1:18-24

**Tue, 16th Dec**

Matthew 21:28-32

**Fri, 19th Dec** *(O Radix Jesse)*

Luke 1:5-25

**Wed, 17th Dec** *(O Sapientia)*

Matthew 1:1-17

**Sat, 20th Dec** *(O Clavis David)*

Luke 1:26-38



### Prayers of the Faithful

**The Diocese & wider Church:**

Bishop Graham *(Norwich)*; Bishop Jane *(Lynn)*; Bishop Ian *(Thetford)*

The Diocesan Vision that people may be transformed by Christ

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil *(The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)*

### **The Deanery:**

The Burnham Group of Parishes: The Revd Malcolm Rogers (*Priest-in-Charge*); Ally-Rae Bunkle, Lyn Stilgoe, Jonathan Hazel (*AWAs*)

### **The Creakes Benefice & The Coxford Group with Toftrees:**

Authorised Worship Assistant (Nick) and the discernment of others

Those who assist with worship

Opportunities for evangelism and outreach to our communities

### **The sick and those in need:**

Emri, Colin, Robert, Jack, Chris, Gareth, Roddy, Tim, David, Liz, Andrew, Lesley, Gina, Ruth, Martin, Lionel, Br Gilbert, Fr Andrew

### **Those who are housebound or in care homes:**

Kate Black, John Memmelaar

### **The recently departed:**

Elizabeth Rix, Kenneth Wacey, Charles Townshend, Richard Bramley, Norman Sparks, Margaret West, Douglas Kidd

### **Year's Mind:**

Edward Hurn, Gertrude Jeffrey, Peter Charlton, Pamela Thomson, Susannah Lack, Jack Negus, Frederick Edge, Jacqueline Gray, Louisa Gray, John Lack, Clara Edge, Charles Wright, Florence Bright, Rosemary Pile, Michael Liddiard, James Bishop, George Barrett, Iris Shackcloth, Ernest Clyde, Ivy Stringer, Robert Stringer, Margaret Tuddenham, Dennis Bush



## **The 'O' Antiphons**

An antiphon is a short verse that is used like a refrain, either repeated at points through another text or to begin and end it. Antiphons are often used in Christian worship, for example, during the singing of psalms.

It is also traditional for the Gospel Cantic at Morning, Evening and Night Prayer to have an antiphon said or sung at the beginning and the end. The Gospel cantic at Evening Prayer (also known as Vespers or Evensong) is the Magnificat, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke 1.46-55).

The 'O Antiphons' are the antiphons that are said or sung before and after the Magnificat on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve (17–23 December). They all begin 'O...' hence their name. They are known by their Latin titles, for example, 'O Sapientia...', is 'O Wisdom...'

The antiphons use texts from the Bible, both Old and New Testament, that Christians understand to refer to Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah.

People who do not know the antiphons from Evening Prayer may well know them from the Advent hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'.

In England the medieval rite of Salisbury Cathedral – known as the Sarum Rite -

that was widespread before the Reformation, the antiphons began on 16 December and there was an additional antiphon ('O Virgin of virgins') on 23 December; this is reflected in the Calendar of The Book of Common Prayer, where 16 December is designated O Sapientia (O Wisdom). It is not known when and by whom the antiphons were composed, but they were already in use by the eighth century.

### **17 December – O Sapientia**

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. (*cf Ecclesiasticus 24.3; Wisdom 8.1*)

### **18 December – O Adonai**

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm. (*cf Exodus 3.2; 24.12*)

### **19 December – O Radix Jesse**

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer. (*cf Isaiah 11.10; 45.14; 52.15; Romans 15.12*)

### **20 December – O Clavis David**

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. (*cf Isaiah 22.22; 42.7*)

### **21 December – O Oriens**

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. (*cf Malachi 4.2*)

### **22 December – O Rex Gentium**

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay. (*cf Isaiah 28.16; Ephesians 2.14*)

### **23 December – O Emmanuel**

O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God. (*cf Isaiah 7.14*)



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