

**Sanford Dole**

# **Advent Preludes**



1. Savior of the nations, come!
2. Creator of the stars of night
3. Come, thou redeemer of the earth

*Music in the Dolian mode*  
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# Advent Preludes

## 1. Savior of the Nations

text: Martin Luther

arr. Sanford Dole  
after Melchior Vulpius

$\text{♩} = 54$

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

Vir-gin's son, make here your home. Mar-vel now, both

Sa-vior of the na-tions, come! Vir-gin's Son, make here your home. Mar-vel now, both

Mar-vel now, both

6

*p*

that the Lord chose such a birth. Won-drous birth! Oh wond-drous child

heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth. of

heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

*mp*

11

*mp* *mf* *f*

of the Vir-gin un-de-fied! Might-y God and Ma-ry's son, ea-ger now his race to run!

the Vir-gin un-de-fied! Might-y God and Ma-ry's son, ea-ger now his race to run!

*mp* *mf* *f*

un-de-fied! Might-y God and Ma-ry's son, ea-ger now his race to run!

*mf* *f*

and Ma-ry's son, ea-ger now his race to run!

17

*p*

*p*

*p*

*mf*

Thus on earth the Word - ap - pears, grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and hell de - scends,

23

*f*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

then the heav'n - ly throne a - scends. Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - tory won.

29

Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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## 2. Creator of the stars of night

Latin, 9th cent., ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.*Conditor alme siderum*, Mode 4  
arr. Sanford Dole

♩. = c. 96

*T. B. unis.*  
Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O

5  
*S. A. unis.* *p*  
Christ, Re-deem-er of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. In sor-row that the

10  
an-cient curse should doom to death a u - ni-verse, you came, O Sa - vior, to set free your

15  
*mp*  
own in glo - rious li - ber - ty. When this old world drew on toward night, you

19  
came; but not in splen-dor bright, not as a mon-arch, but the child of Ma - ry, blame-less

24 *f*

mo - ther mild. At your great Name, O Je - sus now all knees must bend, all

28

hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord, like those in heav'n, shall

32 *mp solo* *pp*

call you Lord. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -

*pp*

36

ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low from all as - saults of

40 *mf tutti*

our dread foe. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise,

*mf*

45 *f*

ho - nor, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*f*

### 3. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

St. Ambrose (340-397)  
trans. J. M. Neale and others

Traditional melody  
adapt. Michael Praetorius  
arr. Sanford Dole

*p* ♩ = 100

Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni - fest thy vir - gin

*p*

Come, thou Re - deem - er of the

8

birth: Let ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall; Such birth be - fits the God of all.

earth, And ma - ni - fest thy vir - gin birth: let ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall; Such

*p*

Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni - fest thy vir - gin birth: Such

*p*

Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth: Such

17

*mf* ♩ = 110

Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the

birth be - fits the God of all. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the

*mf*

birth be - fits the God of all. Of no hu - man will

*mf*

birth be - fits the God of all. Of no hu - man will

26

Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God in flesh ar - rayed, the  
 Spi - rit thou art still The Word of God in flesh ar - rayed, the  
 Spi - rit thou art still The Word of God in flesh ar - rayed,  
 Spi - rit thou art still The Word of God in flesh ar - rayed

33

pro - mised fruit to man dis played. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With  
 pro - mised fruit to man dis played. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With  
 fruit to man dis - played. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With  
 fruit to man dis played.

41

vir - gin ho - nor all un - stained; The ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God  
 vir - gin ho - nor all un - stained; The ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God  
 vir - gin ho - nor all un - stained; The ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God  
 The ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God

49

in his tem - ple dwells be - low. *mf* All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to

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in his tem - ple dwells be - low. *mf* All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to

in his tem - ple dwells be - low. *f* All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to

56

thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom, with the Fa - ther

thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom, with the Fa - ther

thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom, with the Fa - ther

thee Whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom, with the Fa - ther

63

we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

we a - dore And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.