

# O Come, Desire of Nations

(O Rex gentium)

for SATB Chorus, Oboe, and Harp

The Great "O" Antiphon for December 22,  
John Mason Neale (1818-1866), tr., and as an  
Antiphon for Vespers, Advent IV (Haggai 2, KJV)

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*♩ = 60*

Harp *mp*

*poco rit.*

5

S *pp* *a tempo* *p*

O come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —

A *pp* *a tempo* *p*

O come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —

T *pp* *a tempo* *p*

O come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —

B *pp* *a tempo* *p*

O come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —

Harp *a tempo* *p* *mp*

11

Ob. *p* *p* *p*

S  
A  
T  
B

come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —  
come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —  
come, de - sire of na - tions, come, —  
come, De - sire of na - tions, come, —

Hp. *p* D# | A# *mp*

19

Ob. *p* *mp* *mp*

S  
A  
T  
B

bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; bid  
bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; bid  
bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; bid  
bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; bid

Hp. *mp*

25

Ob. *mp* *mf* *rit.*

S *mf* *rit.*  
 thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_

A *mf*  
 thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_

T *mf*  
 thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_

B *mf*  
 thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_

Hp. *mf* *mp* *rit.*

32 *a tempo*

Ob. *a tempo* *mp*

S *p*  
 and be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_

A *p*  
 and be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_

T *p*  
 and be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_

B *p*  
 and be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_

Hp. *a tempo* *p* *D<sub>7</sub> | A<sub>7</sub>* *mp* *(mp)*

38 *rit. a tempo*

Ob.

S *p* *mp* *rit. a tempo p div.*

A *p* *mp* *rit. a tempo p*

T *p* *mp* *rit. a tempo*

B *p* *mp* *rit. a tempo*

our King of Peace. Be-

our King of Peace. Be-

our King of Peace.

our King of Peace.

Hp. *p* *G#* *mf* *mp* *rit. a tempo*

44  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} \cdot (\text{♩} = 60)$

S *mp* *mf*

A *mp* *mf*

T *p* *mp* *mf*

B

hold, I will shake all na - tions, and the De - sire of all

hold, I will shake all na - tions, and the De - sire of all na - tions shall

Be - hold, I will shake all na - tions, the De - sire of all

Hp.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} \cdot (\text{♩} = 60)$  *mp* *mf*

48

Ob. *mf* *f* *f unis.*

S na - tions shall come: I will fill this house with

A come: and I will fill this house with glo - ry, with

T na - tions shall come: I will fill this house with

B and I will fill this house with glo - ry, with

Hp.  $C_4$   $B_4$  |  $F_4$  *mf cresc.* *f*  $G\sharp$

51

Ob. *f* *mp*

S glo - ry.

A glo - ry.

T glo - ry.

B glo - ry.

Hp. *ff* *mf*

54

Ob. *mf*

S *mp* *mf*

A *mp* *mf*

T *p* *mf*

B Be - hold, I will shake all na - tions, and the De-

Hp. *mp* B $\flat$  | G $\sharp$

Be - hold, I will shake, I will shake all na - tions, the De-

58

Ob. *mf* *mp* *mp* *poco rit.*

S *mp* *mp* *poco rit.*

A *mp* *mp*

T *mp* *mf en dehors* *mp* *poco rit.*

B *mp* *poco rit.*

Hp. *mf*

sire of all na-tions shall come: and I will fill this house with

sire of all na-tions shall come: and I will fill this house with

sire of all na-tions shall come: and I will fill this house with glo - ry, with

sire of all na-tions shall come: and I will fill this house with

62  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  (a tempo  $\text{♩} = 60$ )

*p*

S  
glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ *p* O

A  
glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

B  
glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

Hp.  
D# C# | F# G# *mp* D#

68

Ob.  
*p*

S  
*mp* come, De - sire of na - tions, come, \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

A  
*p* Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_

T  
*p* Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_

B  
*p* - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_

Hp.

75

Ob.

S. *p*

A. *mp en dehors*

T. *p*

B. *p*

Hp. *p* *mf* *mp* *D: | A#*

al - le - lu - ia, —

come, De - sire of na - tions, come,

al - le - lu - ia, —

80

Ob.

S. *p* *mp* *mp*

A. *p* *mp* *mp*

T. *p* *mp* *mp*

B. *p* *mp* *mp*

Hp. *mf*

bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; — bid

bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; — bid

bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; — bid

bind in one the hearts of all man - kind; — bid

86

Ob.

S

A

T

B

Hp.

*mp* *mf* *mf* *mp* *p*

thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le -

thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia,

thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *mp* *p*

*mf* *mp* *p*

94

Ob.

S

A

T

B

Hp.

*rit.* *a tempo* *p*

*rit.* *a tempo* *p* *p* *p*

lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ And be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our

al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_ And be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our

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\_\_\_\_\_ And be thy - self our King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our

*rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p* *(p)*

*pp* *p* *(p)*

D<sub>7</sub> | A<sub>7</sub>

103

Ob. *p* *rit.* *a tempo*

S King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our King of Peace. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* *p*

A King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our King of Peace. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* *p div.*

T King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our King of Peace. \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* *p*

B King of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our King of Peace. \_\_\_\_\_ *div. pp* *p*

Hp. *p* *rit.* *a tempo*

G<sub>2</sub> G<sub>2</sub>

110

S \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

Hp. *p* *mp* *pp* *allarg. al fine*

G<sub>2</sub> G<sub>2</sub>