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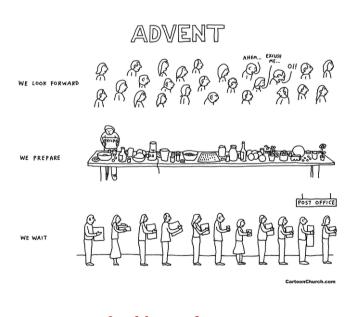
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Music Notes for the First Sunday of Advent

We open the season with one of the most ancient of all Advent hymns, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. The tune has been sung for over a millennium, originally intoned by monks in the 8th century. It has been used by scores of composers ever since, including Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936), who quoted the melody in "The Gift of the Magi" movement of his Three Botticelli Pictures. The tune also found its way into Samuel Barber's (1910-1981) Die Natale. More recent renditions include U2's 2009 song, "White As Snow" and Kelly Clarkson's version in her 2013 holiday album, Wrapped in Red.



The anthem will be Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) setting of the chorale Zion Hears the Watchman's Voices. The melody was originally written by Philip Nicolai (1556-1608), who composed many hymns, including How Brightly Shines the Morningstar. Bach wrote a cantata based on the tune as well as an organ chorale. The choir will sing Nicolai's melody and Roger will play Bach's familiar music surrounding the tune.



OUR WORSHIP CHANNELS





WORSHIP THIS WEEK

PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19

MARK 13: 24-37

SERMON: PEOPLE GET READY.



This Week in History.

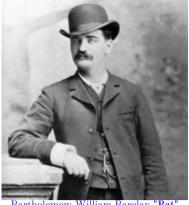


A "Great Storm" strikes southern England, flooding the Thames and Severn Rivers and killing at least 8,000 persons. NOVEMBER 26, 1703



The Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston , MA erupts in flames, killing nearly 500 persons trapped inside.

NOVEMBER 28, 1942



Bartholemew William Barclay "Bat"

Masterson is born in Henryville, Quebec.

A gambler, saloonkeeper, army scout
and lawman in the western U.S., he
would later became a journalist in New
York City.

NOVEMBER 27, 1853



Little Women author Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) is born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NOVEMBER 29, 1832

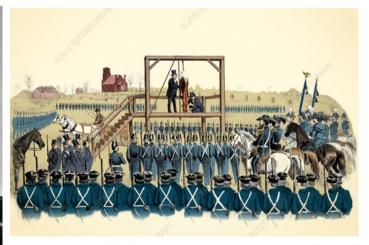


Bill Clinton becomes the first American president to visit Northern Ireland. ${f NOVEMBER~30,1995}$



Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

DECEMBER 1, 1955



Abolition activist John Brown is executed for treason at Charles Town, (West) Virginia, following his raid on the U.S. Arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

DECEMBER 2, 1859

