

Hope



Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Song: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

REFRAIN

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

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

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2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

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3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

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Greeting

Priest sings/says: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All sing/say: A-men.

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

Priest: Before hearing the Word of God
and sharing the Bread of Life,
sing praise to Christ, the Alpha and Omega

Lord, Jesus.....Lord Have Mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Christ, Jesus.....Christ Have Mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Lord, Jesus.....Lord Have Mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Opening Prayer: **Priest:** Let us pray....forever and ever. **All: A-men! AMEN!**

AMEN! AMEN! O COME TO US, EMMANUEL!

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1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (63;16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7)

Psalm Response

Come, O Lord and set us free. Maranatha

Second Reading

from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1Cor1:3-9)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia... Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse is sung. When finished, repeat above.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (33-37)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!... Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily

The Litany of the Lighting of the Advent Candles

Lector : Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with the joyous and hopeful multitude in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

ALL: We gather as a people of hope.

Lector : Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

ALL: Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.

Lector : As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

ALL: We gather expectantly, joyfully and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.

(Lighting of the Candle of Hope)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

All sing:

1. God of light, we are waiting for you.

God of light, we are waiting for you.

God of hope and mercy, God of power and peace,

God of light we are waiting for you.

2. We shall call you Emmanuel. We shall call you Emmanuel.

Behold a Virgin shall give birth to a son.

We shall call you Emmanuel.

3. You shall save all your people from sin.

You shall save all your people from sin.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

You shall save all your people from sin.

4. Prepare for the reign of our Lord.

Prepare for the reign of our Lord.

God's rule will be without end, amen.

Prepare for the reign of our Lord.

Sign Of Peace: Priest: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace.....forever and ever. All: Amen.

Priest: The Peace of the Lord Be with you always. All: And also with you.

Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS (Music Ministry)

please be seated

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation..... It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever!**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....
It will become our cup of salvation. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS,
FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME,
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Holy

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Words of Consecration:

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

The Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is Ri –sen. Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen.
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they to be called to this supper.*

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

On Spiritual Communion by Mother Diane Smith

Spiritual Communion has been experienced by the people of God for centuries during times when coming together as community for Mass has not been possible. Together we are in such a difficult time right now. Our most loving acts to one another can occur by staying apart. Christ's loving presence can be known by each of us while we are absent one from another unable to physically receive Communion.

God loves us so much that He reaches out to us in Spiritual Communion. St. Teresa of Avila, mystic and doctor of the church, says, "When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

This prayer is commonly used by those seeking Spiritual Communion: "My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen." (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Song: Come to Us

**1. Scattered and broken, bent in our way,
we are your people gathered to praise you.
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight.
Come, Lord of Glory! Come, Lord of Light!**

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***Come to us, O Lord of Glory
and shine in our hearts.***

***Come to us, O Lord of Glory
and make us anew.***

***Lord, we wait for you. Lord, we wait for you.
Lord, we wait for you. Come, Lord of Glory.***

**2. Come, Lord, our dayspring,
come from on high,
as we your people gather to praise you.
Unworthy to taste from your heavenly vine,
but your word will heal us. Come, Light Divine!**

Refrain

**3. Come, Root of Jesse; come, David's son;
come, Star of Morning; we come to praise you.
Hope of creation, of all humankind,
reign over body, spirit and mind.**

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: EMMANUEL

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Come, come, Emmanuel!

Son of God, appear.

Heaven and earth, rejoice!

Salvation is drawing near.

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*"We are an emergent church, practicing an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where ALL ARE WELCOME!"*

+Peter Hickman

God bless you all!