

Peace



**December 6, 2020**  
**Second 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.**

***REFRAIN***

**2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vic'try o'er the grave.**

***TO REFRAIN***

**3. O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.**

***TO REFRAIN***

**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 Hecry.**

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Opening Prayer: **Priest:** Let us pray....forever and ever. **All: A-men! AMEN!  
AMEN! AMEN! O COME TO US, EMMANUEL!**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40: 1-5, 9-11)**

**Psalm Response: "LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS;  
LORD GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.."  
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**Second Reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter (3: 8-14)**

**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 (1: 1-8)

**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 (week 2)

Lector: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

**People: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

Lector: We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation.

**People: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

Lector: Today we will light the candle of peace.

**People: This light, too, must brave great darkness.**

Lector: In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the Earth stands under the threat of total annihilation, we light a fire called peace.

**People: Peace is not nearly the absence of war and conflict, but peace is the fullness of blessing for all--- that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

Lector: Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

**People: In the name of that child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.**

Lector: In following Christ's teachings, we nurture our hope for peace even today.  
**(Lighting of the Candle of Peace)**

## **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.**

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**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,**

**You shall save all your people from sin.**

**4. Prepare for the reign of our Lord.**

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**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: WE SHALL PREPARE**

### **REFRAIN:**

**We shall prepare our hearts for new love.  
We shall prepare our eyes for the blinding light.  
We shall prepare our faith to bread the dark of night.  
We shall prepare the way of the Lord.**

- 1. A voice strong and clear cries out in the night:  
"Make straight the way of our God."**

**The mountains bend low, the plains will rise up  
to the glory, the glory of God.**

### **REFRAIN**

- 2. Cantor: There shall be one who is to come  
Mightier than you or I**

**Cantor: We shall be changed, baptized with fire  
of the spirit, the Spirit of God.**

### **REFRAIN**

- 3. Children of God  
come change your hearts.  
Come to the water of life.  
Offer your hand, offer your heart  
to the people, the people of God.**

**We shall prepare our hearts for new love.  
We shall prepare our eyes for the blinding light.  
We shall prepare our faith to bread the dark of night.  
We shall prepare the way of the Lord.  
We shall prepare the way....of....theLord.**

## 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 risen. 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: PREPARE A WAY

***REFRAIN:***

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare a way for the Lord!"  
Rejoice, O people! Open your hearts.  
Make ready a way for the Lord!  
Make ready a way for the Lord!*

**1. Every valley be raised, every mountain made low.  
Then God's glory shall be revealed;  
all peoples shall see it as one.**

**REFRAIN**

**2. From the top of the mountain  
lift your voice on high  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
"Behold, behold your God!"**

**REFRAIN**

**3. For the prophet of God will prepare his way.  
Oh, light the way of those in the dark,  
to guide them to God's holy One.**

**REFRAIN**

## CONCLUDING RITE

Communion Meditation: Music Ministry

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: EMMANUEL

### Refrain

Come, come, Emmanuel!  
Son of God, appear.  
Heaven and earth, rejoice!  
Salvation is drawing near.  
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1. O come, O Wisdom from on high.  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

### REFRAIN

*"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!*