

December 7, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent



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

+Peter

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude&

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.**

**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.**

TO REFRAIN

**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.**

**4. 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

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

6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by thy drawing nigh, Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight.

TO REFRAIN

**7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.**

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**

Presider: Before hearing the word of God
and sharing the Bread of Life sing
praise to Christ the Alpha and Omega.

Presider/Cantor: Lord, Jesus you are the hope of all.

Lord, have mercy on us. **All: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Presider/ Cantor: Christ, Jesus, You are light in our midst.

Christ, have mercy on us. **All: Christ, have mercy on us.**

Presider/ Cantor: Lord, Jesus, You are God with us.

Lord, have mercy on us. **All: Lord, have mercy on us.**

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All Powerful God, Increase our strength of will for

doing good that Christ

may find an eager welcome at His coming

and call us to His side in the

Kingdom of Heaven,

Where He lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit ,

One God, Forever and ever. **All: Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (11:1-10)

Lector: The Word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm Response:

Come, O Lord, and set us free; bring your people peace.

Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Second Reading

from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (15:4-9)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit says to the church

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

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

Matthew 3:1-12

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

please be seated

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:
MARANATHA!**

REFRAIN:

MARANATHA! MARANATHA!

O COME TO US, EMMANUEL!

1. A voice cries out: "Prepare a way for God!"

Make straight the way that God may come to us!" Mara....

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.



Offertory 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!

Refrain

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

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.

*Celebrant: May the body and blood.....***ALL: AMEN.**

ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion

Communion Song: WE SHALL PREPARE

REFRAIN: ALL

**WE SHALL PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR NEW LOVE.
WE SHALL PREPARE OUR EYES FOR THE BLINDING LIGHT.
WE SHALL PREPARE OUR FAITH TO BREAK THE DARK OF NIGHT.
WE SHALL PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.**

**1. Cantor: A voice strong and clear cries out in the night:
ALL: "MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF OUR GOD."**

Cantor: The mountains bend low, the plains will rise up

ALL: TO THE GLORY, THE GLORY OF GOD!

REFRAIN

2. Cantor: There shall be one who is to come,

ALL: MIGHTIER THAN YOU OR I

Cantor: We shall be changed, baptized with fire

ALL: OF THE SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF GOD!

REFRAIN

**3. ALL: 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!**

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CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: EMMANUEL

Refrain

**Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.**

- 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

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Thank you for worshipping with us!