

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Second Sunday of Advent*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | DECEMBER 4, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00AM

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### PRELUDE

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

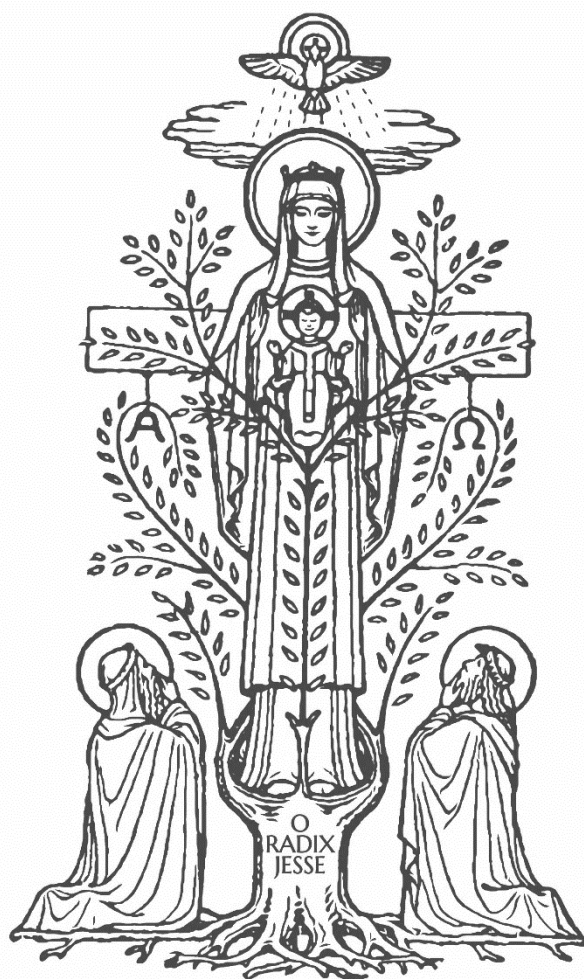
*The Celebrant intones*

Our God, Emmanuel, now draws near;

*The People respond*



O come, let us a-dore.



# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler (1806–1876); alt.  
 Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant intones*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ. Grant this through the one whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE TRISAGION

*sung once by the Choir or Cantor, and then twice by all*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*sung by the Choir or Cantor**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19*

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son,  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
Blest are you, O God of Israel; \*  
you alone do wondrous deeds!  
And blest is your glorious Name for ever! \*  
May all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Setting: plainsong

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON    *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as the Choir or Cantor sings*

*O radix Jesse,  
qui stas in signum populorum,  
super quem continebunt reges os suum,  
quem Gentes deprecabuntur:  
veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

O Root of Jesse,  
standing as a sign among the peoples;  
before you kings will shut their mouths,  
to you the nations will make their prayer:  
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

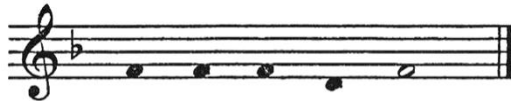
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

*Madeleine Harris-Lerew*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She\* is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. *(ISAIAH 9/2)*

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

You who patterned the stars and called the sun and moon into being, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

*(Please speak aloud or offer in silence the names of those for whom you are praying).*

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope.

*(Please speak aloud or offer in silence the names of those for whom you are praying).*

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

And for what else shall we pray? *(Please speak aloud your own prayers, or offer them silently.)*

Christ, be our light. **Shine in our hearts.**

**May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. Amen.**

*During each week of Advent we will feature here one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and invite you to expand your prayer to include them today and through the week. Learn more at [sdgs.un.org](https://sdgs.un.org)*

### **Poverty - UN Sustainable Development Goal 1**

**Pray for an end to poverty in all its forms throughout the world:**

- for the 700 million people living in extreme poverty (less than \$1.90/day) throughout the world;
- for the 85 million additional people driven into extreme poverty during the pandemic and war in Ukraine;
- for agencies and individuals worldwide who are working to eradicate global poverty.



## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS      *seated*

*Giving to St. Paul's: The work and mission of St. Paul's is fully supported by the generous contributions of its members and friends. You can make a one-time offering or a sustaining gift to St. Paul's by visiting [stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard), or text to give at 855-934-1074. For other means of giving, visit [stpaulsnorwalk.org/support](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/support). Thank you for your support!*


## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

### ***Come, Dove of Heaven***

*Mark Miller (b. 1958)*  
*Words: Adam M. L. Tice*

Come, Dove of heaven, Breath of peace,  
sing through us we pray.  
sing through us today.  
Come, Light Creator, Source of peace,  
shine on us, we pray.  
shine on us today.  
Breath, Source, and Word, come God of peace,  
make us new, we pray.  
make us new today.  
Come, Love incarnate, Word of peace,  
dwell in us, we pray.  
dwell in us today.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: para. Psalm 42, Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.  
 Music: Melody and bass: Claude Goudimel (1514–1572); harm. Hymnal 1982

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - - ly, God of pow - er and

might: Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo -

ry be to you, O God most high. Bles - sed is he that comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san na in the high - est.

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

*The Celebrant continues*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, our grace and peace, the Word that we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift. In Christ's body, we have received fellowship with you, our God. Baptized by John, Christ came to deliver us from sin, and to pour out the Holy Spirit upon your church. By our faith in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life. Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom present and yet to come, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

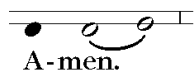
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world. Keep us faithful and alert for the hour of Christ's coming. Let us live courageously as children of truth and light, so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal realm.

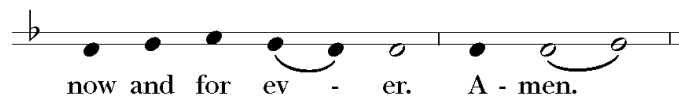
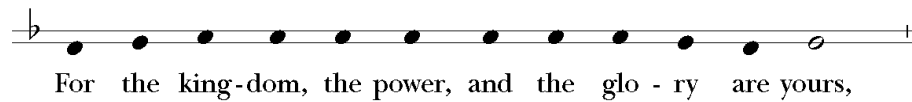
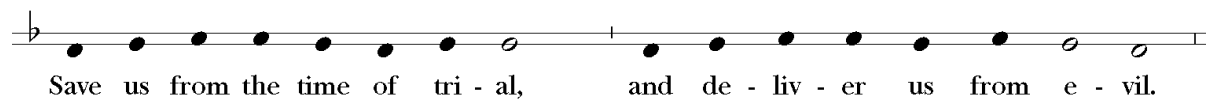
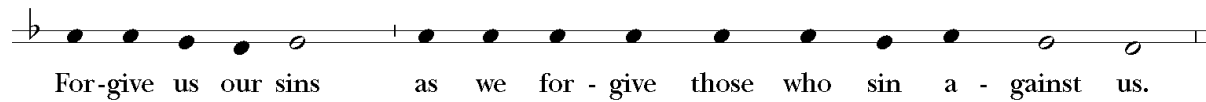
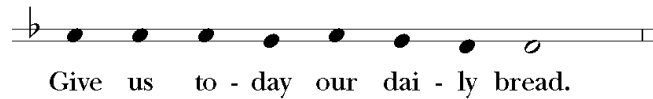
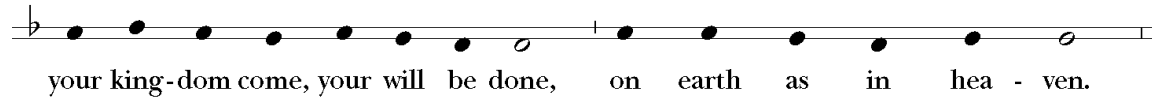
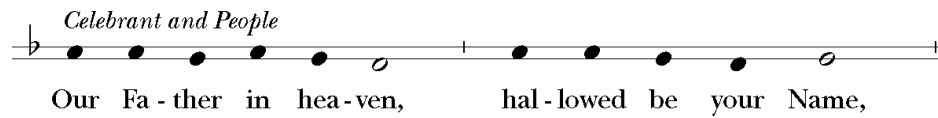
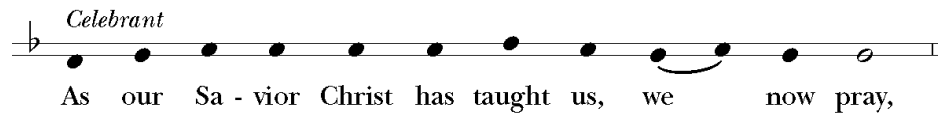
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

*People*



A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

God bids us now draw near;

**O Come, Emmanuel, and find us ready to receive you.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.*

*Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

**Beginning in Advent, we are returning the use of the common cup as an option at Communion.**

**NOTE: we will no longer be dipping the bread by hand in the chalice, so if you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please continue to use the individual cups of wine / grape juice (indicated by the blue dot), available at the shrines on both sides of the church.**

*All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*

*Organ*

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION      *sung by the Choir at 11am*

**Hymn: Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.  
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823–1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855–1935)

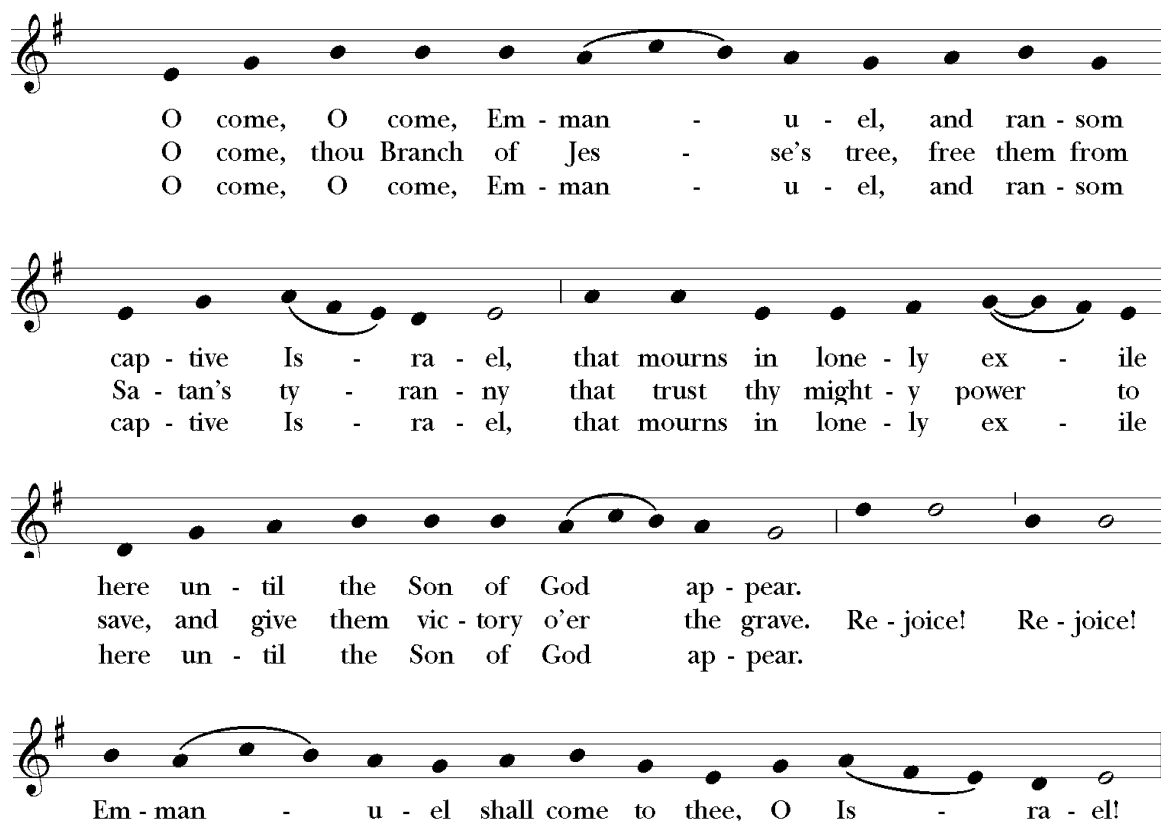
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION      *standing*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## THE DISMISSAL

May the One who is coming find us watching and waiting,  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## POSTLUDE

Prelude in B-minor – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1725)

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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