

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on Veni Emmanuel – Mark D. Himmelman

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772–1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)

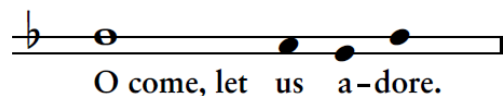
Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Korallbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Our God, Emmanuel, now draws near;

The People respond



THE TRISAGION

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

Musical notation for the Trisagion hymn. It is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (half note), A4 (quarter note), B4 (quarter note), A4 (quarter note), G4 (half note). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return, grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask 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 wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the Choir or Cantor*

Luke 1:46-55

On the Third Sunday of Advent, the Magnificat (Song of Mary) is sung in place of the psalm.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Music: plainsong

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

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

*O Rex Gentium,
et desideratus earum,
lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum:
veni, et salva hominem,
quem de limo formasti.*

*O King of the nations,
and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.*

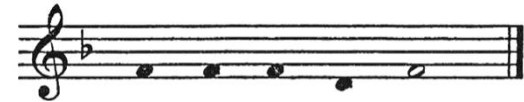
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

*The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian
Priest Associate*

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 now and through the week. Learn more at sdgs.un.org

Hunger - UN Sustainable Development Goal 2

- **Pray for an end to hunger, for food security, improved nutrition, and sustainable agriculture:**
- for the 800 million people worldwide who are suffering from hunger and for the 2.4 billion people living with moderate to severe food insecurity;
- for countries burdened by high food prices due to the pandemic, rising inflation, and war in Ukraine;
- for all those advocating for small-scale farmers and food-producers, and bio-diversification.

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, or text to give at 855-934-1074. For other means of giving, visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/support. Thank you for your support!

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

Magnificat in D

*Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)
Words: Luke 1:46-55*

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and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
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He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1. When the King shall come a - gain All his pow'r re -
 2. In the des - ert trees take root Fresh from his cre -
 3. Strength - en fee - ble hands and knees, Faint - ing hearts, be
 4. There God's high - way shall be seen Where no roar - ing



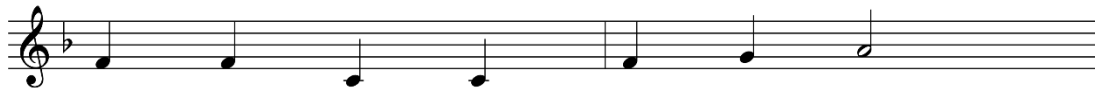
veal - ing, Splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign,
 a - tion; Plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit
 cheer - ful! God who comes for such as these
 li - on, Noth - ing e - vil or un - clean



Life and joy and heal - ing; Earth no
 Join the cel - e - bra - tion; Riv - ers
 Seeks and saves the fear - ful; Deaf ears,
 Walks the road to Zi - on: Ran - somed



long - er in de - cay, Hope no more frus - trat - ed;
 spring up from the earth, Bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing;
 hear the si - lent tongues Sing a - way their weep - ing;
 peo - ple home - ward bound All your prais - es voic - ing,



This is God's re - demp - tion day
 Val - leys, this is your new birth,
 Blind eyes, see the life - less ones
 See your Lord with glo - ry crowned,



Long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.
 Moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
 Walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing.
 Share in his re - joic - ing!

Words: Isaiah 35; Christopher Idle (b. 1938).
 Music: Gaudeamus Pariter, Johann Hoen (c. 1495-1547).

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)

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, the Word coming among us, full of grace and truth. In Christ, we have seen and heard the good news of God: the sick are healed, strangers are welcomed, the poor have hope, and the dead are raised to new 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.

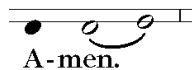
Great is the mystery of faith:

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.

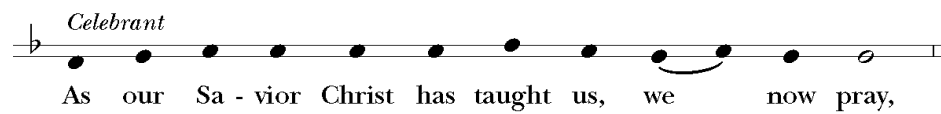
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People



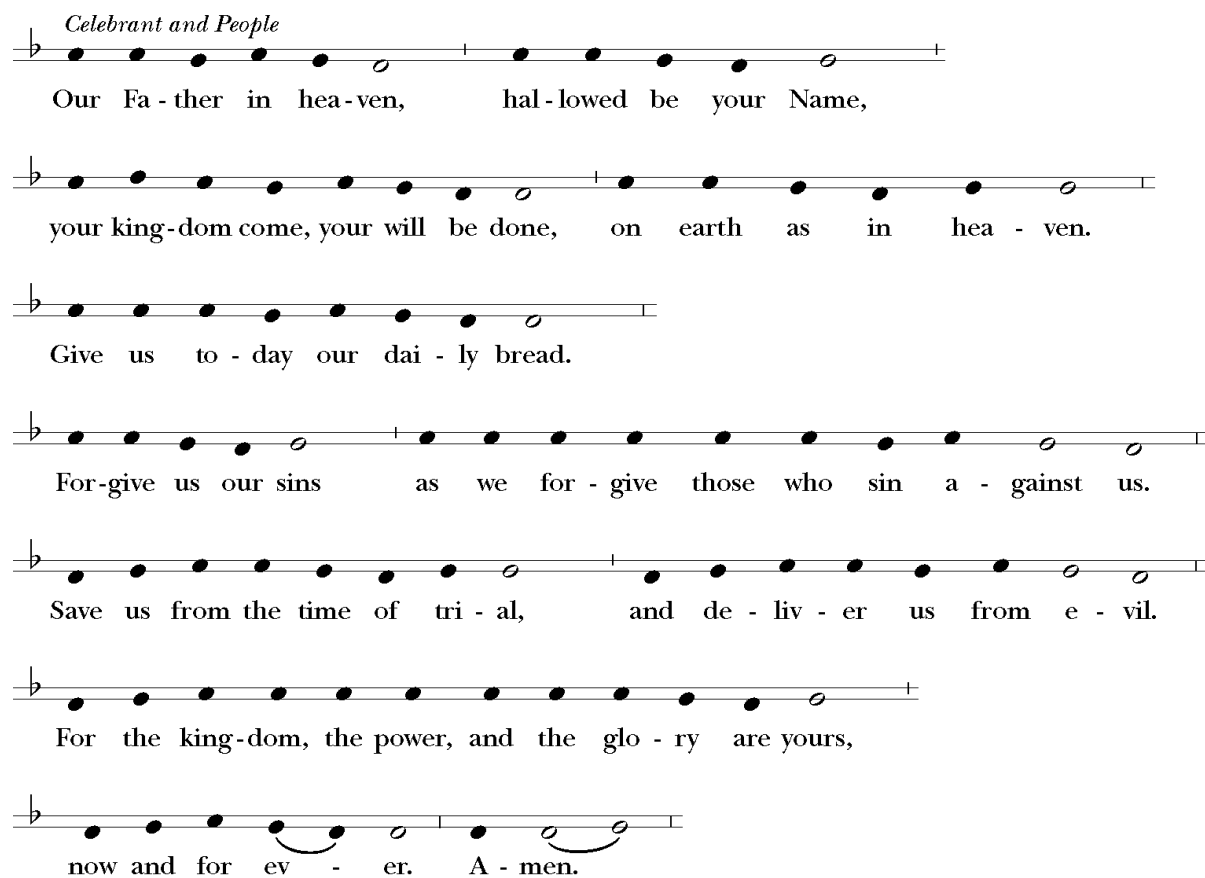
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

Organ

The musical score is written for an organ in G major (one sharp). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes measure numbers 6, 10, 14, 18, 23, 27, and 31. The key signature changes to A major (two sharps) at measure 27. The piece ends with a double bar line at measure 31.

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sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
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Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Hymn: Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Wachet auf, melody Hans Sachs (1494–1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

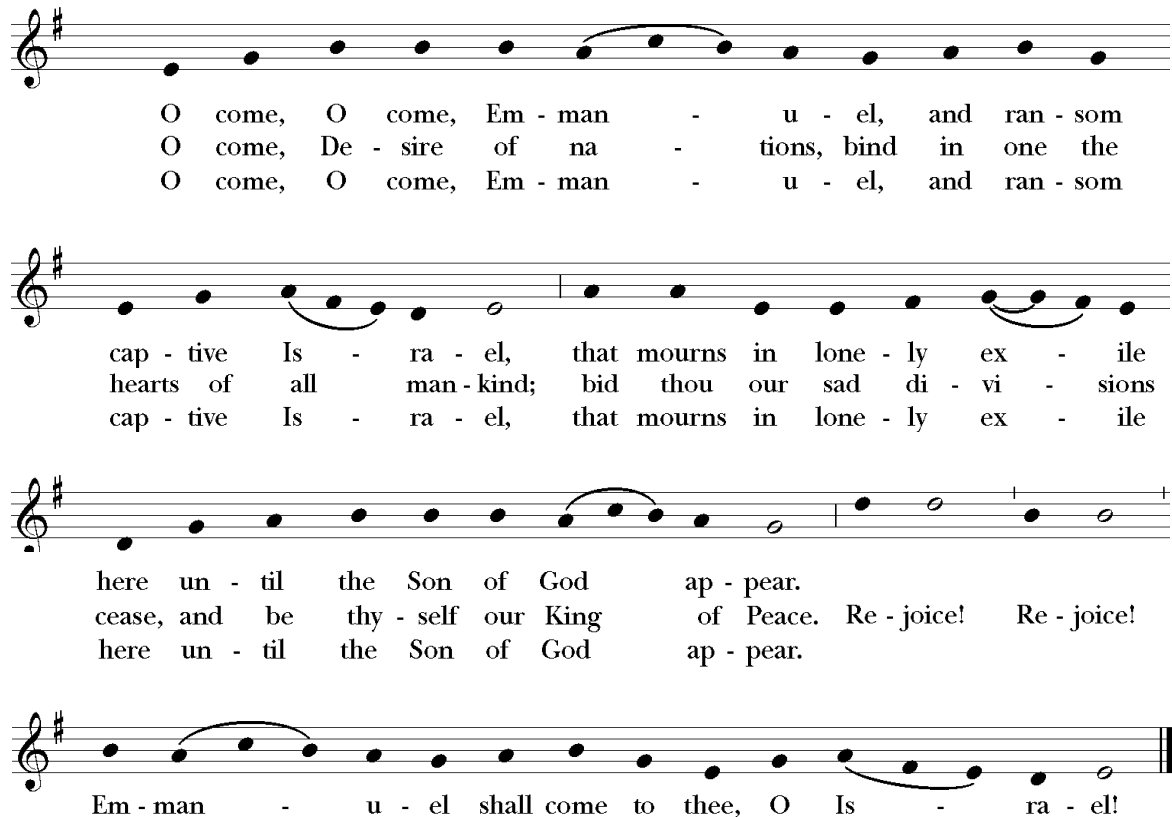
God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have m-ade us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and 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, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. 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

Improvisation on "Prepare the way, O Zion" – Joshua Ehlebracht

Coming up at St. Paul's

Today at 5:00pm – Advent Lessons & Carols

- Featuring the combined choirs of St. Paul's
- Pre-service organ recital at 4:15pm presented by Noah Klein
 - Festive Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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