

# Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022



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## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach

◆ Hymn 104 **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆ Lighting of the First Candle of Advent (Hope) John and Stella Kleinschmidt (8:30)  
James and Edith Moak (11:00)

*Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.*

**From generation to generation,  
God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community.  
Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.**

◆ Advent Song *Glory to God* hymnal no. 137

**He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah forevermore.**

### Call to Confession

*In God's house, everyone is welcome — those who seem like they have it all together,  
and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here.  
With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray:*

### Prayer of Confession

*God of today and God of tomorrow,  
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."  
**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**  
You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."  
**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**  
You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."  
**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**  
God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.  
**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.  
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**  
*Help us remember, today and tomorrow,  
there's room for every story.**

Silent Prayer

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal no. 83

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together.*

*We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.*

*And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here."*

*From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.*

*In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ Congregational Response

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;  
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

Welcome

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth (11:00)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

OT p. 591

Virginia Rovnyak (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

*O Radiant Dawn*

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:

come, shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied,

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-17

NT p. 1

Sermon

A Generational Errand

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God**

**who promised to Abraham,**

**who wrestled with Jacob,**

**who walked with Ruth,  
 who spoke with Moses,  
 who grieved with Bathsheba,  
 who danced with David,  
 who dreamed with Joseph,  
 and who hoped like Mary.  
 We believe in a God who has been  
 loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us  
 from generation to generation.  
 And we believe that same God is here with us now,  
 saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.**

◆ Hymn 103 (11:00) **Come Now, O Prince of Peace** O-SO-SO

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer GTG hymnal p. 35

Offertory (8:30) *A Time Will Come for Singing* Dan Schutte

John Kleinschmidt, guitar & vocals

<p>           A time will come for singing            When all your tears are shed            When sorrows chains are broken            And broken hearts will mend            The deaf will hear your singing            When silent tongues are freed            The lame will join your dancing            When blind eyes learn to see         </p>	<p>           A time will come for singing            A hymn by hearts foretold            That kings have sought for ages            And treasured more than gold            Its lyrics turn to silver            When sung in harmony            The Lord of Love            Will teach us to sing its melody         </p>
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A time will come for singing  
 When trees will raise their boughs  
 When men lay down their armor  
 And hammer their swords into plows  
 When beggars live as princes  
 And orphans find their homes  
 When prison cells are emptied  
 And hatred has grown old

(11:00) *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* John Carter

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them  
 who bring good tidings of peace,  
 who bring words of peace and salvation.  
 Break forth together into singing,  
 you waste places of Jerusalem,  
 For the Lord has comforted all people,  
 and has redeemed Jerusalem.

◆ Presentation of the Offering GTG 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**



## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a - right?  
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

# 103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

## KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금  
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금  
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금  
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금  
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

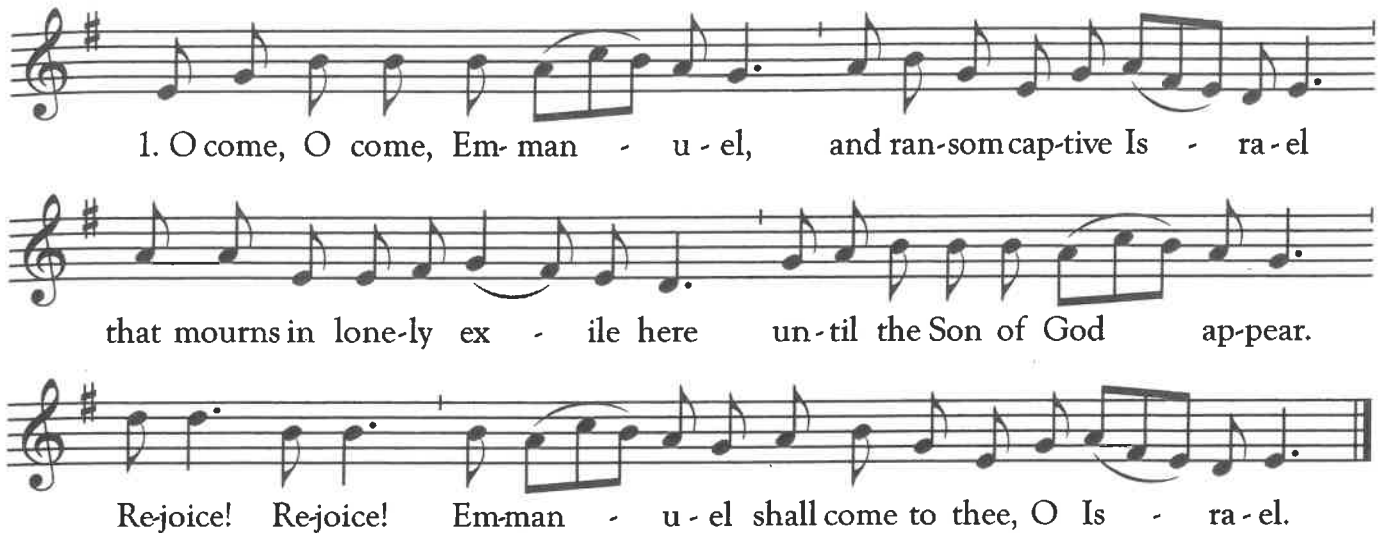
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Medieval Latin antiphons, tr. composite

14th-century melody

VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain

adapted Thomas Helmore, 1854



1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in thy ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. O come, thou Root of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease,  
and fill the world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

