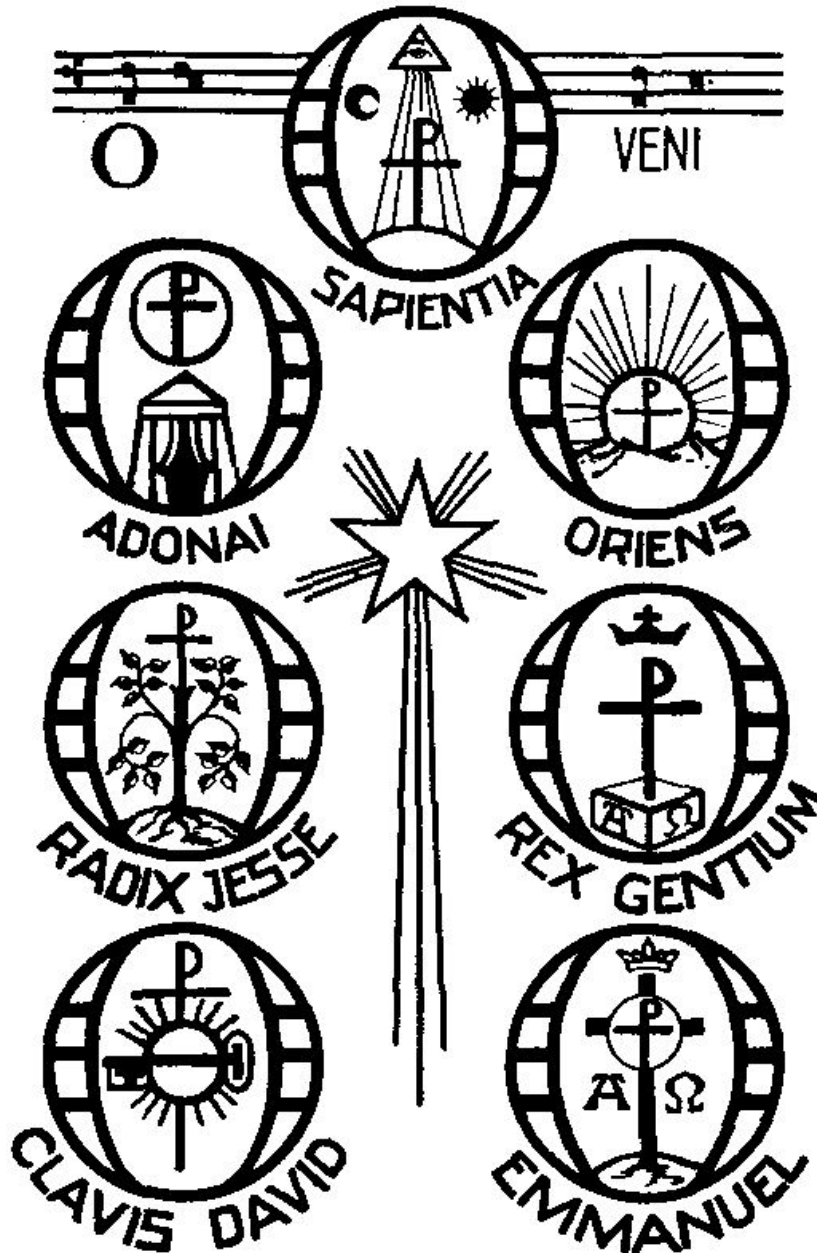


A SERVICE OF  
**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 1, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

The seven “Great ‘O’ Antiphons” which provide the framework for this liturgy were originally sung as a part of the daily evening prayers of the Western church before and after the Magnificat, in the Octave before Christmas—December 17 to 23—with one antiphon being appointed for each evening. Each of the seven antiphons addresses the Messiah by one of his titles, using images drawn from the prophetic books of the Hebrew Bible, and concludes with a petition beginning “Come!” and relating to the title.

The antiphons date back at least to the reign of Charlemagne (771–814), and they may be significantly older. At least two—and up to five—additional antiphons were later added to the original seven. However, it is clear that these seven were designed as a group, since their initial letters (ignoring the “O”) spell out, in reverse, the acrostic *ero cras*, that is, “I shall be [with you] tomorrow.”

By the later Middle Ages, the antiphons were sometimes put together to form the verses of a single hymn, with the addition of a refrain. The earliest known metrical and rhymed paraphrase of the antiphons appeared (in Latin) in the early 18th century, but it was not until 1851—over one thousand years after the creation of the antiphons themselves—that an English translation of that text was paired with an unrelated 15th-century tune, creating the hymn we know today as O come, O come, Emmanuel. Tonight each antiphon will be sung to plainsong, with the title of each sung in the original Latin, followed by the English translation.



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**PRELUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57** *(sung by all)*

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

*Officiant* Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity and also for the Day when he shall come to judge the hearts of us all. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In word and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; and we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life, and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

But first let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and for all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church.

Let us then pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**O** **SAPIENTIA**, *quæ ex ore Altissimi prodisti,*  
*attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponesque omnia:*  
*veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiæ.*

**O WISDOM**, coming forth from the Most High,  
filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;  
come and teach us the way of truth.

**FIRST LESSON**

Luke 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

**I**N the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**ANTHEM: Joys Seven**

*arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)*

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ when he was first her son:  
When he was first her son, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go:  
To make the lame to go, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see:  
To make the blind to see, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the bible o'er:  
To read the bible o'er, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive:  
To bring the dead alive, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix:  
Upon the crucifix, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of sev'n;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heav'n:  
To wear the crown of heav'n, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

### COLLECT

Let us pray. *(please stand)*

O Wisdom from on High, as you came forth at the beginning of creation and generated a world of beauty and goodness and as your Word spoken to Mary became flesh in Jesus Christ: speak to us now that we might be filled with your truth and your love and bring joy to the world; through the One whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**O** **ADONAI**, *et Dux domus Israel,*  
*qui Moysi in igne flammæ rubi apparuisti,*  
*et ei in Sina legem dedisti:*  
*veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

**O LORD OF LORDS**, and ruler of the House of Israel,  
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush,  
and gave him the law on Sinai:  
come with your outstretched arm and ransom us.

### SECOND LESSON

Ezekiel 20:33-36, 40-41

*The prophet proclaims that God will restore Israel*

**A**S I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord God.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. As a pleasing odor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations.

**ANTHEM:** Creator of the stars of night  
Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting light,  
O Jesu, Savior of us all,  
Regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry  
Of all creation doomed to die,  
Didst come to save a ruined race  
With healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to evening-tide;  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

*Mode iv melody, arr. John Scott (1956-2015)*  
At thy great name, majestic now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
And things in heaven and earth shall own,  
That thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray.  
Our judge in that tremendous day,  
Preserve us, while we dwell below,  
From every onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

*-7th century Hymn, trans. J. M. Neale*

### COLLECT

Let us pray. *(please stand)*

O Adonai, our Lord and everlasting light, stretch forth your arm and with great might ransom us from all that binds us to sin and alienates us from you, through the One whom we know as redeemer of us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**O** **RADIX JESSE**, *qui stas in signum populorum,*  
*super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur:*  
*veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare.*

**O ROOT OF JESSE**, standing as a sign among the nations;  
kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long;  
come and save us and delay no longer.

### THIRD LESSON

*The Peaceable Kingdom*

Isaiah 11:1-10

**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.

Please stand.

**HYMN 89** (sung by all)

*Es ist ein Ros*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

**COLLECT**

Let us pray.

O Root of Jesse, you reach deep into our hearts, drawing forth our longing for peace: Come and plant within us a passion for your peaceable Kingdom; through the One whom we know as the root of all righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*Please be seated.*

**O** **CLAVIS DAVID**, *et sceptrum domus Israel,*  
*qui aperis, et nemo claudit, claudis et nemo aperit:*  
*veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris,*  
*sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

**O KEY OF DAVID**, and scepter of the house of Israel,  
you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open:  
come and free the captives from prison,  
and break down the walls of death.

#### **FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 1:39-45

*Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth*

**I**N those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

#### **ANTHEM**

*Mt. St. Alban Service, David Hogan (1949-1996)*

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 shewed 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 for ever.  
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.

#### **COLLECT**

Let us pray. *(please stand)*

O Key of David, who opens that which is closed; come and open our hearts that we, like Mary, may face your future's promise with boldness and purpose; through the One whom we know as the liberator and leader of us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**O**RIENS, *splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:*  
*veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

**O MORNING STAR**, splendor of Light Eternal  
and bright Sun of Righteousness: come and bring light to those  
who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

**FIFTH LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*The Righteous Reign of the Coming King*

**T**HE people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**ANTHEM**

*James Macmillan (b. 1959)*

O radiant Dawn, Splendour 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 the great light  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

**COLLECT**

Let us pray. *(please stand)*

O Morning Star, you chase away the shadows of the night: Come and enlighten our darkness with  
visions of justice, that we who are alienated one from another may seek fullness of life together;  
through the One whom we know as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**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,** you alone can fulfill their desires:  
cornerstone, binding all together: come and save the creature  
you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

**SIXTH LESSON**  
*A Prophecy of Deliverance*

Isaiah 33

**O** LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you.  
Be our arm every morning,  
our salvation in the time of trouble.  
At the sound of tumult, peoples fled;  
before your majesty, nations scattered.  
Spoil was gathered as the caterpillar gathers;  
as locusts leap, they leapt upon it.  
The Lord is exalted, he dwells on high;  
he filled Zion with justice and righteousness;  
he will be the stability of your times,  
abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;  
the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure.  
Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;  
they will behold a land that stretches far away.  
Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals!  
Your eyes will see Jerusalem,  
a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,  
whose stakes will never be pulled up,  
and none of whose ropes will be broken.  
But there the Lord in majesty will be for us  
a place of broad rivers and streams,  
where no galley with oars can go,  
nor stately ship can pass.  
For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler,  
the Lord is our king; he will save us.

*Please stand.*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

**COLLECT**

Let us pray.

O King of the Nations, you defend the cause of the poor and raise up the oppressed of the earth: Come and weave your creatures into a community where all are valued and the vulnerable are protected; through the One whom we know as the King of kings, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**O** EMMANUEL, *Rex et legifer noster,*  
*expectatio gentium, et Salvator earum:*  
*veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.*

**O EMMANUEL**, our King and Lawgiver,  
Hope of the nations and their savior:  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Revelation 21, 22

*The Seer sees the New Jerusalem and hears the Church's plea for her Lord's return*

**T**HEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**ANTHEM:** E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Peace be to you  
and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

*Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Rejoice in heaven,  
all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

*-Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz*

## COLLECT

Let us pray. (*please stand*)

O Emmanuel, God with us, you dwell beyond our farthest reach, yet are nearer to us than we to ourselves: Come among us in these days of Advent expectation, that we may give birth to what is true, just, beautiful, and good; for you are the One whom we know as Savior, and with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, you abide with us, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 56 (*sung by all*)

*Veni Emmanuel*

**O** COME, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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.  
*Refrain*

*Low Voices:*

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
*All: Refrain*

*High Voices:*

4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
*All: Refrain*

*Low Voices:*

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.  
*All: Refrain*

*High Voices:*

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 shadows put to flight.  
*All: Refrain*

*All:*

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.  
*Refrain*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

*Andrew Carter (b. 1939)*

*The Congregation remains standing for the procession, then may be seated.*

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*We are very grateful this evening to welcome as our guest readers leaders from organizations in our city who are doing incredible work helping those in need across our community. At Christ and St. Luke's we understand that it is primary to our call as Christians to create a world that is more loving, just, safe, and good and we are glad to be able to honor some of our neighbors who are doing that work already. Advent is a season when we look forward to the fulfillment of God's dream for the human family. Central to that dream is the creation of communities where all are cared for and cared about. We give thanks for those who are making such a dream that much more of a reality. May we do what we can to join them in that work.*

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**Sing We Nowell! with The Virginia Chorale** - Sunday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

The Commonwealth's premiere vocal ensemble return to Christ and St. Luke's with their beloved holiday series, Sing We Nowell! Tickets at [vachorale.org](http://vachorale.org) or at the door.

### **Christmas Service Schedule**

#### Tuesday, December 24

- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Family Eucharist
- 9:30 p.m. Carol Prelude featuring carols for choir and congregation
- 10:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist with brass quintet

#### Wednesday, December 25

- 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Service with carols

#### Sunday, December 29

- 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. A service of Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

### **2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

TENET Vocal Artists Early Music Ensemble  
Orchestral Eucharist – Schubert's Mass in G  
Choral Evensong for Candlemas  
CABARET: Benefit fundraiser for the 2025 Choir Tour  
The Allen Shaffer Concert: The Charles Ives Songbook  
Choral Evensong for the Last Sunday of Epiphany

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 26, 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, February 2, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 16, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.



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