

ADVENT - DIVINE SERVICE

GATHERING RITE

The presider introduces the refrain. Then the congregation repeats the refrain and sings it as indicated. A vocalist sings the verses.

Gently
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Come, come Em - man - u - el.

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The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 3/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: 'Come, come Emmanuel'. The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The second staff continues the melody for the second line: 'Come, Emmanuel'. The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The piece ends with a double bar line.

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For the Lord of creation will R
Oh the Son of Mary will R
See God's marvelous deeds and R
For God chose us, and so we will R
For the angel proclaims he will R
As the servants of God we R

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Congregation sings refrain: Come, come Emmanuel....

Lord, have mercy upon us and R
Christ, have mercy upon us and R
Lord, have mercy upon us and R

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Congregation sings refrain one last time.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22
(pew Bible page 1890)

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P:** We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.
- C:** **We remember Jesus who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.**
- P:** We hear his call to watch.
- C:** **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**
- P:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
- C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

PLEASE STAND



GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:32-37
(pew Bible page 1578)



PLEASE BE SEATED.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations Come

#2

SERMON

Psalm 24

Watch for the King!

PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDERS INDICATES.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

OFFERING

Our guests are not expected to participate in this offering. Peace members have committed themselves to supporting this ministry with their time, talents and treasure.

PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDERS INDICATES.

ADVENT PRAYER

- P:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.
- C:** **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**
- P:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.
- C:** **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**
- P:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.
- C:** **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**
- P:** Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.
- C:** **Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

Special prayers...

P: Now hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

HYMN

Arise, O Christian People

#14

PLEASE STAND.

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



PLEASE BE SEATED.

CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

#12

1) Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

2) He comes the captives to release,
In Satan's prison held,
The gates of brass before him burst;
The iron fetters yield.

3) He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To-enrich the humble poor.

4) Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'ns eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

EVERY-MEMBER VISITS

A table is set up in the foyer by the library to schedule visits with Pastor Arndt. The purpose of these visits is that he may learn to know/serve the congregation better and that you may get to know him. Someone will be at the table before/after the 8:00 service, before the 10:30 and after the 6:30 service. Thank you.