

ADVENT - DIVINE SERVICE

GATHERING RITE

The congregation will sing the refrain and keep repeating it as indicated. A vocalist will sing the verses.

Gently
mp James J. Chepponis

Come, come Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of D major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics 'Come, come Emmanuel.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics 'Come, Emmanuel.' are written below. The staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

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CHOIR ANTHEM

Prepare Ye the Way

Senior Choir

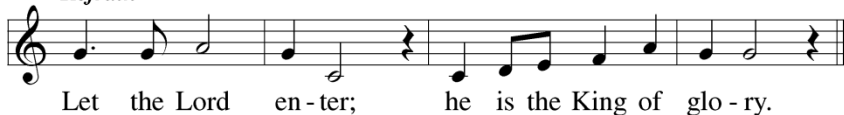
FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11
(*pew Bible page 1119*)

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24

Refrain



Psalm tone



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

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

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

2 Peter 3:8-14
(pew Bible page 1896)

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P:** We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.
- C:** **We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**
- P:** We hear his call to repent.
- C:** **We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**
- P:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
- C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**



PLEASE STAND.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8
(pew Bible page 1551)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

PLEASE BE SEATED.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort, All My People

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SERMON

Mark 1:1-8

“Find the Mighty Savior in the Lowly”.

PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDER 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.



**That All May
Know Him**

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 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my body of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**



HYMN

1) Hosanna to the Coming Lord!
Hosanna to the-incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.

3) O Advent King, our sins forgive;
Come in our lives and hearts to live,
And let our humble souls become
A temple worthy of your name.

2) O Savior, with protecting care
Abide in this your house of prayer,
Where we your parting promise claim,
Assembled in your sacred name.

4) Then in the last and dreadful day,
When earth and heav'n shall melt away,
Your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
Shall swell the sound of praise again.

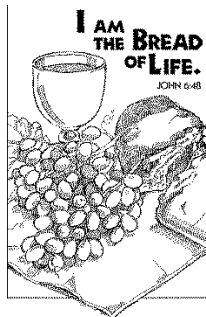
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Distribution Hymns

<i>There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying</i>	13
<i>Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes</i>	9
<i>Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	29



PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDERS INDICATES

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P:** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P:** 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.
- C:** **Amen.**

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CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound!

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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.

Next Sunday will be the children's Christmas service (both 8:00 and 10:30).

There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall between services especially for guests and relatives who have traveled a distance to attend the services.

Monday night there will be a regular service (without communion).