



## First Sunday of Advent Worship Gathering

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☉ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

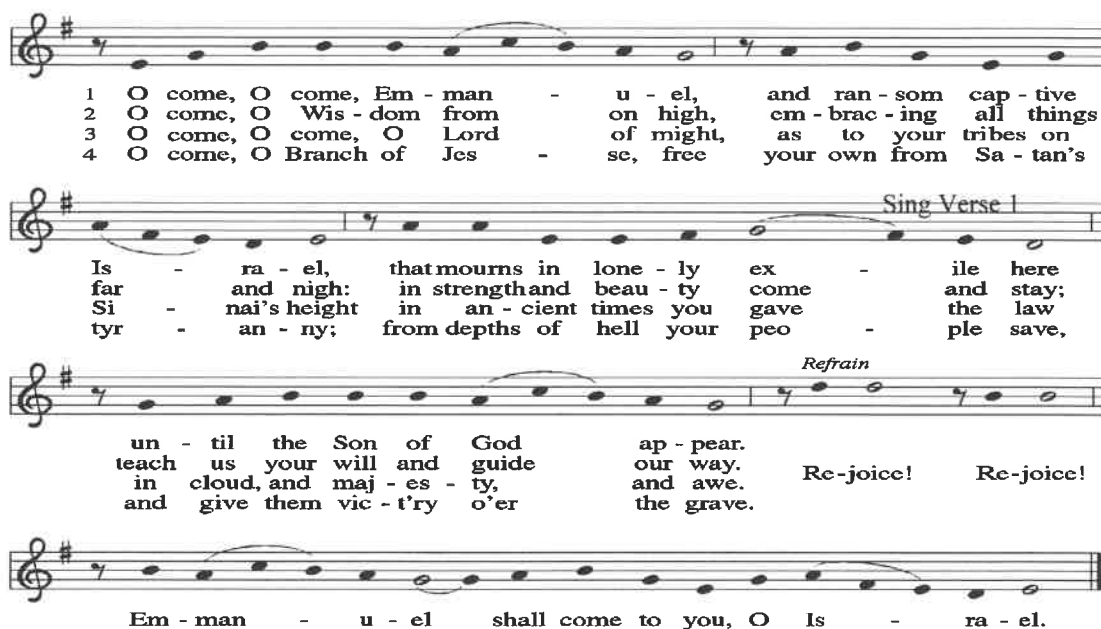
Week 1: *Hope Candle*

The first candle on the Advent wreath reminds us to think of hope. We hope for many things. We hope to finish what we start. We hope things will get better. We hope for long lives for people we love. We hope that God will save us from hard times and painful lessons. Hope is the shape of our work and our words, while we wait for a future that only God knows.

*Light the candle*

Holy and gracious God, your mercy and constancy are the basis of our hope. We pray that your past and present faithfulness keeps hope strong in us and in the world. We thank you, O God. Our hope is in you. Amen.

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verse 1



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Sing Verse 1

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,

I lift <sup>1</sup> up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be <sup>1</sup> put to shame,  
 nor let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
 rather let those be put to shame <sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>1</sup> ways, O LORD,  
 and teach <sup>1</sup> me your paths. R

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup> truth and teach me,  
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>1</sup> the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and love,  
 for they are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting. R

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>1</sup> my transgressions;  
 remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- <sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup> right, O LORD;  
 therefore you teach sinners <sup>1</sup> in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
 and teach the low- <sup>1</sup> ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your <sup>1</sup> testimonies. R

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

### SERMON

#### Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'nings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**Offering** – In addition to monetary offerings, please share any offerings of God moving in your life and the world.

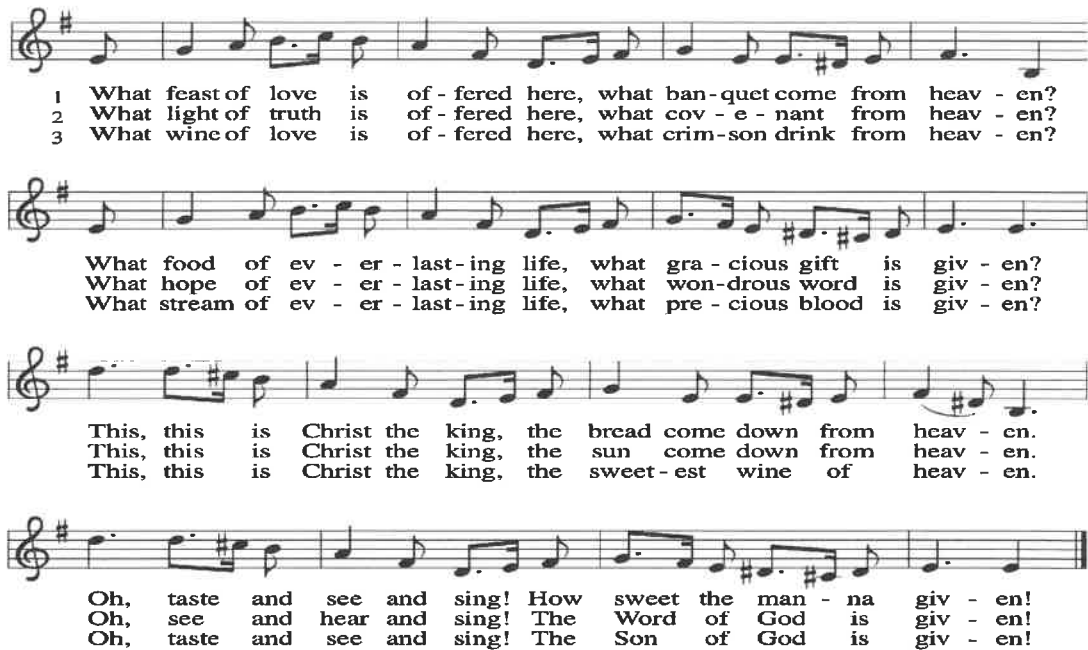
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Response: Your Mercy is Great.

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

## What Feast of Love

Verse 1



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with You.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right....

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**