

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
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Opening Prayer

Join us is in singing when asked

Upon this moment, upon this people, upon this place, the holy comes.
And sacred knowing brings sacred being for sacred doing of God's plan.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

All: We light the candle of Peace. We pray for Peace this day. We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things. We open to see our deepest selves as a gift of holy presence. This is the gift of the Christ Mystery, lighting the way to peace.

Join us is in singing as the candle is being lit.

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First Reading

Philippians 4:4-8

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Join us in sing:

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

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Preparing Our Hearts

"He (You) Came Down"

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Sermon

"Sacred Knowing"

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

"Unto Us This Holy Night"

Featuring the SunCoast Music Ministry

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Lord's Prayer

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise God, All Creatures Here Below;
Praise God All Heavens And The Earth Reflecting The Sacred Story.

This, This Is Christ The One, Who Mirrors Hope For All Of Us.
Haste, Haste Your Praise To Bring, The Word Of Time Eternal.

Communion and Anointing

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing

Our God Transcends All Heaven, Earth, And Its Domain;
Heaven And Earth Shall Flee Away When Christ Comes To Reign;
In The Bleak Midwinter A Stable Place Sufficed The Sovereign God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What Can I Offer, Poor As I Am? If I Were A Shepherd, I Would Bring A Lamb.
If I Were A Wise One, I Would Do My Part; But What Can I Offer: All My Heart.

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so, this morning, with hope, peace and joy as your people, we proclaim together that...

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

COMMUNION SONG

Join us in singing

This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors love for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.

Closing Song

"Angels We Have Heard On High"
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Benediction

Lyrics

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And Ransom Captive Israel
That Mourns In Lonely Exile Here, Until The Child Of God Appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come To You, O Israel!

O Come, O Key Of David, Come, And Open Wide Your Heavenly Home;
Make Safe The Path To Endless Day, To Hell's Destruction Close The Way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come To You, O Israel!

“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear, That Glorious Song Of Old,
From Angels Bending Near The Earth To Touch Their Harps Of Gold;
“Peace On The Earth, Good Will To All, Great News Of Joy We Bring.”
The World In Solemn Stillness Lay To Hear The Angels Sing.

“He (You) Came Down”

You Came Down That We May Have Love; You Came Down That We May Have Love;
You Came Down That We May Have Love, Hallelujah For Evermore.

You Came Down That We May Have Peace; You Came Down That We May Have Peace;
You Came Down That We May Have Peace, Hallelujah For Evermore.

You Came Down That We May Have Hope; You Came Down That We May Have Hope;
You Came Down That We May Have Hope, Hallelujah For Evermore.

You Came Down That We May Have Life; You Came Down That We May Have Life;
You Came Down That We May Have Life, Hallelujah For Evermore.

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Angels We Have Heard On High,
Sweetly Singing O'er The Plains,
And The Mountains In Reply,
Echo Back Their Joyous Strains.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria In Excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, Why This Jubilee?
Why Your Joyous Strains Prolong?
Say What May The Tidings Be,
Which Inspire Your Heavenly Song.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria In Excelsis Deo.

See The Babe In Manger Laid
Who The Choir Of Angels Praise;
Mary, Joseph, Lend Your Aid,
While Our Hearts In Love We Raise.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria In Excelsis Deo.

First Reading Philippians 4:4-8

Rejoice in our God always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. God is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Second Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus.