

Welcome and Announcement

Opening Song
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
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Opening Prayer

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

All: We light the candle of Hope
We pray for Hope this day.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see each moment
as a gift of holy presence.
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,
lighting the way to hope.

Join us in singing as the candle is being lit.

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.

First Reading
Romans 13:8-14
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Join us in singing:
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
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Scripture Reading
Matthew 24: 36-44
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Join us in singing:
"Awake! Awake and Greet The New Morn"
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Sermon
"Time for Hope"
Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection
Featuring the SunCoast MCC Choir

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.

Volunteer Recognition

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

Praise God, Praise God of pow'r and might, Praise God whose presence shines through our night. Praise God of glory, hosannas sing, reflecting the sacred story.
This, this is Christ the One who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so, in remembrance of Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION SONG (during anointing)
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.

Closing Song
"You Live"
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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 Wisdom From On High, And Order All things Far And Nigh;
To Us The Path Of Knowledge Show, And Help Us In That Way To Go.

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

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Come, O Long Expected Jesus, Born To Set Your People Free.
From Our Fears And Sins Release Us; Christ, In Whom Our Rest Shall Be.
You, Our Strength And Consolation, Come Salvation To Impart;
Dear Desire Of Many A Nation, Joy Of Many A Longing Heart.

Born Your People To Deliver, Born A Child To Praise And Sing.
Born To Reign In Us Forever, Born Your Gracious Realm To Bring.
By Your Own Eternal Spirit Rule In All Our Hearts Alone;
By Your All Sufficient Merit Raise Us To Your Glorious Throne.

“Awake! Awake and Greet The New Morn”

Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn, For Angels Herald Its Dawning,
Sing Out Your Joy, For Jesus Is Born, Behold! The Child Of Our Longing.

Come As A Baby Weak And Poor, To Bring All Hearts Together,
To Open Wide The Heavenly Door, And Lives Now Inside Us Forever.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Take Heart In the Night, Though Cold The Winter And Cheerless,
The Rising Sun Shall Crown You With Light, Be Strong And Loving And Fearless;

Love Be Our Song And Love Our Prayer, And Love, Our Endless Story,
May God Fill Every Day We Share, And Bring Us At Last Into Glory.

“You Live”

I Serve A Risen Savior, Who's In The World Today; I Know That You Are Living, Whatever
Others Say. I See Your Hand Of Mercy, I Hear Your Voice Of Cheer,
And Just The Time I Need You, You're Always Near.

You Live, You Live, Christ Jesus Lives Today! You Walk With Me And Talk With Along Life's
Narrow Way. You Live, You Live, Salvation To Impart!
You Ask Me How I Know You Live? You Live Within My Heart.

In All The World Around Me I See Your Loving Care, And Though My Heart Grows Weary, I
Never Will Despair. I Know That You Are Leading Through All The Stormy Blast;
The Day Of Your Appearing Will Come At Last.

You Live, You Live, Christ Jesus Lives Today! You Walk With Me And Talk With Along Life's
Narrow Way. You Live, You Live, Salvation To Impart!
You Ask Me How I Know You Live? You Live Within My Heart.

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First Reading

Romans 13: Selections, 8 through 14

“Owe no one anything, expect to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. . . Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. . . Live honorably, not in quarreling or jealousy. Instead, let us put on the Sovereign Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Second Reading

Matthew 24: 36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten, but only Abba God. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Promised One. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Promised One.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two people will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Savior is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, the owner would have stayed awake and would not have let the house be broken into.

Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Savior is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Lector: The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.