

Welcome and Announcement

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 Joy. We pray for Joy this day. We open our thoughts and perceptions to see the Sacred reflected in all things. We open thoughts and perceptions to see each place as a gift of holy presence, lighting the way to discover joy!

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

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And sacred knowing brings sacred being for sacred doing of God's plan.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

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Join us in sing:

“Star Child”

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Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

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Preparing Our Hearts

“Joy To The World”

Featuring Rodger Jenkins

Sermon

“Sacred Spaces”

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child”

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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 (during petitions to the manger)

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
“Go Tell It On The Mountain”
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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 Shoot of Jesse, Free Your Own From Satan's Tyranny,
From Depths of Hell Your People Save, And Give Them Victory O'er The Grave.

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

"Star Child"

Star-Child, Earth-Child, Go-Between Of God, Love Child, Christ Child, Heaven's Lightning Rod
This Year, This Year, Let The Day Arrive When Christmas Comes For Everyone, Everyone Alive!

Street Child, Beat Child, No Place Left To Go, Hurt Child, Used Child, No One Wants To Know.
This Year, This Year, Let The Day Arrive When Christmas Comes For Everyone, Everyone Alive!

Grown Child, Old Child, Memory Full Of Years, Sad Child, Lost Child, Story Told In Tears.
This Year, This Year, Let The Day Arrive When Christmas Comes For Everyone, Everyone Alive!

Spared Child, Spoiled Child, Having, Wanting More, Wise Child, Faith Child, Knowing Joy In Store.
This Year, This Year, Let The Day Arrive When Christmas Comes For Everyone, Everyone Alive!

Hope-For-Peace-Child, God's Stupendous Sign, Down-To-Earth Child, Star Of Stars That Shine.
This Year, This Year, Let The Day Arrive When Christmas Comes For Everyone, Everyone Alive!

"Jesus, Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child" Join in singing the chorus

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What A Wonderful Child.
Jesus, Jesus, So Holy, Meek, And Mild;
New Life, New Hope The Child Will Bring.
Listen To The Angels Sing.
"Glory, Glory, Glory," Let The Heavens Ring!

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Over The Hills And Ev'rywhere,
Go Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Born.

While Shepherds Kept Their Watching O'er Silent Flocks By Night,
Behold, Throughout The Heavens There Shone A Holy Light.

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Over The Hills And Ev'rywhere,
Go Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Born.

The Shepherds Feared And Trembled When Lo! Above The Earth,
Rang Out The Angel Chorus That Hailed Our Savior's Birth.

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Over The Hills And Ev'rywhere,
Go Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Born.

Down In A Lowly Manger The Humble Christ Was Born,
And God Sent Us Salvation That Blessed Christmas Morn.

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Over The Hills And Ev'rywhere,
Go Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Born.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Wilderness and desert will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower—Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom, a symphony of song and color.

Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts. God's resplendent glory, fully on display. God awesome, God majestic.

Energize the limp hands, strengthen the rubbery knees. Tell fearful souls, "Courage! Take heart! God is here, right here, on the way to put things right and redress all wrongs. God is on the way! God will save you!"

Blind eyes will be opened, deaf ears unstopped, Lame men and women will leap like deer, the voiceless break into song. Springs of water will burst out in the wilderness, streams flow in the desert.

Hot sands will become a cool oasis, thirsty ground a splashing fountain.

Even lowly jackals will have water to drink, and barren grasslands flourish richly. There will be a highway called the Holy Road. No one rude or rebellious is permitted on this road. It's for God's people exclusively—impossible to get lost on this road.

Not even fools can get lost on it. No lions on this road, no dangerous wild animals—Nothing and no one dangerous or threatening. Only the redeemed will walk on it. The people God has ransomed will come back on this road.

They'll sing as they make their way home to Zion, unfading halos of joy encircling their heads, Welcomed home with gifts of joy and gladness as all sorrows and sighs scurry into the night.

Second Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

"My soul exalts our God,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant;
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
And holy is His name. And His mercy is to generation after generation
Toward those who fear Him.

He has done mighty deeds with His arm;
He has scattered those who were proud in the houghts of their hearts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones,
And has exalted those who were humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has given help to His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,
Just as He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his descendants forever."