

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
5. O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
6. O come, O Dayspring from on high And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866

Light Two Candles

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
 V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:
R. O Lord God of hosts.
 V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
 V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:
R. And grant us your salvation.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold the King of Glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Chorus: O come, let us adore him! Come, let us adore him, O come let us,
O come let us adore Him!

Redeemer come with us abide, our hearts to you we open wide.
Let us, your inner presence feel. Your grace and love in us reveal. (Chorus)

Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity**Gloria*****Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*****Collect of the Day**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons**The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹***Give the king your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;***

²***That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;***

³***That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.***

⁴***He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.***

⁵***He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.***

⁶***He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.***

⁷***In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.***

¹⁸***Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!***

¹⁹***And blessed be his glorious Name forever, * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.***

The Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sequence Hymn

Speak, O Lord

Elizabeth Niedt

***Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, you have the words of everlasting life.
Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, you have the words of everlasting life.***

The Gospel – *John 10:10b-15*

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Gospel Response – *Speak, O Lord*

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing. Presider or other leader

Let us pray for all our needs in this Holy Season, saying, ***Hear us Lord!***

. . . Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

1. Comfort, comfort, O my people, Speak of peace, now says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak unto Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell of all the sins I cover, And that warfare now is over.
2. Hark, the voice of one who's crying In the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
3. O make straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token That his word is never broken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1-8; *Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben*; Johann Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing. . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving . . .
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Music

People, Look East

Farieon, Higham

1. People, look East. The time is near, of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People look East and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen he for fledging time has chosen.
People look East and sing today: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim. one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look East and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.
5. Angels announce with shouts of mirth, him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Veni Emmanuel

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