Second Sunday of Advent + December 8, 2024 + 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Eucharist,

Eucharistic Prayer B

Opening Hymn The People Stand

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

12th Century Latin hymn, translation to English by John Mason Neale in 1851

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

> *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Candle Lighting

READER: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

READER and PEOPLE	O Christ, Lord and Ruler, Root of Jesse, Key
	of David, Rising Sun, King of the Nations,
	Emmanuel Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WES & CONGREGATION Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Opening Sentences

CELEBRANT Surely the Lord is coming soon. PEOPLE Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

from Revelation 22:20

Gloria

Thanks and Praise

Words & music by Chloe Edmonds, Jonny Riggs, and Lucy Grimble

We are here together To lift our hearts as one We're in our Father's presence His Spirit is with us

> It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God It is right to give him thanks and praise For his heart is overflowing with love for us And his mercy we can never contain

Each and every morning We'll tell of his great love Of his faithful mercies And all that he has done

For who can match his kindness And who can count his works Oh let our praise continue 'Til evening comes in close

Glory, honor, wisdom, power, and strength To our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise Glory, honor, wisdom, power, and strength To our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise

The Collect of the Day The People Stand

LEADER The Lord is here.

PEOPLE And his Spirit is with us.

LEADER Let us pray.

ALL Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. ^{3:1} "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the Lord Almighty.

LECTOR	The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

LECTOR Let us pray **Psalm 126** antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the east side of the room.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

- 3 Then they said among the nations, * "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
- ALL Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gospel Song

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken, 2015

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait Truly our hope is in you Truly our hope is in you

O Lord of life, our only hope Your radiance shines on all who look To you in the dark, Emmanuel come, Come light our hearts

The Gospel

DEACON	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to St. Matthew.
PEOPLE	Glory to you, Lord Christ

^{22:1} Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

⁵"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ "Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Come Light Our Hearts (continued)

Sandra McCracken, 2015

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait Truly our hope is in you Truly our hope is in you

O Joy above all other loves In you we find more than enough We come as we are, O heal and restore Come light our hearts

The Sermon

The People Sit

The Peace The People Stand

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you. PEOPLE And also with you.

The people sit.

Announcements

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so blessed the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your children, that their lives together may continue to reflect your love and forgiveness and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CELEBRANT Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering & Congregational Song

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Fernando Ortega, 1996

Father, enthroned on high — Holy, holy! Ancient eternal Light — hear our prayer.

Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy. Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving, Faithless and troubled hearts weighed down.

Look now upon our need; Lord, be with us. Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion The People Stand

CELEBRANT	The Lord is here.
PEOPLE	And his Spirit is with us.
CELEBRANT	Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE	We lift them up to the Lord.
CELEBRANT	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[sing]

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

The People Kneel or Stand

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANTAlleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PEOPLETherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!CELEBRANTThe gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

We Do Not Presume

Music by Andy Piercy & David Clifton

We do not presume to come to your table Trusting in our own righteousness For we are not worthy so much as to gather The crumbs from under your table

But trusting, O Lord, in your great and manifold mercies For you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy So cleanse us and feed us with the body and blood of your Son That we may live in him and that he may live in us For ever and ever. Amen.

Break Forth, O Light

Nathan Partain, 2016

Soon at last at the dawning, we become who we are: the redemption of Jesus, through the blood of forgiveness we've spread near and far. Yet we've never stopped seeking for the kingdom complete: for the hurt to be whole, for the poor to be full, and the scared to be free.

Break forth, O Light, O Healing rise The earth that groaned, now leaps and cries. The soul that yearned is satisfied. We hold out our flame, and in hope we wait, until you arrive.

We have walked as we worshiped, in our hearts, Sabbath rest: representing our Sovereign, who can move earth and heaven in his power to bless.

We have lived out his beauties, shown the light of his face, silenced every accuser, broke the chains of each burden, clothed the shameful in grace.

Now the hour is brimming, fullness almost has come, when the earth stands receiving its King and his kingdom, and Heaven comes down.

And we will fully know him, by touch and by sight, and we'll drink deep together, surrounded by splendor, increasing in life.

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping Lord, help us keep sowing The seeds of your Kingdom For the day you will reap them Your sheaves we will carry Lord, please do not tarry All those who sow weeping Will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

Prayer for Mission

ALL

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 mission, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Procession into the World The People Stand

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744; Music: Rowland Pritchard, 1811

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation; Hope of all the earth thou art; Long desired of every nation, Joy of every waiting heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child—yet God our King, Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Dismissal

DEACON	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
	Alleluia! Alleluia!
PEOPLE	Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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