

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 Branch of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.

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

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

***[Candle Lighters & Readers walk to podium during this second refrain.]

Candle Lighting

READER: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Savior of all.

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

Holy

Jason Ingram, Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman, 2011

What heart could hold the weight of your love,
And know the heights of your great worth?
What eyes could look on your glorious face,

Shining like the sun?

*You are Holy, Holy, Holy
God most high and God most worthy
You are Holy, Holy, Holy
Jesus, you are; Jesus, you are*

Your name alone has power to raise us
Your light will shine when all else fades
Our eyes will look on your glorious face
Shining like the sun—who is like you, God?

Who shall we say you are? You're the living God.
Who shall we say you are? You're the great I Am.
The highest name of all; you're all you say you are.

And you will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
All eyes will look on your glorious face
Shining like the sun—who is like you, God?

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 *Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come
among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from
running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace
and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor
and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Children's Dismissal

Let the Flame Burn Brighter

Let the flame burn brighter
In the heart of the darkness
Turning night to glorious day
Let the song grow louder
As our love grows stronger
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

First Reading *The People Sit*

Isaiah 7:10–17 (NIV)

LECTOR A reading from Isaiah 7.

^{7:10} Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

LECTOR Let us pray **Psalm 24** responsively by half verse.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
*who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.*
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
*"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."*
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
*"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."*

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.*

Second Reading *The People Sit*

Romans 1:1–7 (NIV)

LECTOR A reading from Romans 1.

^{1:1} Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

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

Matthew 1:18–25

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to St. Matthew.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

^{1:18} This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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 Apostles' Creed

LEADER Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

LEADER AND PEOPLE

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

LECTOR Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand
 with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray
to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the
breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise
up all who have fallen; and especially for the needs and concerns of this
congregation: for David Bennett, Jan Bennett, Gail Blanchard, Diana
Bridgeman, Rachel Chisolm, Nate Gabrysch, Eric Kaufman, Samantha

Lesan, Amanda McCamant, Verlea Pierce, Diane Thompson, Christine Warner, Thomas Whitlock, and others you have laid upon our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Your kingdom come
your will be done.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CELEBRANT

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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 & Choral Offertory

We Wait for You

Caroline Cobb

A broken mirror painted black
There is no light reflected back
Thorns grow up where there was green
All sorrow shame and broken things
Paradise has barred its doors
Its guarded by the flaming sword
We can't go back we can't go back

*We wait we wait for You
Come with Your light
We wait we wait*

A forest cut down by the axe
Like the end of the story
When it's all turned to ash
But up from the stump the bud of a flower
A seed of hope in the eleventh hour
And from the shadow the sun will rise
The people in darkness will see a great light
We're longing praying for the dawn

*We wait we wait for You
Come with Your light
We wait we wait for You
Come with Your light
We wait we wait*

He takes the thorns upon His head
His body pierced His arms outstretched
Says it is finished and the sun went down
We laid His body in the ground
But life oh life comes bursting forth

And paradise swings wide its doors
Our King will rise to take His throne
And He will return to lead us home
To dry every tear and right every wrong
How long oh Lord how long how long

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 of your glory.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna 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 ***Our Father***

Who art in heaven ***Who art in heaven***

Hallowed be thy Name ***Hallowed be thy Name,***

Thy kingdom come ***Thy kingdom come***

Thy will be done ***Thy will be done***

On earth as it is in heaven ***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 ***And lead us not***

Into temptation ***Into temptation***

But deliver us from evil ***But deliver us from evil***

For thine ***For thine***

Is the kingdom ***Is the kingdom***

And the power and the glory ***And the power and the glory***

Forever and ever, Amen. Amen ***Amen*** Amen ***Amen*** Amen ***Amen*** Amen ***Amen***

The Breaking of the Bread

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. 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.

Wood and Nails

Words & music by Isaac Wardell & Madison Cunningham, 2017

O humble carpenter, down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork, and build a house, that you may dwell in me
That you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but
Wood and nails in your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise,*

Trusting that I am your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
Oh, build a table that I too may join you in the Father's place
Oh, in the Father's place

*The work was done with nothing but
Wood and nails in your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise,
Trusting that I am your instrument
The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
Oh send me out, within your ways
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give you praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds
The curse is done, the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them
Serving at the table you've prepared*

At the Name of Jesus

Marty Reardon

All manner of beauty
All manner of fame
All manner of riches
Cannot compare with the glory of your name

*At the name of Jesus every knee will bow
At the name of Jesus, every tongue cry out
To the glory of the Father who sent his only Son
Together with the Spirit, the Godhead, three in One*

All manner of sorrow
All manner of pain
All manner of suffering
Will fade away when we look upon your face

Holy, Holy is the Lord
Worthy, Worthy is the Lord
Jesus, Jesus is the 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*

Blest Be the King that Cometh

Words: Federico Pagura (1923–2016); Music: Melchior Teschner, 1613

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

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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