

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent

# Peace



**Welcome to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!**

We eagerly await the coming of Christmas and are glad you are with us today.

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**PRELUDE**

"Awake, Awake for Night is Flying"

Johann Ludwig Krebs

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240**

*Verse 2*

**GATHERING HYMN**

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**ELW 249**

*Verses 1, 3 and 5*

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**ELW p.156**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The 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. <sup>3</sup>His 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; <sup>4</sup>but 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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They 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. <sup>10</sup>On 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.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72:1-7,18-19**

*The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.*

May the righ - teous flour - ish;

let there be an a - bun - dance of peace.

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
 and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously  
 and the | poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
 and the | hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
 rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
 from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,  
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
 and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;  
 you alone do | wondrous deeds!**  
<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious | name forever,  
 and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. R

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

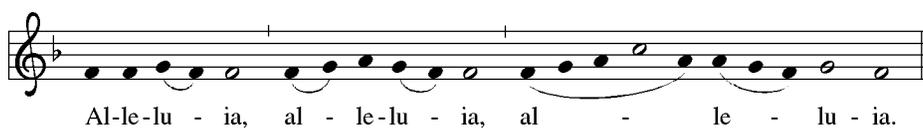
L: A reading from Romans.

<sup>4</sup>Whatever 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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May 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. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW p. 160**



Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3:4-6*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

### **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

"Advent Nouns: Proclamation"

Pastor Marcus

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

**ELW 264**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

AM: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people.

*Response to each petition:* AM: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

AM: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### OFFERING HYMN

### "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

ELW 257

*Verse 2*

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

*Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW P. 161

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p.163

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

### **AGNUS DEI**

### **"Lamb of God"**

**ELW p.164**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

### **COMMUNION**

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.



**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Evelyn Dittmar, keyboard; Henry Kennedy, liturgical assistant; Phyllis Johnson, flute and trumpet; Chris Teague, guitar

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, December 4, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbare; **Acolyte:** Noah Bentley; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Emily Prochnow; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** Matt Clardy; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, December 11, 2022: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolyte:** Elle Hepp; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, John Van Deusen, Deb Haug; **Reader:** Hayden Kennedy; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Melissa Barbare; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE:** Masks are welcomed but no longer required on the church campus. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

**TRAVIS STREET ACCESS RAMP is UNDER CONSTRUCTION.** If needed, please use the Gonzales Street ramp or enter through the Mountain Street door to access the elevator.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Children's Sunday School** (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Green Room near elevator): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am.

Children's Sunday School (Preschool to 5th Grade):

11/27 - Angels Visits Mary and Joseph - Art - wreath and ornament making  
12/4 - Name Him Jesus – Cooking  
12/11 - Born in a Stable - Science  
12/18 - Shepherds and Wise Men - Creative Drama  
12/25 – No Sunday School

**The Heritage Class** (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members at 9:15am. Winter study is *From Darkness to Light*. There is no class on December 25.

**Joy Class** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

### WEEKDAY STUDIES

**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30

**Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30

**Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** *This will be a Sign for You* daily devotion intertwines the writing of Henri Nouwen and Christopher Klotz will be used throughout our midweek worship services as a point of reflection, as well as a springboard for your own personal daily prayers. Copies are available in the Narthex and office along with a matching bookmark for use throughout your reading journeys.

**ADVENT NOONDAY SERVICE AND LUNCH: *This Will be a Sign for You*** on Wednesdays, **November 30, December 7, 14 & 21** at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for a time of prayers, song, and food as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Discussion of the lesson and light lunch to follow in the Women's Ministry Room.

**BLUE SANTA GIFT WRAPPING:** As Christmas and the season of giving nears, we are excited to have the opportunity to join others in the community by wrapping gifts for Blue Santa. Emanuel's Lutheran Church and Day School would like to show up as a group on the following nights. **November 29**, 5:30-7 and **December 8**, 6-7:30 @ Faith Lutheran's gym. Please contact Sarah Kennedy at (281) 734-3845 or [sarah13kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:sarah13kennedy@gmail.com) to share your interest and receive updates as the time comes.

**JUBILATION SINGERS & INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE AT THE BIG RED BARN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS** on **Friday, December 9** in the Little White Church around 6:15pm. Country Christmas is a family affair with food, music, lights, and Santa. Admission is \$5/adult and \$3/child. Join us at 390 Cordova Road to support our amazing musicians and have a merry time!

**SHARE THE GOOD MOOS!!!** With your donations, **poinsettias** will grace the sanctuary of Emanuel's this Christmas and **ELCA Good Gifts** will make a difference throughout the world. You may honor or remember a loved one by supporting the ELCA Good Gifts Project (any dollar amount or as indicated on the specific ornament) and/or with a poinsettia (\$12 each). Check out the decorated trees in the narthex and by the chapel. Forms and payments may be put in an envelope and placed in the offering basket, given to our advent tree attendants, or delivered to the church office. Deadline to ensure poinsettias for Christmas is Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** meets next on **Saturday, December 10** at 10am in the Family Life Center. Emanuel's hosts a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Facilitators are the Rev. John and Faye Van Deusen. You can reach Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets next on **Sunday, December 11** at 1pm in Emanuel's Family Life Center. Instruction for the year take place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** You are invited to join congregations and church leaders from around Seguin at Central Park on **Sunday, December 11** at 6pm. The evening will feature choral pieces from church choirs, opportunities to sing our favorite Christmas hymns, and the hearing of the Gospel story of Christ's birth. Bring a chair, a blanket, and come join us!

**CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!** The Congregational Care Team is seeking home baked treats for our homebound members to be delivered in December. Please bring your sweet treats to the church office by **Monday, December 12**. We will repackage to make sure everyone gets a nice assortment.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**, in partnership with St. Andrew's, is **Wednesday, December 21** at 7pm in St. Andrew's historic chapel. This service provides a place and time for comfort during the often chaotic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

### **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS: Signing Off**

It's time for sabbatical, and what better time to begin than with the new church year! Advent. A time of waiting for the fulfillment of the timeless promise. For the better part of the past two years I've enjoyed sharing with anyone who read(s) this column some of the stories from the wider church, especially what's happening through World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and Lutheran Immigration and Naturalization Service. I've also focused occasionally on new insights into old stories written by a plethora of folks, both clergy and lay, and into meanings of different parts of the church year—Lent, Pentecost, Epiphany. It's been an interesting journey for me. I hope that, at least in some small way, you, too, have been enlightened.

Peace! The Mission Interpreter

## 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is **Sunday, December 11, 2022**, immediately following the celebration of Holy Communion. This meeting will take into consideration with potential action the 2023 proposed budget, church council nominees and synod delegates.

**COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS:** In preparation for our Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting three learning and discussion session are scheduled for **Sunday, November 20, November 27, and December 4**, at 9:15am in the Chapel, and **Monday, November 21** at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room during the All-Ministry Team Meeting Night. Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, the proposed 2023 budget, nominations for church council, and ministry programs for 2023. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.



Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth- *good news* of great *joy* for ALL PEOPLE!

### **Christmas Eve**

4pm Family Service

7pm Candlelight Service

### **Christmas Day**

Service of Lessons & Carols

10:30am

**GIVING AT EMANUEL'S:** Donations and tithes to the church may be given by: envelopes in the pews; mailed to Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155, online through <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>, or scanned with QR Code below.



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## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

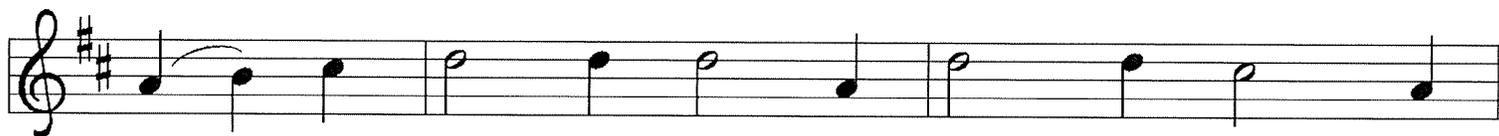
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## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



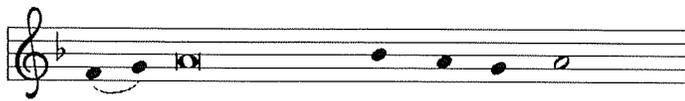
that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



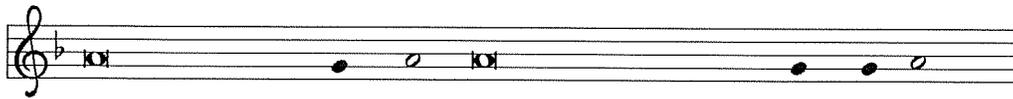
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



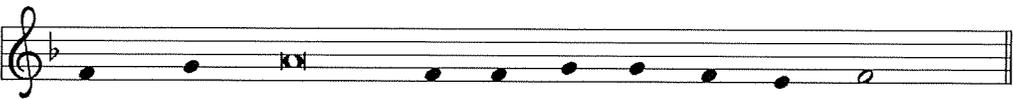
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



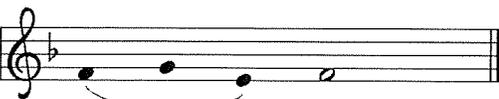
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

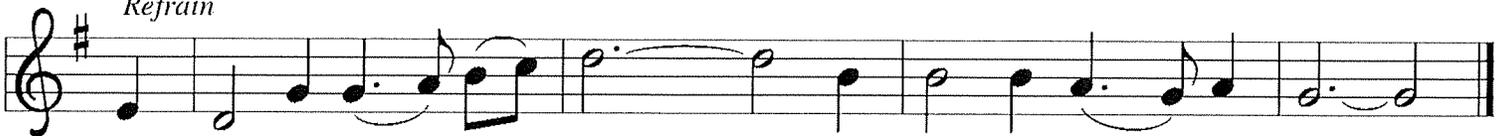


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

### *Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

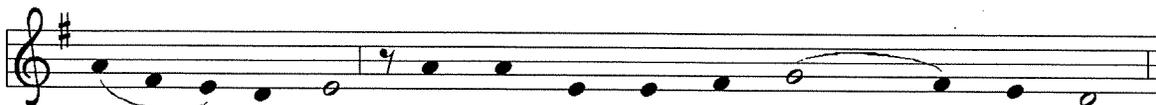
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# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



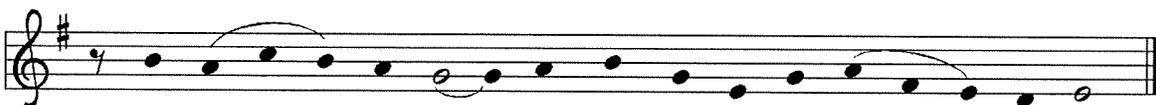
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 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. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



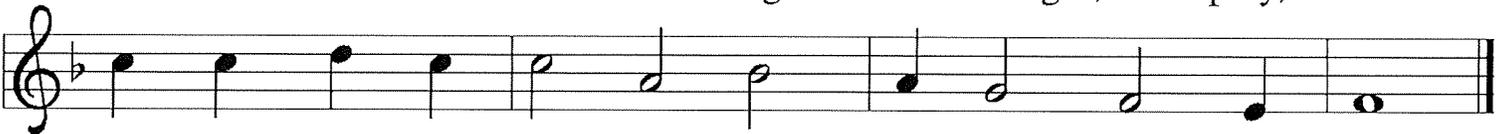
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

## Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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