

ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 6:15 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Northfield, Minnesota



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Prayer

☞ Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God,
and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed
by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

*Hymn — “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;
the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.
The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

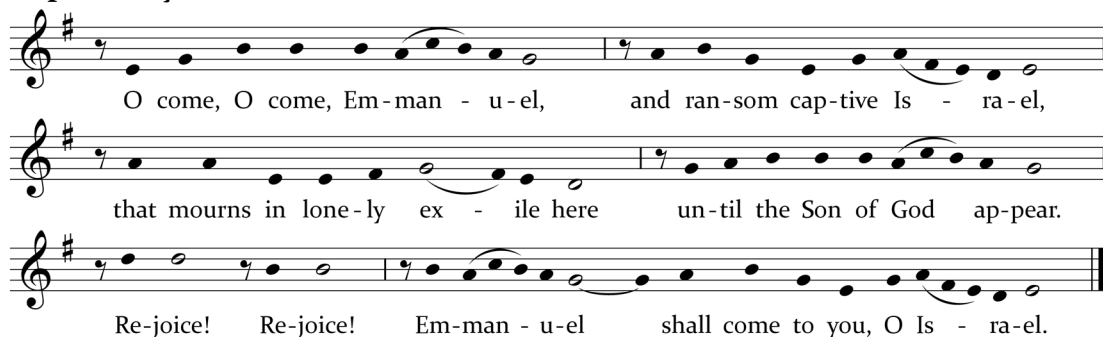
Text: Laurentius Laurenti; tr. Sarah B. Findlater; Music: Swedish folk tune

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C Amen.

*Response Hymn — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *stanza 1* VENI, EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em-man - u-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra-el,
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, 1710, tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.

AND EXPECTATION

Gospel Reading — Luke 1:26-38

Poem — “What to Expect”

Katie Manning

Hymn — ELW No. 258

“Unexpected and Mysterious”

Stanza 1 — cantor

Stanzas 2-3 — all singing



Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- 📖 Lord, in your mercy,
- 🕯️ hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



*Hymn — “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

KINGSFOLD

My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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*Blessing

- ☐ The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
- ☑ **Amen.**

*Peace

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Postlude



Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jonathan Davis
Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Organ: Nathan Proctor
Piano: David Sims
Cantor: Kristin Partlo

Artwork by John Maakestad.

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