

ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 6:15 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
Northfield, Minnesota



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Prayer

☞ 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.

*Hymn — “O God, We Call” (ACS No. 1075)

Linnea Good

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you.

Sung three times.

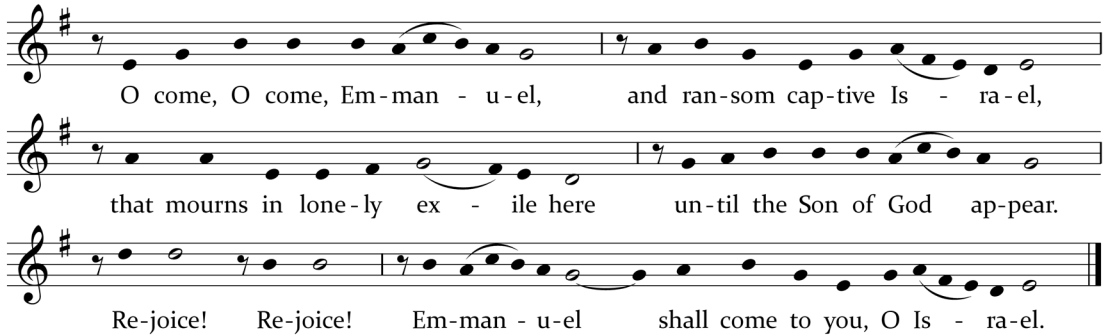
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*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- Ⓐ Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.
You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.
We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.
- Ⓑ 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.

OUR HOPE

Reading — Exodus 1:1-22

Poem — “The Language Issue”

Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill
translated by Paul Muldoon

Hymn — ACS No. 901

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”



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 — “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



*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

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